



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Shekalim

29 Adar 5774

March 1, 2014

Candlelighting: 5:30 PM
Mincha: 5:40 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:20 AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur: 4:35 pm
Mincha: 1:30 & 5:25 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Shlomo Ziegler
Maariv: 6:35 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. (Rosh Chodesh) 6:10, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:40 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
 Mon. 9:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM

Wednesday Night Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR WINTER:

Shabbos Morning – 8:15 AM and/ or after Hashkama. Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis Monday – Thursday: after 7:30 Maariv

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th and April 5th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER

To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: www.ohrtorah.net

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com or mschneider19@yahoo.com.

TREE OF LIFE and/or YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby EitzChayim 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.

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at 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, 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 or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

E-MAIL LIST

To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

MAZAL TOV

...to Cheryl and Yussi Strauch on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos of their children Devora and Moshe Strauch .

...to Helen and Benjy Kramer on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos of their children Russi and Jason Shor.

...to Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg on his appointment to the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education by Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Moshe and Susie Wiesel in honor of their newest grandchildren.

SHUL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a membership meeting on March 25 at 8:30 PM. The meeting will include a presentation of the 2014 budget. Full agenda will be circulated next week.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Ohr Torah will be participating in NJOP's Shabbat Across America (SAA) program on Parashat Vayikra, March 7-8. We will join hundreds of synagogues across the continent welcoming thousands of participants to SAA. Our goal is to share the beauty of Shabbat in a warm, tolerant, and open atmosphere with family, friends, neighbors and business associates who may not regularly celebrate Shabbat.

At Ohr Torah, SAA will employ an innovative format, combining davening, an Oneg and Seudah Shlishit in the Shul with meals at the homes of host families. Supporting materials and inserted commentary will help demystify the davening and ritual. Guest participants will be personally invited by hosts who know them from the neighborhood, work or socially. In addition, students (and their parents) from the Rutgers Jewish Experience (RJX) will be invited to join. Guests will be invited to spend the entire Shabbat in Edison/Highland Park, and housing will be arranged where needed. You can also contact the registration committee leads, Debbie Schneider-dbrh.schneider@gmail.com, 732-572-4713, or Susie Wolf, susiew32@aol.com, 908-906-9499

SHABBAT MARCH 8

Next Shabbos, March 8, our shul will have the honor of having the drasha be delivered by Rabbi Meir Goldwicht, a popular and beloved maggid shiur at Yeshiva University and throughout the Jewish community. Rabbi Goldwicht, a prominent Israeli scholar, educator, and a Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva University's Mazer School of Talmudic

Studies, is the head of the new Stone Beit Medrash Program.

Rabbi Goldwicht joined YU as a Rosh Yeshiva at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) and the Mazer Yeshiva Program. He received semicha from the renowned rabbinic authorities Rabbi Zalman Nehemia Goldberg in 1980, and HaRav HaGaon Betzallel Zolti Zt"l chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, and Rabbi Ovadyah Yosef, HaRav Roshi of Israel. Rabbi Goldwicht has been a Ram at Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh, and has given shiurim extensively at Stern College, all over the metropolitan area, and in Israel.

THANK YOU

The Diskind and Hecht families would like to express our Hakaras Hatov for the outpouring of comfort and generosity in our time of mourning and loss.

SHAIMOS

The annual Ohr Torah Shaimos collection will take place on Sunday, March 23, 9:30 AM – Mincha. Thank you to Barry Siegel for coordinating this effort once again this year.

OHR TORAH SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations: Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Eva Stahl Z"L, Barry & Hinda Herman in memory of Barry's mother Helen Herman Z"L

OT YOUTH EVENTS FOR MARCH

-On Sunday March 9th at 3:15 PM, Ohr Torah will be going by school bus from the Shul to the Big Apple Circus located in a heated tent adjacent to TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ. We will return to the Shul at 7:30 PM. This program is for children and parents. All children six and under must be accompanied by an adult. The all-new show entitled "Luminocity" includes acrobats, wire-walkers, performers on a double trapeze, jugglers the Big Apple Circus Band and many more surprises! Cost is \$28 per person including transportation for all reservations made by Sunday March 2nd. After that date, the price goes up to \$35 per person. Let the OT Youth Program entertain your children while you prepare for Purim. You can make reservations by sending an email to Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net. Please include names and phone numbers for all attendees. Additionally, you can pay via paypal using youth@ohrtorah.net or checks can be dropped off at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount Rd in Edison.

