



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Tsav - Shabbos Hagadol

Nisan 12, 5773

March 23, 2013

**Candlelighting:** 6:54PM  
**Mincha:** 7:00 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur –after Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 10:06 AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur is cancelled this week*  
**Note that there will be no Shalosh Seudos in Shul this week**  
**Mincha:** 1:45 & 6:20 PM  
*followed by Shabbos Hagadol drasha*  
**Maariv:** 8:00 PM  
**Sunday Shacharis:** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
**Sunday Mincha/Maariv:** 7:00 & 10:10PM

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 Refuah Shleimah 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)

**SHUL BEDIKAT CHAMETZ**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with checking the shul for chametz Sunday evening. A 15-30 minute commitment to help with this important mitzva would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michie Klerer if you are able to assist. Chesed hour confirmation letters available for younger volunteers.

**LEIL IYUN**

Motzei Shabbos Chol HaMoed, starting at 9:00 PM, we will have a Leil Iyun dedicated to deepening our appreciation of the Mitzvos Hamoed. Rabbi Ash will be giving a shiur titled as follows: 'Chayav Adam L'taher Es Atzmo B'regel: The Purity Associated with the Yamim Tovim.' The Lail Iyun is generously sponsored by Mina and Larry Tiefenbrunn, in memory of the yahrtzeit of Mina's father, Mordechai Simcha ben Ephraim Fishel A"H. We hope to see you all there!"

**BURNING CHOMETZ AND PESACH WASTE DISPOSAL: EDISON**

Once again, Edison Township is graciously arranging special services for the Jewish community on Monday morning from 7:00 AM to Noon at the intersection of N. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Edgemount Rd. (*Hakoras Ha'Tov* goes to Jeff Roderman of the Department of Public Works). The Township will have on-site a garbage truck to dispose of Chometz, a recycling truck and a special barrel that will be manned for burning *Chometz*. In the past few years we encountered some serious problems and ask for a greater level of cooperation. *Chometz* meant for burning should be wrapped in paper or cloth but not in plastic, which emits toxic fumes upon burning. Please limit the burning to that which was halachically collected during *Bedikas Chometz* and dispose of other materials in the garbage truck, including left-over bread, cereal, pasta, etc. With your cooperation we look forward to the continued support of Edison Township. Thank you and a *Zesen Pesach*.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM**

The schedule for the Ohr Torah Youth Program on Pesach is as follows:  
 Pesach Day One - March 26, 2013: No Youth Program  
 Pesach Day Two – March 27: 10:30 AM start Shabbat Chol Hamoed March 30 : 10:00 AM start  
 Pesach Day Seven April 1: 10:00 AM start  
 Pesach Day Eight April 2: 10:00 AM start  
 As a reminder the youth program concludes at the end of davening in the Main Minyan. The Ohr Torah Youth Program would like to wish everyone a Chag Kasher V'Sameach.

**OT YOUTH EVENTS**

-Join Ohr Torah Youth on Thursday March 28th (Chol Hamoed Pesach) at 10:30am to see "Sesame Street Live - Elmo Makes Music" at the State Theater in New Brunswick. Children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information contact Elie Salomon at [eliesalomon@gmail.com](mailto:eliesalomon@gmail.com) or call 732-325-9626.

-Any questions...contact Mayer on his personal cell at (732) 207-9992 or email [marcberg@verizon.net](mailto:marcberg@verizon.net).

**URGENT – KIDNEY TRANSPLANT NEEDED**

Harvey Paretzky, a dear friend and member of our community, is suffering from kidney failure and desperately needs a kidney transplant as soon as possible. He cannot survive long-term without a transplant. Saving a person's life is a great mitzvah. By donating a kidney, you can literally save Harvey's life.

Harvey is working with *Renewal*, a Jewish non-profit organization, which facilitates and supports all aspects of the kidney transplants process. If you have type O blood, and meet certain other specific criteria, you will be a potential donor.

For additional information, contact Renewal at: [R612@renewal.org](mailto:R612@renewal.org) (718) 431-9831, ext. 311 (patient reference #R612)

**MISHNAYOT**

As a z'chut for a refuah shleima for Rafael Yisrael Chaim ben Shifra Chana, we are organizing learning of Mishnayot. Below is a link to a Google doc which can be used to sign up for learning. We would like the learning to be completed by April 20.

RS Harvey Paretzky - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvJhuAWLZLAtDJoV0g1b2VZU93MUhkeTBGSFFLbHc&usp=sharing>

If you do not have internet, you can sign up by calling (732) 819-7036

**Monday March 25: Erev Pesach**

- Shacharis - 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9AM (each Minyan will be followed by a siyum)
- Latest time for eating chometz - 10:36 AM
- Latest time for burning chometz - 11:50AM
- Edison residents: Note garbage, recycle trucks and chametz burning at N. 8th Ave & Edgemount Rd. from 7AM until noon
- HP Residents: Garbage and recycle collection at end of N. 5th Ave.
- Candlelighting – 6:57 PM
- Mincha - 7:05 PM

**Tuesday March 26: 1st Day Pesach**

- Shacharis -8:15, 9:00 AM
- Mincha - 7:05 PM
- Candlelighting/ preparation for seder not before 8:06 PM

**Wednesday March 27: 2nd Day Pesach**

- Shacharis - 8:15, 9:00 AM
- Mincha – 1:45 & 7:05 PM
- Maariv - 8:00 PM

**Thursday-Friday March 28-29: 1st/ 2nd days Chol Hamoed**

- Shacharis - 6:10, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
- Mincha - 7:10 PM

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**

Kiddush sponsorship is available for April 13th & 20th and May 4th, 11th & 18th. 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 Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER**

To subscribe to these Announcements, please email [info@ohrtorah.net](mailto:info@ohrtorah.net) and request to be added to the distribution.

