



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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*Parshas Shemini*

26 Nisan 5777

April 22, 2017

<b>Plag Mincha:</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>7:25 PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>6:45 &amp; 7:35PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 &amp; 9:15 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):</b>	<b>9:32AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 6:30 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Shiur for 6-8 grade boys–6:50 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>1:45 &amp; 7:20PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Malitzky</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>8:30 PM</b>
<b>Shabbos Ends:</b>	<b>8:34 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9AM</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Tues. &amp; Fri.</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weds. &amp; Thurs. (Rosh Chodesh)</b>	
	<b>6:10, 6:50 &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Late Maariv:</b>	<b>10:10 PM</b>

OT will celebrate Shabbat Yom Ha'atzmaut, on the weekend of May 6, Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim. Joining us will be Lieutenant Colonel (Res.) Rabbi Yedidya Atlas, the rabbi of the IDF's Ground Forces Command and head of special projects of the IDF Chief Rabbinate. He is in a unique position to shed some light on a wide array of subjects pertaining to the IDF, in particular from a religious perspective. Enjoy our annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Kiddush! Become a sponsor of the Shabbat, for \$36, by contacting Susie or Barry Wolf ([susiezwolf@gmail.com](mailto:susiezwolf@gmail.com)), Riki or Robert Kreitman ([riki.kreitman@gmail.com](mailto:riki.kreitman@gmail.com)), Barry Siegel ([siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net)), or Yoel Schwartz ([jkschwartz@optonline.net](mailto:jkschwartz@optonline.net)).

732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia [ppheffer@verizon.net](mailto:ppheffer@verizon.net) 7325725998

### CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to inform you of the passing of David Singer, husband of Gilda Singer, father of Marlene Ross, Faige Spolter, Sharon Hirt and Chani Katz. Shiva will continue until Monday morning at 10 Olden Road, Edison, NJ  
*May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

### LAST SUNDAY FOR BAGEL SALE AT OT

Please come by the Shul and pick up your fresh bagels from Mordy's Bakery from 8:30-9:45. All the money collected is going to Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF). I chose this tzedaka project in memory of my grandmother who recently passed away from leukemia. Checks can be made payable to Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF). Thank you very much, *Anna Schanzer*

### OT YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

OT will commemorate Yom Hashoah on Sunday night, April 23rd at 8:00 in Ohr Torah. We will have a candle lighting ceremony for survivors or family members present. Our speaker will be Yehuda Reich. He was born in Yablonitz, Czechoslovakia and survived Auschwitz for 2 years. He will share with us his amazing story of survival. Please support the Holocaust survivors in our neighborhood and attend this moving event.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
-Joseph and Miriam Volodarsky in memory of Mel Wagshul Z"L  
-Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Mel Wagshul Z"L

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FRUIT TREE BRACHA

The annual bracha on flowering fruit trees is posted next to the apple tree at 401 North Eighth Avenue (corner of Fairhill).

#### OE/OT SOFTBALL

We are looking to recruit 2 experienced baseball players for this coming season. The season runs from April 23 thru the end of August. Games are Sunday mornings at either 8:30am or 10am. This is a local Jewish softball league with 22 teams from Middlesex & Somerset counties across 3 divisions. We will be scheduling tryouts before the season begins. If interested, send a text to Craig Prupis at [908-208-6413](tel:908-208-6413).

#### ACTT EVENT:

Come hear Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Bregman, internationally recognized Torah scholar, speaker, author, matchmaker, entrepreneur, attorney, media personality and CEO of Bregman Success,

### SHIURIM

*Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur* – Monday 9:10 PM  
*Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Sauer* – after 7:15 AM Shacharis on Sunday  
*Thursday Night Live with Rabbi Malitzky*: Join us for Thursday Night Live on Thursday 4/27 at 9:15 in YFM for a fascinating shiur on the topic of "Shalosh Seduos: The Most Important Meal of the Week?" and refreshments.

