



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Ki Tisa

16 Adar 5775

March 7, 2015

Candlelighting: 5:36 PM
Mincha: 5:45 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:15AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 4:40
Mincha: 1:45 & 5:30 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Josh Rapps
Maariv: 6:40 PM
Note: Daylight Savings Time Motzei Shabbos

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thur: 6:18, 7:05, & 8 AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:26 Mon, 6:22 Thur.
Tue, Wed & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:45PM

NOTE: THERE WILL BE A 1:45 PM MINCHA MINYAN ON SUNDAY FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE SHUL DINNER

R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur- Monday 9:10 PM

Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyur Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis

Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis

Kollel Learning: 8-10:10

Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM

Note: End of 7:30 daily Maariv for season

Daf Yomi Schedule for Daylight Savings

Time:

Monday - Thursday-after Z'man maariv
 Friday-after Kabolos Shabbos & Maariv
 Shabbos -One hour before Mincha
 Sunday -After 8 am shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Shoshana and Ted Diskind in memory of the 1st Yahrtzeit of Shoshana's brother, Aryeh Dov ben Mordechai Hecht.

To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com. Kiddush sponsorship is available March 14th & 21st

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Dr. Ted Stahl in memory of Eva Stahl A"H.

ANNUAL DINNER

We look forward to greeting everyone at this year's annual Ohr Torah dinner on Sunday, March 8 at 5:30 PM at the Hotel Somerset, 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ. We appreciate everyone's support in making this the most successful Shul dinner .

THANK YOU FROM THE SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood would like to thank the many members who participated in this year's mishloach manot program. The generosity of our membership allowed each member to receive a beautiful basket created by Riki Nat of Incredible Creations and celebrate Purim at a delicious and festive break-fast. Thanks

also to Shalom Cohen of Jerusalem Pizza for his continued generosity.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE

Thanks for the generous response. Only 15 tickets left – Please help ensure the raffle is a sellout Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The drawing will be held at the Shul dinner . Please contact Barry Siegel, Josh Caplan, Charlie Gershbaum, Jason Jurkevich or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets.

MAZEL TOV

...to Susan and Leibi Haller on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos of their children Batsheva & Benji Haller.

...to Honey and Max Wisotsky and Rena and Jeff Klein on being honored at the Ohr Torah dinner this Sunday.

... to Mildred and Irwin Goldblatt on the birth of a great grandson, Simcha Dov, to their grandchildren Gila and Yechiel Gildin. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Rabbi Eli and Naomi Radinsky and Rabbi Yisroel and Devorah Gildin, to the great aunts and uncles, Miriam and Mark Goldblatt and Sarah and Steven Rand and to all of the siblings and cousins.

...to Fay and David Moskovic on the birth of a son to their children Etan and Adena Moskovic. Mazel Tov to Sara and Abe Grunspan, great grandparents Tilu Grunspan, Miriam Fisher and all the siblings.

...to Chani and David Moss upon being honored by Ma'ayanot, in Teaneck, with the Amudai Ma'ayanot award tomorrow evening, March 7.

TORAH DEDICATION

The Schanzer/Kreitman/Dennis family invites the entire congregation to participate in a Torah Dedication to take place iy"H on Sunday, March 22, 2014 at 3pm. at Congregation Ohr Torah. Dessert buffet to follow. All are welcome.

HAMAKOM YENACHEM

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Laurel (Lolly) Silber, the mother of Jeff Silber.

Jeff's family will be returning from Israel before Shabbos and Jeff will sit Shiva at the Silber home at 35 Brookfall Rd. in Edison from Saturday night through Monday morning.

Visitation hours:

*Saturday night: 8PM-11PM
 Sunday: 8AM-12PM; 2PM-5PM;
 6:45PM-10PM 8AM Shacharis
 6:45PM Mincha/Maariv
 Monday: 7:20AM Shacharis*

SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 8 from 9:30AM to 5PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. (Coordinator/questions) Barry Siegel, siegeldad@optonline.net

CHAZZAN PROBEH

We welcome Yitz Henkin as our guest Chazzan this Shabbos. Yitz Henkin is an American/Brazilian citizen and has led the davening for many shuls in both north and south America. He began singing in choirs and concerts from a very young age and has since trained with the leading instructors in both Israel and America. He is currently enrolled in a Semicha program and sings at weddings/events in the evening in the tri-state area. In past years he has been the Baal Musaf in Cong. Beth Shalom of Scranton for the Yomim Noraim. His mission as Baal Tefillah to to daven with true feeling and to elevate the Tzibbur's Tifillos through his melodious voice and heartfelt Tefillos.

ITEM DONATION POLICY

Congregation Ohr Torah greatly appreciates the donations of its members, many of whom have contributed very generously over the years. In fact, members are constantly thinking of different tangible items that our shul needs and have been kind enough to purchase or make such items for the shul. We are beneficiaries of such caring and thoughtful consideration.