-On Motzei Shabbat March 15th, Ohr Torah has a grand celebration planned for Purim night. It will be a magical evening as the

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION

Magic of Marco will be entertaining our children starting at 8:30 PM during Megillah reading upstairs. After Megillah reading, come downstairs to the Kiddush Room where we will have lively music, a face painter, caricaturist, strolling magic and more.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Sunday March 2nd: 10:30am, Pines Manor 2085 Rt 27, Edison NJ. GOMLEI AWARDEES: Elise Berlin, Cindy Borell, Margaret Gorlin, David Hanfling, Lynn Hanfling, Robin Schwartz, Rozzie Slepoy KETER SHEM TOV AWARDEES: Basya Gorlin, Tamar Newman, Tzippy Newman GUEST SPEAKER: Rabbi Jonathan Rietti, Dairy lunch will be served - complimentary babysitting Couvert \$50 per person. RSVP 732-572-7181.

BREAKFAST RECEPTION

Our community will be honored to host a breakfast reception in honor of Vaad L'Hatzolas Nidchei Yisroel, an organization that has done and continues to do amazing work with Yidden in Russia and abroad. Sunday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hesh Granek, 459 Harrison Street, HP. The reception will be graced by the Nasi of the Vaad, HoRav R' Matisyahu Salomon, Shlita, who will address the gathering starting at 10:15 a.m.

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

Ahavas Achim University presents a Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat with Dr. Shnayer Leiman FEB 28-MARCH 1 Dr. Shnayer Leiman is a Visiting Professor of Jewish History and Literature at Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School for Jewish Studies . Friday Night 8:15 p.m. Lecture Followed by Oneg Shabbat: When A Rabbi Is Accused of Heresy: The Emden-Eibeschutz Controversy. Shabbat Morning Lecture After Mussaf in Main Sanctuary: The Rabbi's Daughter: New Evidence on Spiritual Resistance in the Jewish Ghetto. Shabbat Afternoon Lecture at Seudah Shlishit: How Do We Properly Blot Out Amalek: "Zaykher" or "Zekher"?

RETIREE LUNCH & LEARN

The next retiree lunch and learn program is scheduled for Tuesday March 25, at 12 noon. The program will include a light buffet lunch followed by a showing of the video Orchestra of Exile. The video depicts the founding of what evolved into the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Mark Kligman, a Professor of Jewish Musicology, will introduce the video and offer comments immediately following it. There is a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the luncheon. Please write or call Bella at blerner18@optonline.net 732-317-1786 or Marcia at ppheffer@verizon.net 732-572-5998, or Mildred 732 572-1712 to register your intention to attend.

ANNUAL PURIM COSTUME GEMACH

We are very pleased to announce that OE's 7th Annual Purim Costume Gemach will be open this year on Sundays March 2 (1pm to 5 pm) and March 9th (10am to 2pm) at Ohav Emeth Pick up a "New to You" costume or donate your gently used costumes. Many accessories as well. Suggested \$5 donation per costume borrowed. Call or email Shari Gordon at (732) 572-9192 - sharigordon2000@yahoo.com

CHILDREN'S FUND IN MEMORY OF DINA EISNER

Newly designed beautiful Purim Shalach Manos cards are available for \$3.00 each from the

Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale enable The Children's Fund to help subsidize needed services for many local children. To obtain cards, please contact: Tova Josefovitz - (732) 572-9432, Shoshana Diskind (732) 572-7755, Janice Lustiger (732) 819-4919 or e-mail request to: childrensfundhp@gmail.com

