



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

Rabbi Sariel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi

Parshat Acharei Mot/Mevarchim

29 Nissan 5779

May 4, 2019

Candlelighting: 7:37PM

Plag Mincha 6:00 PM

Mincha: 6:45 & 7:45 PM

Note start of 7:30 Friday Mincha/ Kabalas Shabbos next week

Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:23 AM

Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – Cancelled this week

Mincha: 1:45 PM, 6:00 & 7:10PM

Note start of 6:00 PM Kollel Mincha

Note earlier mincha to accommodate Scholar in Residence

Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Moshe Lichtman

Maariv: 8:45 PM

Shabbos Ends: 8:46 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8 & 9:00 AM

Mon. (Rosh Chodesh) 6:10, 6:50 & 8AM

Tues., Wed. & Fri 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM

Early Mincha Sun. 1:45 PM

Mincha/Maariv 7:45 PM

Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun Shiur – cancelled this week

-Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Sheilos Uteshuvos Monday night 9:10 PM

-Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th grade- cancelled this week

-Rabbi Raffi Landau's Boy's High School Shiur between Mincha and Maariv in downstairs classroom

Daf Yomi

Monday- Thursday 7:30 PM and continuing after Z'man M'aariv

Friday -after first Maariv

Shabbos -one hour before Mincha

Sunday-after 8AM Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Elise & Sam Berlin in honor of the newlyweds.

Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 25, June 8 and Shavuot (June 9 and 10).

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Audrey and Danny Mondrow, Lezecher Nishmas Danny's mother, Helen Mondrow, Sima Yente Bas Avrohom Shmuel Halevi, and Danny's sister, Marian Mondrow, Malka Beila Bas Alter Michael.

CARLEBACH MINYAN

There will be a Shabbos Mevorchim Carlebach Minyan at 6:45pm in YFM room.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Ohr Torah will once again plant flowers into the concrete planters in front of the building in an effort to beautify the exterior of our Shul. We are looking for \$50 sponsors per planter to help defray the cost of the

flowers. If you would like to sponsor a planter, please contact Jeff Klein (jeffreyklein@yahoo.com) or Leslie Ney (lesney@att.net).

MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Luban on the birth of a son to their children Devori and Yosef Dov Luban.

...to Rabbi and Mrs, Shraga Gross on the birth of a daughter to their children Eliyahu and Leeora Gross.

... to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the engagement of their granddaughter Rachel Kwestel of Cedarhurst to David Apfelbaum of New Rochelle. Mazel Tov to the proud parents Rena (Rivkin) and Marc Kwestel, Drs. Mark and Rochelle Apfelbaum.

... to Eileen Wagshul on the birth of a son to her grandchildren Shira (Sragow) & Ari Lewis. Mazel Tov to his siblings Amalya & Tani , grandparents Linda & Murray Sragow and all the Sragow, Wagshul & Lewis families.

... to Elise and Sam Berlin on the recent marriage and Shabbos Sheva Brachos of their children Britt Berlin and Yitzky Fisch . Mazel Tov to Yitzky's parents, Lisa & Boruch Fisch and to grandparents Mrs. Fay Berlin, Mrs. Beverly Schockett, Mr & Mrs Abe Fishman, and Mrs. Edith Fisch, and the entire Berlin, Fisch, Schockett & Fishman families.

... to Deborah and Gregory Botvinik on the birth of a daughter to their children Jordan and Shani Botvinik. Mazel Tov to all their siblings and uncles and cousins.

... to Toby and Michael Eleff on the birth of twin daughters to their children Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef Kassorla.

... to Michael and Randi Lipkin on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents, Raanan and Michal Lipkin.

... to Miriam and Mark Goldblatt on the birth of a son to their children Rabbi Yossi and Eliana Cohen. Mazel Tov to Yossi's parents Dr. Shmuel and Ettie Cohen, to the great grandparents Dr. Irwin and Mildred Goldblatt and Dr. Yaakov and Margalit Mamet, and the entire extended family.

Shalom Zachor will be Friday night at 27 Edgemount Road, Edison at 9 pm.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

This Shabbos we are privileged to host Rabbi Moshe Lichtman as part of Shabbat Yom Ha'atzmaut.

- Derasha in Hashkama Minyan.

- Post Hashkama Shiur for men and women-

"Why do we Face Jerusalem in Prayer?"

- Derasha in main minyan- after Mussaf (Approximately at 11:00am)

-Shiur for women at 6:00pm in social hall- "How to Bring Mashiach Now"

- Shiur upstairs after Shalosh Seudos [approximately 7:50] for men and women- *Is the State of Israel Really What We've Been Waiting For?*

CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to inform you of the passing of Aharon Dovid Baim, the brother of Miriam Goldblatt.