As a reminder, in order to ensure that our policy is consistent, it is important that we follow a protocol for donations that has been in place since 1995. This policy includes the expectation of a financial contribution in connection with any commemorative or memorial plaque. If you wish to donate any item, large or small, please first speak with Leslie Ney, Moshe Schneider or Russell Adler before any such purchase or construction. Thank you again very much for your generosity and understanding.

OHR TORAH YOUTH DEPT. EVENTS

-On Sun. March 15th starting at 12 PM youth activities for your children at Ohr Torah while you prepare for Pesach. Details listed below - First, Rabbi Druin from Sofer on Site will be visiting Cong. Ohr Torah on March 15, 2015 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM for a live demo of the work done by a Sofer in STa"M (Sefer Torah, Tefillin and Mezuzot). Cost is \$12 per child; max \$30 per family.

-Second, on Sun. March 15th at 2:15 PM, Cong. Ohr Torah will be going by school bus

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillators are located on the wall in the upstairs hallway and on the wall in the downstairs entry hallway. HATZOLAH OF EDISON: 732-993-8645

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 6:00 PM. This program is for children and parents. All children six and under must be accompanied by an adult. All-new show entitled "Metamorphosis". Cost is \$30 per person including transportation for all reservations made in advance. On the day of the event, the price goes up to \$35 per person. Max \$100 per family.

For reservations please send an email to Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net. Please include names and phone numbers for all attendees. In addition, checks can be dropped off at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount Road in Edison or in the Shul mailbox @ 48 Edgemount Road in Edison, NJ (please note on the check the specific OT youth event that you are paying for).

TNL - THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Chabura about Parsha and contemporary issues. 9:00 pm at the YFM.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM AND DINNER AT OT MARCH 13-14

We are pleased to announce that Cong. Ohr Torah will once again join over 500 locations participating in Shabbat Across America, set to take place March 13-14. As part of the program the Shul will be hosting an elegantly catered Friday night dinner in our social hall, with world renowned speaker and radio and television host Rabbi Daniel Lapin as our featured speaker. Delicious dessert buffet and Oneg to follow dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$25/person, \$18/children 12 and under, with a family cap of \$100. We will be providing babysitting free of charge. Please make your check payable to Cong. Ohr Torah (Memo: SAA), and mail to the Shul by March 8. Please attach a note to indicate the number of adults and children attending, and if you'll need the complimentary babysitting. If you are inviting guests who will need housing or lunch placement, or for any other questions, please email OT.Shabbat@gmail.com, SAA Chairs; Miriam & Larry Greenman, Denise & Irwin Hametz, Rachel & Zev Stern, Zelda & Danny Wildman.

THE 2ND ANNUAL RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY POLAND PILGRIMAGE

Join us this July 12-20, 2015 with Rabbi Shraga Gross for an uplifting, inspiring and unforgettable journey through hundreds of years of Jewish history and heritage. We will visit the cities of Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz and Lublin as well as the Chassidic centers of Gur and Lezajsk. We will also tell the story of the Shoah visiting Auschwitz, Majdanek, Belzec, and other moving and significant sites. We wish to preserve the intimacy of this experience and so space will be limited. There will also be an opportunity to

personalize the itinerary if requests are received early enough.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS **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 13, 2015. 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 for the early bird discount: 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, Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Charles Gershbaum for more info.

PRE-PESACH HAT SALE

Linda Teicher is coming back to have a Pre-Pesach Hat sale at the home of Debbie & Hesh Granek (495 Harrison Ave, Highland Park) on March 15th starting @ 7PM through 9 PM. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to YST.

THE HOWARD L. BEYER MEMORIAL FUND

The family of our dear friend and Highland Park resident Howard L. Beyer, Z"L has created The Howard L. Beyer Memorial Fund at ELEM/Youth and Distress in Israel, connecting Howard's dedication to issues of troubled youth and his abiding commitment to Israel. ELEM/Youth in Distress in Israel is the country's leading nonprofit organization serving 20,000 troubled young people and an additional 100,000 youth who use ELEM online annually. These teens face tremendous challenges including domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, neglect, bullying, homelessness and prostitution, in addition to the stressors of living in Israel. ELEM's programs, located in 40 cities, provide a safe space for Israeli youth and help them to recover, reinvigorate, and re-imagine a positive future for themselves, their family and their country. All gifts in Howard's memory will be acknowledged both by ELEM and the Beyer family. Participate at www.ELEM.org or to ELEM at 270 Madison Ave., NY, NY 10016

ACTT

Next ACTT Event: On Sunday, April 19, at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah, come hear Mr. Charlie Harary, Esq., world renowned motivational speaker talk about "Gratitude: The Secret to Jewish Success". This is an ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) booster event for the Hakaras HaTov 3 module, with start date: March 8th. The Artscroll source book, "Let There Be Rain - making Gratitude a part of our lives" is available at a discount from the Judaica Gallery. Admission for all is free and donations are welcome. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

BIKUR CHOLIM:

Save the date! Bikur Cholim annual event will be held on Sunday, April 19th at the Pines Manor at 9:30 AM. Guest speaker is Rabbi Y Y Rubinstein. Details to follow. VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Helen Zuberger at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane.

