



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

22-23 Tishreil 5776

October 5- 6, 2015

Shabbos Chol Hamoed

(Fri.-Shabbos Oct 2,3)

- Candlelighting: 6:20 PM
- Mincha: 6:30 PM
- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM

Rabbi Luban's Shiur on Taanis 5:20 PM

- Mincha: 1:45, 6:10 PM
- Maariv: 7:20PM
- Shabbos Ends: 7:27PM

Hoshanah Rabba, Erev Shemini Atzeres

(Sun. Oct. 4)

- Shacharis: 6:45 and 8:30 (main shul)
7:30 (downstairs)
- Candlelighting: 6:17 PM
- Mincha-Maariv: 6:25 PM

Shemini Atzeres

Monday October 5)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00, 9:15 AM
Yizkor not before 9 & 10:30 AM
- Mincha: 6:20 PM
- Candlelighting not before 7:24 PM

Simchas Torah

(Tuesday October 6)

- Shacharis: 6:45, 9:00 AM
- Early Mincha after 9:00 AM Shacharis
- Mincha: 6:20 PM
- Maariv: 7:15 PM
- Yom Tov ends: 7:22 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Weds, Fri: 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9AM
Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM

Weekday Mincha – Maariv: 6:15 PM

Daf Yomi

Friday-after Maariv
Shabbos -one hour before Mincha
Sunday- after 8am Shacharis
Monday – Tuesday – one hour before Mincha
Wednesday-Thursday- after Maariv

HOSHANOS

Hoshanos are available at all minyanim on Hoshanah Rabba for \$6 each.

HOSHANAH RABBA

It is Ohr Torah policy to restrict Klaping Hoshanas to the tiled areas by the Bima and Aron Kodesh (in the main sanctuary), or on the floor in the hallways. Please DO NOT Klap on the Pews, any wooden furniture, sink areas or on the carpeting. Thank You.

SHIUR FOR TEENAGERS

Rav Yoni Danzger will be giving a Shiur for teenagers between Mincha and Maariv on Shmini Atzeres. The title is "Vayehi Binsova HaAron: Can I Sit During Hakafos?"

KIDDUSH

Kiddush sponsorship is available for November 21st& 28th.

YOM TOV AND THE HURRICANE

It is uncertain what track Hurricane Joaquin will take. If, Chas V'shalom, it moves in our

direction, there is a chance that we may sustain very high winds. Most Sukkos cannot withstand intense winds, and flying Sukkah pieces may become dangerous projectiles, imperiling people's safety.

In the event that our neighborhood experiences high winds there may be a need to dismantle our Sukkos before Shemini Atzeres. Almost always, safety overrides other concerns of Mitzvah observance. We will keep you posted and make recommendations as needed.

We also may experience power outages and flooding. As the needs present themselves, we will share practical and Halachic recommendations.

We hope Be'ezeras Hashem the storm will not affect us and we will experience a pleasant and serene Yom Tov.

Vaad Harabonim of Raritan Valley

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

Concentrate on saying "Amen"

OHR TORAH CHILDREN'S HAKAFOT

On Monday night October 5th starting at 5:15PM until 6:15 PM, Ohr Torah will host its Fifth Annual Childrens Hakafot in the Kiddush Room. Israeli flags and song sheets will be provided as we dance with the Torah to usher in the start of Simchat Torah. In addition, a light pareve dinner will be provided for children and their parents including bagels, tuna and egg salad and cupcakes for dessert! Candy bags will be handed out at the Shul Hakafot later that evening. There is no registration necessary...just come and enjoy! In addition there will be a Youth Program on Shabbat Chol Hamoed October 3rd and Shmini Atzeret October 5th starting at 10 AM however there will be no program on Simchat Torah October 6th. Any questions...contact Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net.

ISRAELI ESROGIM AND SHEVI'IS

Please note that if you purchased an Israeli Esrog this year, it has Kedushas Sheviis, which means it has special sanctity since it grew during a Shemita year, and the Esrog may not be discarded immediately after Sukkos.