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING 1

Congregation Ohav Emeth invites you to a unique opportunity to taste award-winning wines from Israel's Shomron region. Tura Estate Winery will be presenting their wines on March 8th at 8:30 pm, Congregation OE, 415 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, NJ. Tura Estate Winery is located in Rechelim (near Ariel) with its vineyards on Har HaBrochah (Har Gerizim). All wines are certified OU-Kosher for Passover and are non-mevushal which enhances the taste. You will be able to order wines in time to have them for Purim and Pesach. In addition, OU kosher for Passover olive oil from their olive trees in Shiloh will be available.

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING 2

Sunday, March 9th at 7pm: Cong Etz Ahaim will hold its annual Wine and Cheese Tasting featuring Royal Wines sommelier Zvi Bornstein. We will have a selection of Chalav Yisrael cheeses. Etz Ahaim is located at 230 Denison Street in Highland Park. For reservations and more info please visit www.etzahaim.org/tasting. \$25 per person/\$40 per couple at the door.

RUTGERS HILLEL ALUMNI RECEPTION

Rutgers Jewish Alumni are invited to a reception sponsored by the Rutgers Hillel Alumni Association on Saturday, March 8th at 8pm at the home of Leslie and Josh Ostrin, 221 Riverview Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Catch up with old friends, taste Israeli craft beer from Malka Brewery, and learn more about what's happening on campus. Space is limited. RSVP by Monday March 3rd. Couvert is \$10. To RSVP for the event, visit <http://www.rutgershillel.org/alumni-parents/alumni-association/> Questions? Email Michal at rutgershillelalumni@gmail.com or call Hana at 732-545-2407. All food and beverages served will be kosher parve.

BIKUR CHOLIM SEEKS MEGILLAH READERS

Bikur Cholim is looking for men who are able to read the Megillah on Purim for people who are in the hospital or home-bound. Anyone who is able to do this can send email to volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org or contact Ronnie Shilcrat on my cell phone (732) 690-7193.

NCSY

No Oneg this week. - Challahfest- every other Thursday! From 7:30-9!! Come learn all about the beautiful mitzvah of baking challah and then have fun shaping and braiding your very own challah - Boys learning with Yoni and Adam every Thursday night from 9-9:45!! Check out the Facebook page or contact Yoni Sherman or Adam Baruch for more info regarding location. -- Bible & BBQ every Tuesday at Park Place from 7:30-9 Hang out with friends, enjoy free dinner, and learn awesome Torah!! -- March 7-8 Shabbos In Shushan Friday night dinner, and melave Malka Sign up at newjersey.ncsy.com

TAGLIT-BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL

Registration for this FREE spring or summer trip to Israel opens at 10 am for all applicants. Travel for 10 days with Israeli friends and staff who share the beauty, excitement and complexities of their country with you. This trip is a gift from Taglit-

Birthright Israel. For more info or to sign up, visit israelwithisraelis.com.

FOR WOMEN

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, March 8 at 8:45 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Building Healthy Self-Esteem". Speaker: Mrs. Tammie Karmel. For more information or to become a member, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, March 3 from 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Monday, March 3 at 9:00 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison Street, Highland Park.

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls on Wednesday, March 5 at the Aguda, upstairs classroom. For more info, please call [908-420-0253](tel:908-420-0253).

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, March 2 due to Bikur Cholim breakfast; Parsha class on Monday, March 3 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) rickistern@yahoo.com. - Rabbi Bassous: No class on Sunday, March 2 due to Bikur Cholim breakfast.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 8:30pm to 10:30pm, and Saturday nights 7:30pm to 10 pm. Friday nights are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL THE MIKVAH FOR UPDATE ON HOURS/APPOINTMENTS. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For more info to schedule an appointment, please call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411).

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

Ohr Torah Keylim Mikvah hours are 7:15 - 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. The Keylim Mikvah can also be used when the Shul is open during 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.

Parshas Vayikra

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Mincha	5:45 PM

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