



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parsha Nitzavim-Vayelech

25 Elul 5773

August 31, 2013

**Candlelighting:** 7:14 PM  
**Mincha:** 7:20 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur –after Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:40 AM  
*Kollel Learning Seder: 4-6 PM*  
**Kollel Mincha:** 6:00PM  
**Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur: 6:15 PM**  
**Mincha:** 1:45, & 7:05PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Josh Rapps*  
**Maariv:** 8:15 PM  
**Slichos:** 1:00 AM  
**Weekday Shacharis/ Slichos:**  
**Sun Shacharis** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
**Mon Slichos/ Shacharis (Labor Day)**  
 6:45, 7:30 & 8:30 AM  
**Tues Slichos/ Shacharis:** 6:00, 6:45, 7:35 AM  
**Wed Slichos/ Shacharis:**  
 1:00 (slichos only), 5:00, 5:40 & 6:30AM  
*Remainder of week: See next week's Newsletter*  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 7:10 PM  
**Weekday Maariv** 10:10 PM  
**DAF YOMI TIMES**  
 Monday-Tuesday-7:30PM. Friday -after 7 PM  
 Kabolas Shabbos. Shabbos-1 hour before  
 Mincha. Sunday -after 8am Shacharis

**MAZEL TOV**  
 ...a double Mazel Tov to Zina and Ushi Freundlich on the birth of a daughter to their children Rifki and Josh Freundlich in Atlanta and the birth of a daughter to their children Shira and Yonatan Wiesen in Cleveland. ... to Juliet and Ira Krumholtz on the recent engagement of their daughter Chani to Dovid Roll of Baltimore, MD. The Vort will take place this Sunday evening Sept. 1st from 6:30-9:30 PM at Ohr Torah.

**KIDDUSH**  
 Kiddush this Shabbos is being sponsored in honor of the 50th wedding Anniversary of Marcia and Paul Pheffer by their children.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**  
 Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Lorraine and Ira Spiler to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Lorraine's mother, Margaret Amigo, Miriam Leah bas Yisroel, A"H.

**FINAL SEAT ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOMIM NORA'IM**

Final requests for seat reservations are posted. Please check for accuracy and contact the Seating Committee if there are corrections. Those wishing to discuss special seating needs at the Hashkama Minyan must immediately contact Gershon Klavan in person or via E-mail at [othashkama@hotmail.com](mailto:othashkama@hotmail.com). Thank you.

**KIBUDIM**  
 As has been our tradition, we will be auctioning off kibudim for Yamim Noraim this Saturday night at midnight, before selichot. If you would like to submit a bid on a particular kibud, please contact Robert Kreitman at [rkreitman@sidley.com](mailto:rkreitman@sidley.com) or Terry Walzman at [twalzman@yahoo.com](mailto:twalzman@yahoo.com) by 11:00 PM Saturday night. Please note that only "members in good standing" may submit a bid. Thank you in advance.

**LULAV & ESROG ORDERING**  
 When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a donation for each sale.

- a.. Barry Siegel & Family  
[siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net), 732-572-4408
- b.. Judaica Gallery,  
[judaicagallery@hotmail.com](mailto:judaicagallery@hotmail.com), 732-828-7722

Please see the flyers for additional info. All checks for Lulavim and Esrogim must be made out to the appropriate vendor and NOT Congregation Ohr Torah. No check made out to COT will be cashed.

**YAD ELIEZER**  
 Congregation Ohr Torah and Yad Eliezer proudly present Charlie Harary, Esq., internationally acclaimed inspirational

speaker. He will deliver the Yomim Noraim Teshuva Lecture dedicated to the memory of I. David and Miriam Goldstein, "How to Get Into the Book of Life" to be held on Wednesday evening, Sept 11, 2013 at OT at 8 PM. All donations to Yad Eliezer will be appreciated to feed Israel's hungry poor.

**CONDOLENCES**  
 Congregation Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences to Bob Lansey on the loss of his mother Mrs. Rose Lansey. Bob will sit shiva at his home, 17 Marshall Drive, Edison, NJ through next Wednesday. Morning Minyanim: Sunday and Monday: 9 AM, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:10 AM; Selichot 30 minutes before davening, including Sunday. Mincha/Maariv at Z'man, including Shabbos. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Jerusalem.