The funeral was in Los Angeles.

Shiva will continue Friday at 27 Edgemount Rd. Edison NJ 08817

Motzei Shabbos: 9:30 pm -11:30 pm

Sunday: 10 am-4 pm, 6 pm-10 pm.

Miriam gets up on Monday.

There are no minyanim at the Shiva house.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

OHR TORAH'S COMMITTEE TO AID VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

Erev Pesach, Riki and Robert Kreitman on behalf of Ohr Torah's Committee to Aid Victims of Terrorism visited Mrs. Ettinger whose husband was murdered, leaving her widowed with 12 children. This is the English translation of her response (in Hebrew) to the visit and donation from our Congregation, which we should all take to heart.

"Shalom,

A few weeks ago my husband, the father of my children, was murdered in cold blood.

While the loss is great, nonetheless, because of you we feel like we are not alone. And because of you, we feel that we are a strong nation, united and unified. A tremendous thanks to you. May Hashem bless all of you with everything that is good and may we speedily merit the Geula Sheleimah.

Tamar Ettinger"

SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY THIS SUNDAY

There will be breakfast and Shiur after both the 8am and 9am Minyonim.

-After the 8am Minyan- Breakfast and shiur Rabbi Moshe Benovitz - *Israel as a Blessing or Burden.*

-After the 9am Minyan- Breakfast and shiur Rabbi Yosef Rimon- *Halachic Considerations in Issues of Life and Death: The Responsum that Led to Finding the Three Kidnapped Boys in June 2014*

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Recent events emphasize the importance of our volunteer security team comprised of

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs. Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.

CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-456-6666

shul members working along with our armed police guard. Our security committee is seeking additional volunteers for all positions both outside and inside in the various minyanim. Please contact Jonathan Teitelbaum for more information.

NORPAC

Last call for NORPAC mission registration. Sign up on line Norpac.net or call 201 7885133. Norpac mission orientation and training Motzei Shabbos May 18 9:45 pm in the social hall.

NCSY BIBLE AND BBQ WITH RABBI MALITZKY

All teens are invited to a special Bible and BBQ session with Rabbi Sarel Malitzky on Tuesday, May 7, 7:30-9:00PM at Park Place. Free food and inspiration! Choose either a free burger and fries, hot dog and fries, chicken nuggets and fries or fries and fries! For more info please contact Rabbi Shmuel Greene at greenes@ncsy.org

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS **WIN A CRUISE: JFS FUNDRAISER**

Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is once again sponsoring a raffle to win a 7 day Celebrity Cruise for two to a destination of your choice. This is a \$2,500 value. Tickets are only \$36 each or 3 for \$100 (winner is responsible for all taxes & fees) The winning ticket will be drawn on June 2nd at the JFS Gala. You do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets please contact Murray Katz at 732-985-7348 or at katzmurray@yahoo.com. All proceeds will directly benefit the vital social service programs for the Jewish Community.

SOFER

The Sofer will be available to check your mezzuzot and tefillin Sunday, May 5, 2019, from 10 a.m. at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. For questions or to make an appointment, please call 732-828-7722.

MEN'S JUMP ROPE CLASS

Build a healthier Guf for your Neshama! Sign up for a FREE Men's Beginner Jump Rope Class on Sunday, May 5 at 9am in the Ahavas Achim social hall. No prior jump roping experience is necessary and ropes and workout mats will be provided for in-class use. Register at www.jumpintoshape.fun to reserve your spot. Based on interest, a 6 week class will start on May 12. Contact Russell Moskowitz for questions at 973.476.7356 or jumpintoshape@icloud.com

RPRY

-Countdown! Just 18 days until the RPRY Annual Dinner! Why is this Dinner from all other Dinners? 1. In other years, we've honored a small number of people. This year we are celebrating our community's Holocaust survivors, who work hand in hand with our students, and whose dedication and commitment to Torah, to the Land of Israel, and the Jewish People is steadfast. 2. In other years, we've had one traditional ad journal. This year in addition to the ad journal, we will be creating a Memorial & Honor scroll to honor any Shoah survivor. This scroll be archived and shown during future RPRY programs, so these names will continue to be remembered. Please show your appreciation and your support to these amazing role models by RSVPing and/or submitting ads at <http://www.rprydinner.org>. - Save the Date! Wednesday, May 15, 2019 RPRY invites the entire community to Names, Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making©. This inspiring

program features the stories of seven Holocaust survivors, as filmed by RPRY eighth graders. Admission is free; we welcome sponsorships, which will be acknowledged at the event. For more information or to sponsor the program, please go to <https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/names-not-numbers> or call the yeshiva at 732-572-5052.