**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 Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, please contact Moish Nat by sending a detailed 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/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 [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS**

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

### **THANK YOU**

Eva and I and our family would like to thank Josh Rapps for initiating and creating the beautiful memorial book honoring our son, Doug. We thank Josh, the Rabbi and all those who wrote such beautiful words of remembrance of Doug. Bringing all these together in such a beautiful volume of remembrance is truly an act of loving kindness. The book reflects Doug's place in our congregation and in the community. The memory of Doug, his passion for knowledge, and his piety will always be with us.  
*Eva and Ted Stahl and Family*

### **SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Michael and Penny Kaplan in honor of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Luban 30<sup>th</sup> year OT anniversary  
-Gottlieb family Le'zchus Refuah Shlema for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira

### **RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN**

Ruth Gruber is an American journalist, photographer, writer, humanitarian and a former general in the US army. Born in Brooklyn in 1911, Ruth Gruber became the youngest Ph.D. in the world before going on to become an international foreign correspondent and photojournalist at age 24. She emerged as the eyes and conscience of the world. With her love of adventure, fearlessness and powerful intellect, Ruth defied tradition in an extraordinary career that spanned more than seven decades. She is also the author of more than 20 books. The documentary video, "Ahead of Time" explores her life. Come learn about her and times and be inspired! Ruth Gruber at 101 years old How did Ruth Gruber achieve so much? What is the process? We will be joined by Barbara Kessel, author of Suddenly Jewish, who will share her thoughts on creative expression. Is it inspiration or environment or some measure of each that allows one to be successful?

Date: Tues, April 16<sup>th</sup> Time: 12:00 noon  
Location: Cong. Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ

The program will include a light lunch followed by the video and Barbara's discussion. It is open to all retirees in the community and will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. Please tell your friends and plan to attend. There will be a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal.

RSVP to Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **NCSY NEWS**

Join us for our Pre-Pesach Friday Night Oneg at 401 Montgomery St. Enjoy friends, Foosball, food and some torah from 9:30 PM - 11:15 PM. There will be no BBQ and Bible over Pesach. Chag Sameach!  
Join NCSY in Six Flags Great Adventure on Chol Hamoed, Thursday March 28th (10:30am-8pm). It is going to be epic! For discounted tickets (\$35) you must order before March 21st. If you buy tickets from NCSY at the gate they will cost \$40. To purchase tickets online go to [www.ncsygreatadventure.com](http://www.ncsygreatadventure.com). There will be transportation available from Highland Park for an additional \$35. (Total of ticket + transportation = \$70).

#### **TASTE OF RPRY**

"Taste of RPRY" Spring Special RPRY is offering a post-Pesach Early Childhood enrollment special. Register your child for the 10+ weeks following Pesach, starting 4/8, at REDUCED RATES. Don't Miss This Great Opportunity!! For more info, please contact Helene Lockspeiser, Dir of Early Childhood and Admissions, at 572-5052 x215, or email [hlockspeiser@rpry.org](mailto:hlockspeiser@rpry.org).

#### **NORPAC 2013**

Join us on our annual Mission to Washington event to support the U.S.-Israel relationship on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran sanctions, security cooperation, Iron Dome 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. Glatt Kosher breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. Register now for the early bird discount (ending mid March): [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call (201) 788-5133 Adults - \$125 Students - \$75 (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), Yosef Schreiber or Barry Wolf for more info.

#### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

If you're interested in visiting people in their homes, or in Nursing Homes, please contact Leslie Ostrin, Homebound Visitation Coordinator for Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley: [leslie.ostrin@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.ostrin@gmail.com).

#### **FOR WOMEN**

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's, Mrs. Leah Drillman's and Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies class will resume after Pesach

-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 the 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 Road, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)

-The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at

Congregation Ohr Torah. To participate in challah baking or saying Shir Hashirim in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or [EJPartyworks@aol.com](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com)

-The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The current ACTT module is "Bitachon - Trust in Hashem". Source book: Rabbi Eliezer Parkoff's "Chizuk - A Primer on Bitachon, Coping, and Hope". The ACTT web-site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), contains the audio of the shiurim from the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

#### **WOMEN'S YOM IYUN**

Congregation Avahas Achim is sponsoring a Women's Yom Iyun on April 7th. Nechama Price of Stern College will give two shiurim: 9:00 - 10:00 Description: The Rules of Staining for all Stages of Life 10:00 - 11:00 Brunch 11:00 - 12:00 Behind Closed Doors--Sexuality: A Torah Perspective.

Advance reservations are requested; free babysitting will be provided. Please RSVP to [womensyomiyun@gmail.com](mailto:womensyomiyun@gmail.com) by March 15th. If bringing children, let us know the number of children and their ages. Please mail your \$10 covert to: Congregation Avahas Achim 216 South First Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904

#### **PARK MIKVAH HOURS**

PARK MIKVAH - The Edison / Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday - Thursday from 9-11pm. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Motzai Shabbos: March 23<sup>th</sup>, the hours are 9-11pm. Pesach Yom Tov hours are by appointment only. First night CHol HaMoed, Wed March 27<sup>th</sup>, the mikvah hours are 9:15-11pm. Saturday night, March 30<sup>th</sup>, hours are 9:15-11pm. 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.

#### **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.

#### **Shabbos Chol Hamoed**

- Candlelighting - 7:01 PM
- Mincha - 7:10

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