We are also seeking visitors for Ms. Mollie Reuben and Ms. Esther Tucker, both also at the Regency. If you are able to help out, please call Rahel Baruh at 732-672-4673 or email rbaruh@yahoo.com. Tizku l'mitzvot!

PRE PESACH SPORTS ACADEMY YOUTH EVENT!

Send your kids ages 3-15* to AA SPORTS ACADEMY while you prepare for Pesach! Join the Youth Department for sports, obstacle courses, races, and lots of fun on Sunday, March 29 from 10am.-1 pm. at NEW YORK SPORTS CLUB in East Brunswick. Advance registration: \$15; Walk-ins: \$18. Event includes a pizza lunch. RSVP to Miriam at aayouth100@gmail.com.

*Must be potty trained.

THE JEWISH FEDERATION IN THE HEART OF NEW JERSEY

-Parent Workshops: How to Teach Children about the Holocaust

"How to teach the Holocaust to your children", a parent workshop designed to assist and support parents as they try to explain the Holocaust to their children on Sunday, March 22, from 1-3pm at the East Brunswick Public Library. Federation feels that this innovative program meets an important need for families of children between 9 and 17 years of age. Paul Winkler, Exec Dir of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, will be the keynote speaker, followed by two workshops facilitated by seasoned educators with expertise in the subject matter. Parents will receive resources and offered one-on-one guidance, if desired.

-J Serve: National Day of Jewish Youth Service

This April, more than 11,000 Jewish teens from around the world will come together to serve their communities and make a difference. The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey is running J-Serve, the International Day of Jewish Youth Service, on Sunday, April 19th from 1-4 pm at East Brunswick Jewish Center, 511 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick. Inspired by Jewish values, the day will inspire and engage over 125 youngsters from 6th to 12th grade, including those from other faith communities, in worthwhile local causes while educating them about community needs and deepening their connection with supporting charities – and one another. Our success is collective. One youngster in their hometown can make a difference, but when thousands of teens work together, they change the world. Participants are encouraged to register for a selection of volunteer projects both on and off-site at jewishmiddlesex.org/family/j-serve. Contact Laura Safran for more info at 732-588-1804 or lsafran@jf-qmc.org.

NETIVOT MONTESSORI NEWS

Netivot Montessori in East Brunswick is hosting a winter speaker series. The next speaker is Rabbi Eli Mansour on Sun, Mar. 22 @ 8PM. Topic: Pesach - Go to www.mynetivot.com for more info.

-Netivot school tour for prospective families - Wed, Mar 18 @ 9:15AM. Please call 732-985-4626 or mynetivot.com to reserve a space. We look forward to meeting you!

ATTN SINGLES: Registration is now open!
A Weekend Bash(eirt): a modern orthodox singles shabbaton (some may notice a name change) is ready to accept your registration for a wonderful

Shabbos here in Edison/Highland Park. Find your basheirt in a relaxed, fun environment without having to travel far.

Shabbos #1: May 8-9th singles ages 25-35

Shabbos #2: June 12-13th singles ages 35-50

Shabbos #3: Sept 11-12th singles ages 50 +

Please visit our website to register and learn about the event: aweekendbasheirt.com.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Lea Cohen at aweekendbasheirt@gmail.com.

RABBI WEISS SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss will be giving a weekly shiur for men and women on the Parsha with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon on Wednesday nights at 9:15 PM at the home of Marsha Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Avenue, Highland Park.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's womens Tefillah class on Sunday, March 8 at 10AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, March 9 at 8PM at Congr Ohr Torah, weather permitting. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408)

siegelmom@optonline.net.

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

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls - For more info on Wednesday night class, please call [732-841-1885](tel:732-841-1885).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha 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](tel:732-572-4408)) siegelmom@optonline.net

-Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): If you are an expectant mother and don't have coverage with a family member or a friend to stay with your kids when it is time to go to the hospital, Bikur Cholim offers a complimentary service. Volunteers will come to

stay with your kids during the night. Please note that this service is only provided for maternity situations. Please call at least 3 weeks before the due date, if not sooner, to be able to make the necessary arrangements. For more info on receiving this service or to find out about becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116).

-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.

-Rabbi Bassous: Women's class on Sunday morning at 10AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim.

Book that is being studied: Battle Plan by Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller and Sara Yocheved Rigler.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women: Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current series:

"Seven Blessings Seven Secrets - Still Building a Home on Sheva Brachos" with Mrs. Miriam Jaffe.

For more info 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.

PARK MIKVAH

The Highland Park Mikvah hours for daylight savings time: Sunday -Thursday evenings from 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM; Friday nights by appointment only. Saturday nights: March 7: 8:00 - 10:30 PM. March 14, 21: 9:00 - 11:00 PM, March 28: 9:15 - 11:00 PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more information, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

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

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

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / 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.

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

YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please follow this link <http://www.tinyurl.com/ot613> or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

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

Parshas Vayakhel- Pekudei

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Mincha

6:50 PM

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