HIGHLAND PARK EDISON CONNECTS

Join us next Wednesday, May 8th at 12:30PM for the second video of the new Tammy Karmel series on relationships titled "Building Worlds with Words." This week's lunch and learn video presentation is being hosted and sponsored by Yossi and Ruchi Stern at their home, 19 Brookdale Court, HP, to mark the first yearzeit of their sister, Bina Stern Blumenfrucht, A"H.

NCSY

Celebrate Lag Ba'Omer at the community wide happening, coordinated by NCSY, on Thursday, May 23, 6:00-8:00PM at Grove 1 in Donaldson Park. Free admission! Activities for kids and adults! Food and drinks for sale! Contact Rabbi Shmuel Greene for more info and sponsorship opportunities at greenes@ncsy.org or 973-214-8577

NCSY ISRAEL

Riki and Robert Kreitman will be hosting a parlor meeting on behalf of NCSY Israel on Wednesday, May 15th between 8:30-9:30 PM at their home, at 22 Marshall Drive. Checks can be made out to NCSY Israel-OU Israel.

YESHAIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI

Yeshivat Netivot Montessori in East Brunswick will be having a school tour on Tuesday, May 7 from 9:15am - 11:00am. Come see our beautiful classrooms where child enjoy freedom of movement, an integrated curriculum, and individual and small group lessons. Sign up on our website www.mynetivot.com or call 732-985-4626 or email operations@mynetivot.com.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Email Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com if you would like to receive our job postings and/or would like help with your resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

JOURNEY TO POLAND

Join Journey to Poland with Project Inspire, July 23-28 -- see where Jews lived and flourished for close to 1,000 years and the sites of their near total destruction in WWII. Featuring Rav Shmuel Silber of Baltimore, educator, and Tzvi Sperber of J-Roots, Tour Guide. For details, contact R' Mordechai Tropp: event@projectinspire.com or 646-461-3316.

KHAL CHASIDIM

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on "The Community Eruv in Modern Times" on Shabbos, May 4th at 6:20PM at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Avenue. Topics will include how does it work, one of the religious women's rights to have an eruv on Shabbos and how to make your very own eruv. For more information, please contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

WRAPUNZEL VISITS HIGHLAND PARK

Wrapunzel Event is "on"! Wrapunzel will be in HP May 26 -3pm-7pm. Location to be announced. Learn to tie rockin' tichels, hear inspirational ideas and participate in head wrapping demos Wrapunzel (www.wrapunzel.com). Workshops are inspiring, intimate, and hands-on. If interested

use the survey, call/text, or email me. Laini Weitz 973-876-8741 Pixelpixie92@gmail.com

RABBI WEISS

Rabbi Weiss's shiur on Tehillim for men and women will restart on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:30PM at 154 N. 10th Avenue. For further information, please contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

BEN PORAT YOSEF

Ben Porat Yosef invites the entire community to a ceremony commemorating Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror. Tuesday, May 7th 8:00 p.m. at BPY East 243 Frisch Court, Paramus, NJ 07652 "The Path of the Heroes of Am Yisrael" Featured speaker, Joey Rubinstein, originally from Silver Spring, MD serves as a machine gunner in the Explosives and Engineering unit of the Nahal brigade in the IDF. Let us come together to show our support for those who protect and defend Israel. The program will be both in English and Hebrew. For more information contact drhadar@benporatyosef.org

BARKAI PARLOR MEETING

Irene and David Siegelman are hosting a parlor meeting Sunday May 5th at 8:30 PM on behalf of the Barkai Center for Practical Rabbinics and Community Development, based in Modiin. The parlor meeting will be held at 92 Leslie Street, Edison.

Barkai, founded in 2011 by Rabbi David Fine, an RPRY Alum, trains religious Zionist rabbis in all elements of practical and communal rabbinics, making them dynamic, effective, relevant and empathetic community professionals.

For more information regarding the parlor meeting, please contact David at 732-501-4008 or siegelmancpa@optonline.net. To learn more about Barkai, please click on hyperlinks below:

<https://youtu.be/eA1ca6AD4I0>

<https://youtu.be/K5RqFqzywE8>

AHAVAS YISROEL WOMEN'S LEARNING PROGRAM

The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program is pleased to announce our next shiur:

Mrs. Chaya L. Eidelman , Principal of Reenas Bais Yaakov will speak on the topic: "Insights into Pirkei Avos". Please join us on habbat afternoon, May 18th , 2019 at 5:30 PM at the home of Mrs. Rivky Arnow 69 Marshall Drive, Edison For more information: sharonglaser@gmail.com

RJJ DINNER

Sunday June 2, 2019, Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva Dinner, Edison/ Highland Park Honorees.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Eleff, "Lifetime Legacy Award", Mr. Jerry Silverstein. In recognition of his support of Torah Education in our Community Ballroom at Bellworks. For info please call the Yeshiva Office at 732-985-6533.