**TEEN MINYAN DVAR TORAH AND SLICHOS**

Rabbi Noach Sauber will be speaking at 12:35 AM in the Beis Medrash, followed by Slichos at 1:00 AM. All Teen Minyan members and their parents are encouraged to come join us as we start what should be a meaningful Yomim Noraim season for everyone.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM**

New Youth Program: Congregation Ohr Torah's NEW youth program kicks off this week. Listed below are the classrooms in use and the youth leaders for each location:

- Corner classroom Lower Level (boys and girls in grades Pre-Nursery and Nursery) led by Talia Berlin and Nikki Bick in which we will have a weekly Tot Shabbat program where our children can enjoy a very kid friendly and fun recitation of brachot, sing Shabbat songs, dance with the Torah and so much more. Grape juice and snacks will be served.
- Shul Office Upper Level (boys and girls in grades Primer and First Grade) led by Leora Sherman
- Classroom Lower Level middle of hallway (BOYS grades 2 through 4) led by Benji Lankin and Effie Auman
- Classroom Lower Level middle of hallway next to restrooms (GIRLS grades 2 through 4) led by Shani Berg and Samantha Blum
- Back of the Kiddush Room (GIRLS grades 5 thru 8) led by Bat-Chen Callen (Mindy Shulman will be Bat-Chen's fill-in for the Chagim)
- Beit Medrash Upper Level (BOYS grades 5 and 6) led by Yosef Kramer.

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**  
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for the first day of Succos, Shabbos Chol Hamoed Succos and Shemini Atzeres. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto:mbarenh@yahoo.com).

To sponsor a ShaloshSeudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.  
**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER**  
 To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

**BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), [reenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com) or [mschneider19@yahoo.com](mailto:mschneider19@yahoo.com).

**TREE OF LIFE and/or YAHRZEIT PLAQUES**  
 To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Plaque for the Lobby EitzChayim Tree, please contact Moish Nat by sending a detail fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 during work days or 732- 572-4132 in the evening.

**SEFORIM DEDICATIONS**  
 Book/SeforimDedications 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 [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS**  
 Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling 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 RefuahShleimah for members of our shul and community.

**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)

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

*The Youth Program kicks off at 10 AM each Shabbat and lasts until the conclusion of Tefillah in the main minyan. It is very important that all parents please locate their child/ren before 10 AM and walk him or her to the classroom where our youth staff will be eagerly awaiting their arrival. Also, we kindly request that when Tefillah has concluded all parents please come pick up your child/ren before going to the Kiddush. Thank you for your cooperation.*

**Rosh Hashanah Program:** Ohr Torah will have a special youth program on Rosh Hashana September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for children in grades Nursery thru Sixth Grade beginning at 11:30 AM. We will initially meet in the back of the Kiddush Room for the sounding of the Shofar (30 Kolot) for women and children and will then proceed to the Beit Medrash for our Junior Congregation and classrooms as well. We will discuss the importance of the Yomim Nora'im through relevant stories and special "sweet" treats will be provided. Please note that signs will be posted on all classroom doors with the grades of the children for that location. The program will conclude when the Main Minyan has completed.

**Babysitting:** Ohr Torah is proud to announce that once again we will provide complimentary babysitting for the Yomim Nora'im in the first classroom when coming downstairs using the main stairwell. This service is for all children ages 1-4. It is imperative that all children attending our babysitting are able to walk (and not need to be held) and that parents please ensure that our staff is aware of your seating location should we need to find you. We will have a seating chart available. Also please provide our staff with any baby wipes/diapers as needed. We will be unable to accommodate children who have not reached their first birthday.

The dates and hours for our babysitting service are as follows:

Thursday September 5 2013 (Rosh Hashana Day One): 10 AM to 2 PM

Friday September 6 2013 (Rosh Hashana Day Two): 10 AM to 2 PM

Friday September 13, 2013 (Yom Kippur night): 6:45 PM to 9:45 PM

#### **SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Eva Weisz in memory of her husband Moshe Weisz Z"L

-Eva Weisz in memory of her brother in law Yaakov Weisz Z"L

-Barry & Hinda Herman in memory of Hinda's father Arthur Rosenthal Z"L

#### **YOM KIPPUR PLEDGE CARDS**

In the past, Yom Kippur Pledge Cards have been distributed only to members of our congregation who are men. A number of women and young adults have approached

the President and asked whether they could receive pledge cards as well. If you would like to receive a pledge card (or are hosting a guest that you believe might be interested in receiving a pledge card) please e-mail Yoel Schwartz at [jschwartz@optonline.net](mailto:jschwartz@optonline.net). and Robert Kreitman at [rkreitman@sidley.com](mailto:rkreitman@sidley.com) and we will make the proper arrangements. Thank you in advance for your zeal in pursuing this opportunity to give tzedakah on Yom Kippur and may you all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

