



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Metzorah / Hagadol

8 Nisan 5776

April 16, 2016

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>7:19PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>7:25PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9 &amp; 9:15 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun shiur after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):</b>	<b>9:37AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur cancelled this week</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>1:45 &amp; 6:45PM</b>
<b>Followed by Shabbos Hagadol Drasha</b>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>8:25 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon.,,</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10 &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, 8 &amp; 9AM</b>
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>6:20, 7:10, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Fri. (followed by Siyum)</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>7:25 PM</b>
<b>Late Maariv:</b>	<b>10:10 PM</b>
<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>Weds. Kollel Learning: cancelled this week</i>	
<b>Daf Yomi</b>	
Friday-after first Kabbolas Shabbos	
Shabbos one hour before mincha	
Sunday -after 8 am Shacharis	
Monday-Thursday -after zman Maariv	

### **HASHKOMA KIDDUSH**

Hashkoma Kiddush is co-sponsored by Lynn and Marc Hanfling and Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of their father, Tzvi ben Mordechai and the Yahrtzeit of their grandparents, Sara bas Eliezer, Naftali ben Pinchas and Yosef ben Bimiyomin HaCohen.

### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is being co-sponsored by:  
-Rebecca and Israel Rivkin in memory of their mothers Rebbitzin Ida Bulka Yehudis bas Reuven Pinchas. Ida Rivkin Chaya Chasha bas Tzvi Zev, A"H.  
-Bella and Henry Lerner in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Henry's mother Ahuva Leiba bas Matisyahu Hakohen A"H, and Bella's mother Penina Perel bas Shlomo Tzvi, A"H.  
-Gail and Billy Bogner in memory of the 30th Yahrtzeit of Billy's father Rabbi Sidney Bogner, Horav Yisroel Michal ben Avrohom Dov, A"H.

Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

NO Shalosh Seudos in Shul this Shabbos.

### **MECHIRAS CHOMETZ**

Rabbi Luban will be available for Mechiras Chometz after the 7:15, 8 & 9 AM Sunday Minyanim.

### **THE RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN**

Presents: The Lost Jews of Kaifeng, China. Hear the fascinating history of Jewish life in Kaifeng, China. Beginning during the Northern Sung Dynasty (960-1127) when the Jews of Persia and India traveled the Silk Road to Kaifeng, the community thrived for many years but eventually died out in 1860. Shi Lei, the lecturer, is a descendent from one of the original Jewish families in Kaifeng, China. He is a graduate of Henan University in China. Henry Lerner will introduce the film and present follow up comments. The Retiree D'var Torah will be presented by Dr. Michael Wasserman. In keeping with this month's theme Jerusalem Pizza will cater a Chinese type luncheon. The program is open to all retirees in the community and will offer a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. There will be a charge of \$10 pp to help defray the cost of the meal.

Date: Tues May 17<sup>th</sup> Time: 12 noon  
Location: Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ RSVP Please reply at least 2 days prior to program. Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

### **ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE**

In preparation for Pesach, internalize *V'Taher Libeinu l'Avdecha b'Emes*, "and purify our hearts to serve You in truth" and have extra Kavanah when saying this in each Shabbos and Yom Tov Shmoneh Esrei.

### **DEDICATION ITEMS TO OHR TORAH**

Ohr Torah thanks all the families who have donated many wonderful and beautiful items over more than 2 decades. Please remember that ALL items for dedication need to be discussed with the decorating committee headed by Leslie Ney, no matter how large or small. In addition, all dedication items are given along with a donation that is set before the item is acquired or commissioned. This longstanding Ohr Torah policy has permitted us to build, expand, and maintain our wonderful Shul. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

In celebration of Yom ha-Atzma'ut, Ohr Torah will host Rabbi Yeshaya Steinberger, Maggid Shiur, Yeshivat HaKotel, and a District Rabbi in Jerusalem, who will serve as scholar in residence on the Shabbat of May 13-14.

### **CHOMETZ BURNING/ TRASH AND RECYCLE EREV PESACH, APRIL 22**

*Edison residents: Note garbage, recycle trucks and Chametz burning at N. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & Edgemount Rd. from 7AM until noon. Please bring only what is Halachically necessary for burning.*

*HP Residents: Chometz disposal will be offered during the hours of 6:30 am - 12:00 pm at the Department of Public Works building located at: 444 Valentine St.*

The community thanks Edison Mayor Thomas Lankey and Public Works Director John Haines, Highland Park mayor Gayle Brill and Councilman Josh Fine.

- **Latest time for eating chometz – 10:16 AM**
- **Latest time for burning chometz – 11:36 AM**

### **BNEI AKIVA**

Bnei Akiva is on this week between 5:25 and 6:40 PM Shabbat afternoon. Were going to have an awesome Pre-Pesach Snif this week.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome new members:  
-Chaim and Shira Shenkman

### **CHAMETZ REMOVAL**

Please also remember to check your Talis bags and underneath your seats in Shul to remove all Chametz.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **NORPAC MISSION**

Join us on our annual Mission to Washington to support the U.S.-Israel relationship on Wednesday, May 18th. Buses leave for Washington from our area 6:30AM and return between 9-10PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals provided. [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call (201) 788-5133 Adults - \$175, Students - \$125 (must be over 12. Those under 18 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian). For more info contact Marc Hanfling [docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com) Neer Even-Hen, Yosef Schreiber or Barry Wolf.