### Daf Yomi

Shabbos- one hour before Mincha  
Sunday-after 8am Shacharis  
Monday -Thursday-after Zman Maariv  
Friday night -after Kabollas Shabbos

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi Shraga and Shira Gross in honor of Eliyahu's Aufruf. Kiddush sponsorship available for April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is cosponsored by Audrey and Daniel Mondrow to commemorate the 6th Yahrzeit of Danny's mother Sima Yenta bas Avrohom Shmuel Halevi A"H and by Shelly Zinkin on the Yahrzeit of Shelly's mother, "Grandma Sylvia" Sara Temma bas Yaakov A"H

### CONG. OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

Please join us on Sunday, April 30, 5:30pm at the Rutgers Chabad House as we honor two very special couples:  
Debby & Arthur Atlas and Chani & Eli Wiesel. Please reserve and pay at <http://www.ohrtorah.net/dinner>

### YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION AT OT

### MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi Shraga and Shira Gross on the Aufruf of Eliyahu and his forthcoming marriage to Leora Anisfeld of Monsey. Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Rephael Pelcovitz, Rabbi & Mrs. Avrohom Schwartz. Welcome to Leora's father Ashley, her brother Doniel, Uncles Shaul and Avrohom Anisfeld and Uncle David Farber.

... to Zelda and Danny Wildman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Yehoshua Hillel, this past week in Beit Shemesh. Mazel Tov to Yehoshua's parents Elie and Rivka Wildman, to grandparents Ellen and Dr. Richard Gertler of Teaneck, and to all of Yehoshua's siblings and the entire family.

### LUNCH AND LEARN

The Retiree Lunch and Learn Presents It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl Special Yom Ha'atzmaut Program. It is No Dream examines the life and times of Theodor Herzl, who was responsible for creating the political movement that led in 1948 to the founding of our own Jewish state, Israel. Introduction by Dr. Moshe Sherman, Professor at Touro University. The D'var Torah will be presented by Max Wisotsky.

The program is open to all retirees in the community and will offer a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. Our luncheon will be one in which we will partake of Israeli Cuisine. Come hungry. There will be a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal.

Date: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ ..... Time: 12 noon  
RSVP Please reply at least 2 days prior to the program. Bella [blerner18@optonline.net](mailto:blerner18@optonline.net)

**REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs. Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.**

CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-456-6666

LLC, [www.bregmansuccess.com](http://www.bregmansuccess.com), and the Founder of the Jewish Executive Learning Network (JELN), speak about "How To Achieve Success Through Emunah" at the ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) sponsored community-wide event on Sunday night, May 14th, 8:30PM. Source book: Artsroll's "Living Emunah volume 2 - Achieving A Life of Serenity Through Faith" by Rabbi David Ashear. More details to follow. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

### **NORPAC MISSION**

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress

Join us on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, and share your concerns with them about aid to Israel, Iranian threats, security cooperation, and more. Help us make a difference once again! Buses leave for Washington from our area at 6:30 AM and return between 9-10 PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided. Register now at [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call (201) 788-5133 Adults-\$175, Students - \$125 (must be over 12. Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian) contact Marc Hanfling [docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com), Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Neer Even-hen for more info.

### **HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

Come celebrate a major milestone for the entire community. Chevra Hatzolah of Middlesex County is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch its first brand new, donated, state of the art ambulance. Come join us for a hot breakfast; Sunday, April 30th, 9:30am, OE. No covert.

### **KEAN UNIV YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION**

The annual Yom HaShoah commemoration at Kean University in New Jersey will take place on Monday, April 24th at 6:45 PM at the university's Wilkins Theatre for the Performing Arts (1000 Morris Ave., Union, NJ). The Hon. Prof. Irwin Cotler, P.C., O.C., former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, will speak about "Antisemitism Then and Now." He is also the founder and chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights. Other featured speakers include Bernard and Henry Schanzer, identical twins who were born in Belgium and fled to France, where they found sanctuary with righteous rescuers during the Holocaust. This event is free and open to the public, and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided. To register, and obtain more info, visit [www.jfedgmw.org/kean](http://www.jfedgmw.org/kean). The annual Yom HaShoah commemoration is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ and Kean University's Holocaust Resource Center.

### **AA SHOAH COMMITTEE**

The Ahavas Achim Shoah Committee presents its annual Yom Hashoah commemoration on Shabbat, April 22 between Mincha and Maariv (starting approximately 7:15PM) in the Main Sanctuary. We will hear the story of Mrs. Helena Roth, a Holocaust survivor.

### **SOFER**

The Sofer will be available to check your mezzuzot and tefillin this Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 10 a.m. at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. For questions or to make an appointment, call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722).

