



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Yitro

20 Shevat 5776

January 30, 2016

Candlelighting:	4:53PM
Mincha:	5:00 PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun shiur after Hashkama</i>	
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):	9:40AM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 4:00 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45 & 4:50 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Henry Schanzer</i>	
Maariv:	6:00 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs.	6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Tues., Weds. & Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	5:00 PM
Late Maariv:	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Akiva Sauer Daf Yomi Iyun shiur – cancelled this week</i>	
<i>R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur- Mon. 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM</i>	
<i>Kollel Learning: Wednesday 8-10:10 PM</i>	
Daf Yomi	
Shabbos- After Kabolos Shabbos, at 8:15 AM and after hashkama. Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 PM Maariv	

Schwartz, Asaf Shmuel, Matt Holland, or Jonathan Teitelbaum for further info.

SECURITY DETAIL

For those volunteering-- The first training session of our security detail will be Monday Feb 8th 7:30 -10:30PM in OT. Dates for subsequent sessions will be discussed then.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets is one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the annual Shul Dinner on March 27th. Please contact Barry Siegel, Charlie Gershbaum, Jason Jurkevich or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets.

BONE MARROW DRIVE

Lisa Schanzer's mother needs a bone marrow transplant as soon as possible. She has teamed up with BeTheMatch Bone Marrow Registry to hold a drive on Feb 7th - 9AM-3PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. If you are at least 18 years old, please come and help save a life! SCREENING REQUIRES ONLY A CHEEK SWAB

MAZEL TOV

... to David & Miriam Hanfling on the birth of a daughter, Sima Faye (Vivian Faye) to Jessica & Basim Kavesh. Mazel Tov to Tante Deena Rajchgod & Family, Aunt Aviva Lehmann & Family, and Aunt Marisa, and the extended Hanfling, Kagan and Kavesh Families.

...to Yehuda Reinitz on the celebration of his bar mitzvah. Mazal tov to Yehuda's parents, Chaya Reinitz and Eli Reinitz, to the grandparents Rachel & Myron Gurell, Lynn & Mendy Schwartz and to all of Yehuda's siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. Yehuda's family invites the entire community to kiddush following davening.

... to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the birth in Israel of their great grandson Matanya Yehuda. Mazel tov to the parents, Lt.(IDF) Etan and Mira Kestenbaum and proud grandparents Tova (Rivkin) and David Kestenbaum.

CONG. OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

Please save the evening of March 27 for our Annual Dinner at which time we will have the opportunity to pay tribute to two very special couples, Henry and Sheila Schanzer and Ami and Bracha Avraham. Details to follow.

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

Fully concentrate on the words and meaning of every Kaddish and respond appropriately

with Amen, Brich Hu, and Yehei Shmei Rabbah. (The prophet Elijah said:) When the Jews enter their synagogues and yeshivas and respond "May His great Name be blessed," the Holy One Blessed be He nods His assent and says, "Happy is the King Who has such praise in His house" (Talmud Brachos 3a). One who replies "Yehei shmei rabbah..." can rest assured that he has a place in the Next World (Talmud Brachos 57a).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTT

ACTT: "The Secret to More Powerful Prayer" with Rabbi Heshy Kleinman can be downloaded from the Audio page of the ACTT web site at: www.actt613.org/6.html. The current ACTT module is "Kavanah during Davening". Source book: *Praying with Meaning* by Rabbi Kleinman. For more info on ACTT, email info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

KOLLEL BREAKFAST

PLEASE NOTE that the 8th Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED and will take place SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, AT CONGREGATION OHR TORAH AT 9:30AM.

We will be Celebrating the Kolllels Decade of Torah, Avodah & Gemilus Chasodim.

RPRY MISHMAR

RPRY Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7PM. Please bring your own Seforim. Cost is still only \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

AVOS UBANIM

Avos Ubanim (father & son Motzei Shabbos learning) will take place in the Agudah every Motzei Shabbos from 6:45 - 7:45. Every boy who attends will get a slice of pizza and a raffle ticket for a chance to win some great prizes. This program is absolutely free!!