#### **ELEM/YOUTH IN DISTRESS**

##### **MISSION TO ISRAEL**

ELEM/Youth in Distress in Israel is sponsoring a Mission to Israel March 19-27, 2017! Join us on a journey of a lifetime to reveal the rich tapestry of Israeli society, enjoy its vibrant art scene, youth culture and explore the complex issues facing Israelis today. Led by Rabbi Dr. Eric M. Lankin, from Highland Park, ELEM Executive Director, this trip will engage both adults and teenagers, delight foodies, culture and art lovers. You'll gain fascinating insights into Israeli society through interactions with Israelis from all walks of life and by extraordinary access to significant political and community leaders. Price: Land Only \$2390 (double occupancy) Early Bird Discount: \$100 per

**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.**

person by September 15, 2016. More info at <http://www.elem.org/#!march-2017-mission/ca1n> or call 212-787-3337

### **RPRY ANNUAL DINNER**

Save the date! RPRY's Annual Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. Please join us in celebrating our Guests of Honor - Susan and Hillel Raymon, our Community Leadership Awardees - Melissa and Leeor Jerushalmy and Distinguished Alumna Awardee - Ariella Noveck, as well as the RPRY Class of 1986. Stay tuned for reservation and ad journal details.

### **ENRV**

#### **Employment Network of Raritan Valley**

Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansley at [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com).

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

-HOMEBOUND VISITATION: Seeking adults and 11th graders and older who would be interested in volunteering to visit homebound people in our community. For more info, please call Bikur Cholim at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181).

- NURSING HOME VISITATION: Seeking volunteers to visit at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane in Somerset. For more info, please call Rahel Baruh at [732-672-4673](tel:732-672-4673) or email [rbaruh@yahoo.com](mailto:rbaruh@yahoo.com)

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appointments - match requesters with an available driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. To volunteer to coordinate or to drive, please call Bikur Cholim hotline at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com)  
- NEW WEBSITE: [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com). The new website provides information regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, how to borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

### **GLATT 27**

Glatt 27 will be open this Motzei Shabbos April 16 from 10 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., with extended hours next week as well. Spend \$300.00 and receive a \$20.00 coupon towards your next purchase. There are over 65 items on special.

### **OHAV EMETH**

-Join the Ohav Emeth Youth Department on a trip to the Franklin Institute on Sunday, April 17th (the Sunday before Pesach). Children 4 years-6th grade are invited. The bus will be leaving from OE at 9:00 am and returning at 3:30 pm. \$35 per child. Please bring a bagged lunch. Snacks will be provided. RSVP required: [oechildren@gmail.com](mailto:oechildren@gmail.com)

### **AHAVAS YISROEL**

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE at Ahavas Yisrael: this Shabbos with Dr. David Luchins. Dr. Luchins will be speaking three times over the course of the weekend: at a Friday night Oneg, following dinner in Shul (9:00PM), on the topic "Elections 2016: What's Good for the Jews?" Dr. Luchins will deliver the Shabbos morning drasha on "The Future of Modern Orthodoxy," and then again Shabbos afternoon after Mincha, Shabbos HaGadol Drasha on "When Public Policy and Halacha Clash."

### **YOUNG ISRAEL**

The Young Israel of East Brunswick's "Yom Hashoah Program" will be held at 7:30pm on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The program will include speeches by two Holocaust survivors: Rachel Sambul, a Polish Jew who fled with her family to Russia and endured horrific conditions in Siberia, and Saul Graf, a Hungarian Jew who was transported to Auschwitz in 1944 and also survived other labor camps. For more info, please contact Debbie Chustckie at [chustckie@gmail.com](mailto:chustckie@gmail.com).

### **DORENE SCHWARTZ-WEITZ'S ART EXHIBIT**

Dorene Schwartz-Weitz's latest piece, "Tzitzit", 'טציצית', part of the Mitzvah Kotel Project, [mitzvahkotel.org](http://mitzvahkotel.org), Youtube [Mitzvah Kotel Project, https://youtu.be/wI7sedTcXzM](https://youtu.be/wI7sedTcXzM), is on exhibit at The Brooklyn Jewish Art Gallery of Congregation Kol Israel, 603 St. Johns Pl in Brooklyn, until June 26th.

### **FOR WOMEN**

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)  
-Woman's Parsha discussion: Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzalel Strauss, will be conducting discussion based on the essays of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, every Monday 1PM in the AA Beit Midrash. All interested women are invited. Contact Cynthia at [cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com) with any questions.

-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.  
-Tiferes women: Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Pre-Pesach - Finding Geulah Within" with Mrs. Chani Juravel. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class and SemPlus shiur will resume after Pesach.

- 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).

-Women's beginning Israeli Dancing will resume after Lag B'Omer Sun, May 29. For more info, please contact Rachel at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

-The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is open for business! The Gemach houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. Please note 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.

### **PARK MIKVAH HOURS**

-The Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) to obtain one.  
-If you are purchasing from Amazon, please consider signing up with [www.amazonsmiles.com](http://www.amazonsmiles.com) - a donation will be made to Park Mikvah.  
-The Highland Park Mikvah hours for Daylight Savings Time: Sunday-Thursday evenings 9:00 PM - 11PM; Friday nights by appt only. April 16:

9:30 - 11:30. April 22, 23, 28, 29: by appt only. April 24: 9:30 - 11:30. April 30: 9:45 - 11:30. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. *In case of inclement weather, please call mikvah at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or see [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org) for an updated status.* Info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) / email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com).

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

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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 [siegelddad@optonline.net](mailto:siegelddad@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:**

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 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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**YAHRZEIT DATABASE:** To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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

### **Pesach**

Candlelighting:	7:26PM
Mincha:	7:35PM

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