### **RPRY**

-Save the date: RPRY cordially invites the entire community to a screening of "Names Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making©" on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30PM. The video is in tribute to the following Holocaust survivors who shared their inspiring stories and incredible experiences with RPRY's 8th grade students: Mrs. Vera Barta, Mr. Ernest Einzig, Mrs. Margot Jeremias, Dr. Samuel Kaye, Mrs. Marion Kornfeld, Mrs. Regina Mermelstein, Mr. Emil Siegel, Mrs. Zsuzsa Braun Strausz, and Mrs. Eva Weisz. The film will be followed by a dessert reception. -RPRY ANNUAL DINNER RPRY's 72nd Annual Dinner Event will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Chabad House at Rutgers University. The honorees are Penny & Michael Kaplan, Sari & Michie Klerer, Marni & Arkady Broder, Shoshana & Jordan Kaplan and Bat-Chen & Benjamin Kaplan.

### **BIKUR CHOLIM:**

**HOSPITALITY ROOM** at RWJ Univ Hospital! Located on main floor. For info, call helpline at 732-572-7181.

- **WEBSITE:** [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com). Provides info regarding Bikur Cholim services, how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

Discover the joy of being a hospice volunteer. If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout NJ. Training will be provided by members of the RWJ Visiting Nurses Hospice team on 3 consecutive: Tuesdays, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am till 3:00 pm at RWJ Visiting Nurses, 972 Shoppes Blvd, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, please call Nicole Giacomino, Manager of Volunteers at [732-839-3364](tel:732-839-3364) for more info about VNAHG volunteer services visit [www.vnahg.org/volunteering](http://www.vnahg.org/volunteering)

### **JEC CELEBRATION**

On May 15th, the renowned Jewish Educational Center of Elizabeth, NJ is celebrating 76 years of Torah, academic excellence, and most of all, family. 100 alumni couples will be recognized at the gala. With the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Yerushalayim upon us, the gala will also feature the inauguration of a special Wall of Honor in salute to our dozens of alumni who serve in the IDF as well as a special tribute to the 1967 Bruriah and JEC graduating classes. Honorees for the dinner include Dr. Aryeh and Myra Pirak, Grandparents of the Year; David and Sarah Goldstein, Parents of the Year; and David and Debra Schiff, who will be recognized with a special Family Legacy Award. In celebration of our greater JEC family, we invite YOU to join us at Factory 220, NJ's newest and most exciting event space, on Monday evening, May 15th. Visit [TheJEC.org](http://TheJEC.org) for more info

### **LOCAL SHAATNEZ TESTING OPTIONS**

Shatnez testing available at following locations: Testing is done on the premises once a week.

-Rainbow Cleaners, 705 Raritan Ave, HP

[732-572-3896](tel:732-572-3896)

-Lily's Cleaners, 1664 Rt 27, Edison [732-985-1444](tel:732-985-1444)

-Fashion Care Cleaners, Plainfield Ave, Edison

[732-572-1181](tel:732-572-1181)

-The Clothing Center, 645 Highway 18

East Brunswick, [732-254-0870](tel:732-254-0870)

For more info contact Yosef Sayagh [732-330-4103](tel:732-330-4103).

Shaatzneez testing is also available at the

Agudah. Garments should be dropped off on Sunday morning.

### **NCSY**

Celebrate Lag Ba'Omer at the community wide happening, coordinated by NCSY, on Sunday, May 14, 6:00-8:00PM at Grove 1 in Donaldson Park. Free admission! Music and entertainment provided by Jeff Wilks! Activities for kids, learning sessions for adults and food and drinks for sale! Contact Rabbi Shmuli Greene for more info and sponsorship opportunities at [greens@ncsy.org](mailto:greens@ncsy.org) or 973-214-8577

### **PAR MIKVAH**

Park Mikvah - will be closed until the completion of the renovations. Please continue to check [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org) and voice message at 732-249-2411 for date of mikvah reopening. Have you participated in this incredible mitzvah campaign yet? Please go [twww.parkmikvah.org/donate](http://twww.parkmikvah.org/donate) and count yourself among the hundreds of community members who have generously brought us to this milestone in our renovation project!

**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER:** To subscribe to these Announcements, go to [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

**E-MAIL LIST:** To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com).

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto:mbarenh@yahoo.com).

**SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Shalosh Seudos, contact Moshe Wiesel.

**BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES** Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

**TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES:** To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-807 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

**SEFORIM DEDICATIONS:** Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel [siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludjeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludjeeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

### **OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS:**

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING:** Please see the Ohr Torah website, [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net), for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah

### **FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), [reenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

### **YAHRZEIT DATABASE:**

To register a family member in the Yahrzeit database, go to [ohrtorah.net](http://ohrtorah.net) and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

**LOCAL ERUV:** Call 732-247-ERUV for status

### **Parshas Tazria-Metzora**

Candlelighting:	7:32pm
Mincha:	6:45 & 7:40pm

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