It is preferable to return the Esrog to Israel after Sukkos. Rabbi Shimoni has graciously offered to send Esrogim back to Israel. You may bring your Esrog to his store, Highland Park Judaica, at the corner of 3rd Ave. and Raritan Ave. You may do so whether or not you purchased your Esrog from his store. Please bring you Esrog in to the store as soon as possible.

Alternatively, the Esrog should be placed in a safe place to dry up on its own. Once the Esrog completely dries up, it may be wrapped and discarded. While this is acceptable, sending the Esrog back to Israel is the more preferable option.

Rabbi Yaakov Luban

SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH

Ohr Torah is once again planning an elaborate, sumptuous, hot Simchat Torah Kiddush. To help defray the costs of the Kiddush to the Shul, we are looking for sponsors. Please consider becoming a \$100 sponsor by contacting, Arthur Atlas, Jeff Klein, Yoel Schwartz, Barry Siegel or Leslie Ney.

TORAH TAPE LIBRARY

Notice: The Torah Tape Library will be closed thru Sun., October 11, 2015, for the Jewish Holidays.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:.

- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban ZT"L
- Fran & Shmuel Leitman in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban ZT"L
- Robert & Riki Kreitman in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban ZT"L
- Barry & Aviva Siegel in honor of Phil & Marcia Rosen and the OT Enhancing Our Tefillah Experience initiative

RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN

The Forgotten Refugees: A documentary about the mass exodus of Jews from Arab countries and Iran in the 20th century. Date: Tuesday, Oct 13, Time: 12:00 noon Location: Cong Ohr Torah,

48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ

The program will include a light lunch followed by an introduction to The Forgotten Refugees by Dr. Michael Wasserman. 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 at least 2 days prior to the event to Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786,

Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

EDGEMOUNT ROAD PARKING

Please use the parking lot to park over Shabbos and especially over Yom Tov as a courtesy to our neighbors. It is especially important to be careful never to block

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillators are located on the wall in the upstairs hallway and on the wall in the downstairs entry hallway. CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-640-5545

mailboxes on Edgemount Road as mail is not delivered if mailboxes are blocked.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS **ACTT**

ACTT Starts 10th Year: On Sunday, Oct 18, at 8PM at Cong Ohav Emeth, come hear Rabbi Heshy Kleinman, World-Renowned Author and International Speaker, Co-founder and Director of the V'Ani Tefillah Foundation, speak on: "The Secret to More Powerful Prayer". This is an ACTT sponsored community- wide event for the Kavanah During Davening module 6 with start date of Oct 19. The source book is: "Praying with Meaning" by Rabbi Kleinman. Admission for all is free. For info, e-mail info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572- 8762.

BNEI AKIVA IN EDISON/HP

This year we are lucky to have Aleeza Dessau as the head of our Snif along with Zach Spero. You can contact them at snifedison@gmail.com. Snif at OT will start this year on OCTOBER 17th at OT one hour before Mincha for 3rd to 8th graders. Lets have a great year and see you there.

YACHAD KICK OFF EVENT

Join YACHAD for our exciting kick off events: For mom's of special needs kids: Mom's Night Out! Paint Night & Sushi at Make Me Take Me on Sunday evening, Oct 11th from 6-8PM. Please RSVP by Oct 7th. For Yachad participants: Pizza Making and Crayon Canvas Art at the East Brunswick Jewish Center on Sunday, Oct 18th from 1-3PM, please RSVP by Oct 14th. To RSVP for more info please contact Bracha Avraham at 718.440.0099 or avrahamb@ou.org.

RPRY NEWS & EVENTS

-RPRY is holding its Annual Raffle to help support Jewish Education. Tickets are 1/\$36 or 3/\$100. The Grand Prize is 2 tickets to Israel; Second and Third prize is a \$500 and \$250 scholarship. The drawing will be held on Sunday, Oct 11 at the RPRY Color Run in Memory of Morah Miri Gordon z'l. Please contact Alan Borck (aborck99@gmail.com), Leeor Jerushalmay (leeor99@yahoo.com), or Debbie Brown in the RPRY office (dbrown@rpry.org) to purchase tickets, or for more info. Thanks for your support of Jewish Education!