MOTHER'S DAY EMUNAH PROJECT

Last year our EMUNAH chapter sent \$9,000 to needy Israeli children and seniors, thanks to the annual Mother's Day Project. And we made you or your loved one happy by receiving a gift package or by knowing that you made a donation in their honor.

Purchase of a delightful gift basket benefits EMUNAH's day care and senior centers in Israel. The deadline for payment of \$75 is this Sunday May 5th, so let us know right away if you want a package to go to your spouse, mother, your daughter, your favorite aunt, friend, nursing home, yourself! If not a package, you can just make a donation in honor of the special day and our special organization.

Packages will be available for pickup on Mothers Day (Sunday May 12) at Cong Ohr Torah, 2 Edgemount, Edison between 8:30-9:30 am. (If you absolutely cannot arrange pickup, please add

\$5 to your order for local delivery, with address and phone number of recipient.) Simply indicate your intention to participate by sending an email message to sueredlich@gmail.com, and drop a \$75 check made out to EMUNAH in the mailbox of Sue Redlich, 437 Harrison Avenue, Highland Park NJ 08904 by this Sunday.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, May 5. Refreshments at 10:45 AM, Shiur at 11:00 AM in the basement of the Aguda Shule as Shiur is being dedicated in loving memory of the mother of Judy Tannenbaum, Mrs. Marion Pianko, Mahriam Ruchel b-s Yaakov Ben Tzion, upon her sheloshim. All women are encouraged and welcome to attend this shiur.

Parsha class on Monday, May 6 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva at 732-572-4408 or siegelmom@gmail.com - Women's Learning Initiative: Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas! For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact information to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com

-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Tuesday, May 7 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park. Please call / text Leah at 917-763-1848 to confirm.

-Shimras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: Class on Monday, May 6 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison. For more info, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787

- The Women's AMEN Group meets monthly on the Sundays following the Shabbos in which one benschos Rosh Chodesh, at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Congregation Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.

- Tiferes: Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

PARK MIKVAH

-Please support the mikvah while purchasing on Amazon. Use the following link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953>. A donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

May Hours:

· Sunday - Thursday, 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM

· Friday night by appointment only

· Motzai Shabbos:

-May 4: 9:45 PM – 11:30 PM

-May 11,18,25: 10:00 PM – 11:30 PM

All Friday night appointments should be made online at www.parkmikvah.org. Alternatively they can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-8155. Note: From 4/28/19-5/10/19, text/call (732) 470-1041. If you have any questions or to make an out of hours appointment, please text (732) 221-8155 or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

GEMACHS

Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is happy to announce they are also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Located in Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.

-The Edison/HP Gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin Gemach Gowns for children thru adult. Donations of good condition gowns sought. Tax deduct given/pick up of gowns arranged. Info/appt Sara Scott 516-526-0941.

- New Kittel gemach available! If you – or someone you know--needs to borrow a kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at 732-545-9353. Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

--Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hats, tichels scarves, sheitels, accessories. Call to receive or donate. Gina Gittle Tonkonog 347-615-3294 scarves, sheitels, accessories.

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

Rabbi Moshe Lichtman	5/3-4
Mrs. Michal Horowitz	TBD

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: Subscribe to Announcements, go to www.ohrtorah.net

E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net

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

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES
Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending detailed email with all dedicatory wording to marty@rivieradoors.com. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegelmad@gmail.com.

HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS: Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7AM-10AM.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS:

Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See the OT website, www.ohrtorah.net, for various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah

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

LOCAL ERUV: We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Be aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

· **Twitter:** Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter. Follow @hp_erv on Twitter Get updates about eruv's status as it's been determined.

· **Text Messages:** Don't have a Smartphone or don't want to use Twitter? Get alerts via text. This involves setting up a Twitter account, but once setup, you can ignore your Twitter account. It gives you immediate alerts without Twitter blather.

· **Facebook:** Facebook group @hperuv that gets updated when we update Twitter account. Follow Facebook group (don't just "Like" it), and you'll get alerts about the eruv's status via Facebook.

· **Email:** Go to <http://hperuv.org> and sign up for the email list. The email list checks the eruv's status after 3pm once per hour and sends out an email with updates.

· **Eruv Webpage:** The eruv webpage at <http://hperuv.org> has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page. We also have new webpage at

<http://hperuv.org> with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv.

Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.

Parshas Kedoshim

Candlelighting:	7:44 PM
Mincha:	6:45, 7:30 and 7:50 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.