#### **CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON**

After a one-year hiatus, the Edison-Highland Park community will once again be welcoming approximately thirty boys (between the ages of 7 & 15 years old) and staff from Chai Lifeline for a weekend retreat (October 19). Our Shabbaton, in which community boys become "buddies" to the Chai Lifeline kids and an inspirational community-wide Seudah Shlishit is held at OT, has twice now been recognized internationally as one of the best shabbatons of the year. It provides the opportunity for kids in a very difficult situation to forget their troubles for a weekend and enjoy themselves with old friends and new "buddies." It also provides their families with much-needed respite.

In past years, the Shabbaton was subsidized by a small number of individuals. Unfortunately, we no longer have access to those funds, and must reach out to the community at large. We need to raise another \$7,000 to cover the Shabbaton. Please sponsor or contribute today (all contributions will be displayed on a recognition card):

\$ 1,000 Sponsor Shabbat lunch

\$ 500 Sponsor Seudah Shlisit

\$ 360 Sponsor a child for the weekend

\$ 180 Sponsor Saturday night Event

\$ 180 Contributor

Checks should be made out to "Chai Lifeline" and mailed to David Waizer, 53 North 7th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Teens from Highland Park/Edison who would like to volunteer should contact Barbara Edery at [barbaraedery@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraedery@gmail.com).

This event qualifies for chesed hours and letters can be provided upon request."

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **YIEB**

In commemoration of the first Yahrzeit of the tragic loss of our dear friends Ari and Sari Horowitz Z"L, a Hazkarah and memorial service will be held at the Young Israel of East Brunswick

Time: 7:45 pm (following Mincha / Maariv)

Date: 28 Elul / Monday Sept 2, 2013

May this coming year be filled with S'machot and happy occasions.

#### **RPRY RAFFLE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION FOR 2013**

RPRY is having its annual raffle to help support Jewish Education. Tickets are 1 @ \$36 or \$3 @ \$100. The grand prize is 2 tickets to Israel. The drawing is 10/8. Please see OT ticket sellers, Josh Caplan, Barry Siegel, Leeor Jerushalmy or Brian Dube. Thanks for your support of Jewish Education.

#### **COMMUNITY TESHUVAH LECTURE**

The Eidelman family Invites the Edison/Highland Park community to an inspirational lecture E-I-u-I 'ani l'dodi - v'dodi li' 'i am to my beloved, and my beloved is to me' The power of 'i' Highlighting the potential In everyone. By Rabbi Fishel Schachter, shlit"a Renowned maggid shiur for dial-a-daf Noted author of Artsroll's Chofetz Chaim - Ahavas Chesed and prominent lecturer . Sunday September 1st, 2013 -26 elul 5773. Agudath israel of Edison/Highland Park - 1131 Raritan ave. 8:00 pm - Ma'ariv (i) - 7:35pm, Ma'ariv (ii) 9:15pm L'zeicher Nishmas Rivkah a"h Bas r" Chaim Aharon **MEKOR CHAIM/STEINSALTZ AMBASSADORS** Welcome to the new Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors, Ariel Odes and Amichai Bauer, and join the entire community in a Simchat Beit Hosheava, the traditional Sukkot party that brings unity and joy, coordinated by the Mekor Chaim /Steinsaltz Ambassadors program and RPRY at the RPRY Sukkah on Tuesday, Sept 24, starting 6PM. Food, dancing, joy and happiness! All ages are welcome! Contact Rabbi Shmuelie Greene at [rabbishmuelie@steinsaltz.org](mailto:rabbishmuelie@steinsaltz.org) for more info and sponsorship opportunities

#### **The ACTT**

(Achieving Change Through Torah) program, now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: Step by Step compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. See the ACTT web-site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), for the current Learning Schedule (Modules page) and for all the event audio presentations. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen [732-572-8762](tel:732-572-8762).