-RPRY is excited to launch the first Morah Miri Memorial Color Run on Sunday, October 11th, 2015 at 930, at Pappaianni Park, Edison, NJ (across from Costco). Please join us as we run (or walk) into colors to raise funds in memory of our beloved Morah Miri (who succumbed to breast cancer) during breast cancer awareness month. We hope to use the proceeds of this event to dedicate a resource room in her memory. We anticipate a fun filled event for all ages(2-102).

Please join in the excitement of this event and sponsor a loved one to run (walk). To sponsor a loved one, simply set up a fundraising page at www.firstgiving.com/RPRY/ColorRun, and click on the Register tab. To register for this Color Run, please email rprycolor@gmail.com. For more information, please contact Ida Scheiner at imscheiner@aol.com, or Jennie Fine at jenniefine1@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISER

David Jacobi, formerly of Edison/Highland Park and the IDF Golani Brigade, is doing a 35 mile bike ride fundraiser for ALYN Hospital, Israel's only pediatric & adolescent rehab facility on Oct. 29, 2015.. US Donations can be made on-line at the Wheels of Love web site

<http://www.wolusa.org/> - please search for David Jacobi & then click on his name in Red to access David's fundraising page. Checks to Friends of ALYN Hospital can be sent to the Jacobi Family, 88 Leslie Street, Edison, NJ 08817.

CHARITY FUND FOR THE BLIND

As in past years once again, I appeal to the Congregation for The Charity Fund for the Blind. This organization, which was founded by Aliza Goldstein and her husband Yehuda of Jerusalem, has no paid employees and zero overhead. Every dollar we raise is used efficiently and directly with not a penny spent outside of the direct help that is dispensed.

Please send your donations directly to Bella Lerner, 1 Celler Rd, Edison. If in doubt how to address the check please call me at [732 317 1786](tel:7323171786).

BIKUR CHOLIM

-VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Mollie Reuben, Sara Genchik, and Ms. Esther Tucker at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane and Dr. Miriam Engelsohn at Care One, 599 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick. If you are able to help out, please call Rahel Baruh at [732-672-4673](tel:7326724673) or email rbaruh@yahoo.com. Tizku l'mitzvot!

BRURIAH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Nov 1, at 9:30 am at The Jewish Educational Center's Bruriah Campus - 35 North Avenue, Elizabeth. Join us to learn about our engaging and empowering limudei kodesh curriculum, competitive STEM track, award winning athletics program, etc. Open to all current female 8th graders and their parents. Please pre-register at Bruriah.theJEC.org or for any questions call [908-355-4850](tel:9083554850).

HP TOWNWIDE GARAGE SALE

Highland Park's annual town-wide garage sale is Sunday, October 11th! If you would like to sign up to have a sidewalk sale, please email HPGarageSale@gmail.com or call [732-249-1654](tel:7322491654) and include your name, address, email address and phone number.

EMUNAH

Emunah is joining Highland Park for their annual township wide garage sale on Sunday, October 11 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It will be held at Adrienne Orani's home, 292 North 5th Avenue, Highland Park. Please look through your home and feel free to donate anything and everything to make this event a success. We are looking for all sorts of items including furniture, bicycles, glassware, dishes, picture frames, Judaica, etc... Now is the time to clean out your home of all those unwanted gifts and used items. For drop off information, which will begin after October 7, please call Sue Redlich at 732-558-4917. We welcome volunteers throughout the day. Please call Sue to be assigned a 2 hour time slot. Chessed hours can also be provided to students.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at 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 information to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

HIGHLAND 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. Sept. 26: 9:00 – 11:00; Oct 3: 9:00 – 11:00; Oct 4-5: Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret–by appointment; Oct 6, 10, 17, 31: 8:30 – 10:30. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more info, call 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.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

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

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 go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

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

Shabbos Bereshis

Candlelighting:	6:09 PM
Mincha:	6:15 PM

Ohr Torah can be found on the internet at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. You can join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to 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 there is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.