SHLOSHIM FOR CHAIM KRAUS

L'ilui Nishmas Chaim Yitzchok Ben Yisrael Dov Halevi A"H (the little boy tragically killed last week while walking to the Agudah), the Shloshim, which will take place on Zayin Adar Aleph, February 16th, is being commemorated with the learning of Mishnayos. Please use the link below to add your name to the list. If you have any questions, you can contact penina.kraus@gmail.com. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QmvzhtJtWhj9rQeH6N4DGvSibvIUoB4RGD6xDBx-rqQ/edit?usp=sharing>

RESERVE THE DATE

NORPAC Washington mission May 18, 2016.

KHAL CHASSIDIM GUEST SPEAKER

The renowned Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb of Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem will be lecturing in our community at Khal Chassidim on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, at 8:30PM, followed by Maariv at 9:30PM.

JEC ALUMNI NETWORK MELAVA MALKA

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored in honor of Yehuda Reinitz' Bar Mitzvah. Kiddush sponsorship is available for February 20th and March 5th, 19th & 26th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sheila and Henry Schanzer in memory of the yahrtzeit of Henry's mother Bella bas Yitzchok Halevi A"H.

ASSISTANT RABBI SEARCH UPDATE

The search committee is pleased to announce that the following candidates will be joining us for Shabbos Probehs. **Rabbi Yitzi Shulman**, a resident of White Plains, NY and a kiruv professional at Jewish Renaissance Experience, will be joining us on February 19th. **Rabbi Sarel Malitzky**, a resident of Passaic, NJ and a Rebbe at TABC, will be joining us on February 26th. **Rabbi Yitzchak Brand**, a resident of Passaic, NJ and a Rebbe and physics teacher at Kushner High School, will be joining us on March 5th. Additional information about each candidate will follow.

SECURITY TRUSTEES

Ohr Torah is looking for a few good men and/or women to serve on our planned security detail for Shabbos and Yom Tov. Volunteers would participate on a rotation of every 4-5 weeks for 1.5-2 hour shifts. There will be extensive training sessions for all volunteers prior to initiating the security details. Please contact Marc Hanfling, Yoel

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs wall. CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-640-5545

First aid kits are available in the President's Shtender in the main Shul and in the back room of the kitchen.

The JEC Alumni Network proudly invites everyone to its 4th annual Melava Malka honoring Bruriah's late principal, MRS. CHAYA NEWMAN, A"H. World-renowned guest speaker RABBI JONATHAN RIETTI will be giving a presentation. Bruriah High School, 35 North Ave. Elizabeth. SATURDAY, FEB 13TH, 8:30PM (Motzei Shabbos Teruma)

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Save the date! Bikur Cholim Annual Event Sunday March 6th - Pines Manor at 9:30AM. Guests of honor: Dr. Barry and Mrs. Susan Wolf. Guest speaker: Rabbi Eli Mansour

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Highland Park and Edison presents Sharon Freundel on, "TEACH: Torah Education for All Children", exploring paradigms for inclusion of diverse learners in Jewish Education. She is currently the Director of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital and teaches adult Jewish education classes throughout the Greater Washington, DC, area. The program will take place on Saturday night, Jan 30th at 8pm at Cong. Ahavas Achim

FUNDRAISERS

-Lawrence Margolin is raising money for children on the autistic spectrum via Lose4Autism contest. Lawrence is aiming to lose 40 pounds (over an 88 day period) and to raise \$2,500. To donate, go to <http://www.lose4autism.org/my/lawrencemargin> or contact Lawrence directly at 732-690-2350.