#### **VOLUNTEER FOR CNJKIDS**

Every Jewish K-8 day school in our geographic area has an open invitation to partner with Central New Jersey Kehilot Investing in Day Schools, Inc. If you are interested in volunteering to help mitigate future tuition increases at local Jewish K-8 day schools that have agreed to partner with CNJKIDS, please send an e-mail with your name, e-mail address, and phone number to [cnjkids@gmail.com](mailto:cnjkids@gmail.com).

#### **VISITING SOFER**

The sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, this Sunday, Sept 1, 2013. Store hours are 10am to 5pm. Although walk-ins are welcome, it's helpful if you Call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722) and let us know you are coming. If you need to check mezzuzot in your home, please call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722) to set up appt for house call.

#### **BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY**

Bikur Cholim has received a donation of an adult powered wheelchair. We are looking for someone who can use it. If you are interested or know someone in need of a power wheelchair, please contact Sharon Glaser at [sharonnglaser@gmail.com](mailto:sharonnglaser@gmail.com)

### **BIKUR CHOLIM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

Bikur Cholim is looking for men who are able to go to the hospital on Rosh HaShanah to blow the shofar for the Jewish patients. Anyone who is able to do this can contact Mrs. Ronnie Shilcrat on (732) 690-7193 or by email [volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org](mailto:volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org).

### **NJ YACHAD SUPPORT GROUP**

NJ Yachad, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Middlesex County, is proud to offer a monthly parent support group for families who have children with special needs. For more info please contact Chani Herrmann at [herrmann@ou.org](mailto:herrmann@ou.org).

### **FOR WOMEN**

- Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume in the fall.

- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class for women will resume after the Yomim Tovim. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

- Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women only: Tefillah class on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 10:00 AM at Aguda Shul; no class on Monday, Sept. 2. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com)

--The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other Cholim in the community.  
-Collecting Sheitels: Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. All money raised at the sale goes towards a hachnasas kallah fund which helps needy brides in Eretz Yisrael. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel ([732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408)) [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)  
-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women has weekly teleconferences

with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. For more information or to become a member, please contact Aviva [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) or Debbie Schneider [732-572-4713](tel:732-572-4713). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig

### **SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP**

Please join (or refer a friend to) the Parent Support Group for parents of the children with special needs. This group is cosponsored by Yachad and the Jewish Federation of Middlesex County and is intended solely for parents of the children with special needs. There is no fee and the group meets monthly on Sunday evenings. Please contact Emile Berk ([emile.berk@gmail.com](mailto:emile.berk@gmail.com)) for further details or to learn more.

### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com). We post over 100 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies.

Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the info to [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com)

### **ISRAEL MISSION**

Ahavas Achim invites you to join the Goldberg and Schilowitz families on our 12th annual Israel Mission, from January 15-27, 2014. The mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the King Solomon Hotel, 2 nights at the Carlton in Tel Aviv, 3 day touring excursion with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, dinners in Tel Aviv, Friday night and Shabbat lunch on both Shabbat, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$2099 plus airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$689). Registration is available on a first come, first serve basis with a deposit of \$150 per person by Monday, Oct 7. To register, visit the mission website

at [www.arieltours.com/aamission](http://www.arieltours.com/aamission). Questions can be directed to [aamission@arieltours.com](mailto:aamission@arieltours.com)

### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison / Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday – Thursday from 9-11pm. YOM TOV and Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please make your appointment by 8:30pm the day before the chag. Saturday nights August 31st and September 7th, the hours are 9:15pm to 11:00pm. The remaining Saturday nights in September, the hours are 9:00pm - 11pm. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call 732-249-2411. As we are preparing for our annual VIRTUAL TEA, if you are a new member to the community, or you have not received our mailings in the past, please email your address and phone number to the Park Mikvah at [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com)

### **KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION**

Ohr Torah Keylim Mikvah hours are, officially, 7:15 – 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Additionally, the Keylim Mikvah can be used when the Shul is open during Minyan hours. The Shul is locked (for security purposes) during non-Minyan hours. If you need special access, please speak to a Shul Gabbai. Please leave the area clean and neat.

### **LOCAL ERUV**

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

<b>Parsha Ha'azinu</b>	
Candlelighting	7:06PM
Mincha	7:15PM

Ohr Torah can be found on the internet at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. You can join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Any ideas and comments about the site can be sent to [webmaster@ohrtorah.net](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net). Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto:announcements@ohrtorah.net). Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone # in case here is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.