-Elie Salomon, is running in a half marathon in Disneyworld at Orlando on Feb 21st to raise money and awareness for a very special organization she helped found, Yesh Tikva. Yesh Tikva (a 501c3) was established in 2015 to combat the loneliness of couples facing infertility and to create a Jewish Community of support.. Please drop a check off at her home: 329 No Fifth Ave, Edison, NJ 08817, or donate thru her fundraising website:

<https://www.youcaring.com/yesh-tikva-478448>

For more info about Yesh Tikva, please visit their website: www.yeshatikva.org

Binyamin Prupis runs in the Jerusalem marathon on March 18th to raise Tzedekah for YACHAD, an organization dedicated to addressing the needs of Jewish individuals with disabilities and ensuring their inclusion in every aspect of Jewish life. Tax deductible donations can be made at <https://jerusalem.teamyachad.com/runner/binyamin88> or drop/mail a check to Prupis, 30 Edgemount Rd, Edison.

RABBI WEISS' SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur for men and women on the Parsha, with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon, will be held on Wednesday nights at 8:30PM. at the Shenkman's residence, 26 Leslie St, Edison.

SHIUR FOR MEN:

Shovavim Project presents a two part review Shiur on Halachos of Taharas Hamishpacha to be given Wed, Feb. 10, and Wed, Feb. 17, at 8PM by Rabbi Steven Miodownik at Cong Ahavas Achim. All married men welcome. For more info, please contact Lynn Hanfling dodcdad@aol.com

EMUNAH EVENT

Sharon Hayden will be hosting a cooking class in her home on Sunday, Feb 21st at 7pm. Entire donation of \$18 will be forwarded directly to EMUNAH. Please make your reservation as early as possible by contacting Pauline Mykoff at [732-572-0457](tel:732-572-0457).

FOR WOMEN

-A weekly discussion for women on the Parsha of the week based on the essays of Rabbi Adin

Steinsaltz and led by Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzalel Strauss, will continue to meet on Mondays at 1PM at AA. All women are invited.

Questions? cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com

-Tiferes DVD for women: THIS Motzai Shabbos, Jan. 30 at 8:30 PM at the Siegel house. Title: Gatekeepers of Greatness, The Jewish woman's indispensable role. Speakers: Rabbi Dovid Elias and Mrs. Rivka Levitansky. For more info, please contact

Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom

- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class meets Thursday at 10AM sharp at Riki Samel's house. Please call the hotline to confirm at [206-666-8911](tel:206-666-8911).

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls meets on Sunday evenings. Please call the hotline to confirm at [732-841-1885](tel:732-841-1885).

Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No classes on Sunday, Jan. 24 and Monday, Jan. 25; For more info, please contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or sieglmom@optonline.net.

-After the resounding success of the Rebbitzin Sima Spetner parenting workshops this past summer, the YST PTA is proud to present "The Science of Parenting from a Torah Perspective" by Rebbetzin Ruthi Lynn, a renowned expert in the field, specially trained and highly recommended by Rebbetzin Sima Spetner. A sample class can be accessed at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6CKN9Wv4ZCAYIVGV19pTG8yS00>

-The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. The Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can also be arranged. For more info and/or to schedule an appt please call Sara Scott at [516-526-0941](tel:516-526-0941).

-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. 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)) sieglmom@optonline.net

-Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): A complimentary service for maternity situations whereby volunteers will come to stay with your kids during the night. For more info on receiving this service or becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116). Thank you.

PARK MIKVAH EVENT

Cooking demonstration and food tasting with Victoria Dwek, Managing Editor of Ami's Whisk Magazine and author of many cookbooks in the "Made Easy" and "Secret Restaurant" series, to benefit the Park Mikvah. Motzei Shabbos, Feb 6th, at 8:15PM at home of Yael Kamelhar, 22 Perry Rd. For women only. Cost of event is \$25 To make a reservation, please email Esther Posen at eposen@optonline.net.

HIGHLAND PARK MIKVAH HOURS

The Highland Park Mikvah hours for Standard Time: Sun-Thursday evenings 8PM – 10:30 PM; Friday nights by appointment only. All Motzai Shabbos in January: 7:30 – 10PM; All Motzai Shabbos in Feb: 7:45 – 10:15. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. ***In case of a snow storm / inclement weather, please call the mikvah at 732-249-2411 for an updated status.*** For more info, 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

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 ludjeeju@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 Mishpatim

Candlelighting:	5:02PM
Mincha:	5:10PM

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