



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Vayakhel

Candlelighting: 5:21 PM
Mincha: 5:30 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:26 AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur: 4:25 PM
Mincha: 1:30 & 5:10 PM
NOTE: Mincha 5 minutes earlier than originally scheduled
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Yussi Strauch
Maariv: 6:25 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:30 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
Monday 9:10 PM
Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM
Wednesday Night Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR WINTER:
Shabbos Morning – 8:15 AM and/ or after Hashkama. **Sunday:** After 8 AM Shacharis
Monday – Thursday: after 7:30 Maariv

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th and April 5th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: mbarenh@yahoo.com. To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER

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

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com or mschneider19@yahoo.com.

TREE OF LIFE and/or YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby EitzChayim 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

E-MAIL LIST

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

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MAZEL TOV

...to Cheryl & Yussi Strauch on the Aufruf, this Shabbos, of their son Moshe, and his forthcoming marriage to Devora Widman. Mazel Tov to Moshe's grandmother, Rebbitzin Shirley Maza and to Devora's parents, Mindy and Ira Widman. ...to Glenda and Moshe Sherman on the engagement of their son, Yonatan, to Rachel Jungreis, daughter of Alta and Binyamin Jungreis of West Orange, N.J. ... to Helen and Benjy Kramer on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Russi to Jason Shor of Holiswood, Queens. Mazel Tov to Jason's parents Estee and Stuart Shor, as well to Russi's grandparents Edith and Walter Kramer and Helen and Emil Siegel, and to Jason's grandmother Mrs. Paula Shor.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Cheryl and Yussi Strauch in honor of Moshe's Aufruf.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is being sponsored by Cheryl & Yussi Strauch in honor of Moshe's Aufruf.

CONDOLENCES

Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences to:
 -Dr. Ted Stahl on the loss of his wife, Dr. Eva Stahl, Z"L. Shiva will be observed at the Stahl residence, 460 Harrison Ave in Highland Park, and concludes Monday morning. Saturday night: Shiva resumes 7 - 9:30 PM. Sun: Shiva visitation 10:30am-12:30pm and 1:30 - 5:15 pm. Evening visitation 7:15-9:15 pm. Monday, Shiva concludes in the morning.
 -Shoshana Diskind on the loss of her brother, Larry Hecht, z"l. Shiva will be at 5 Opatut Ct in Edison through Sunday morning, February 23. There will be no minyanim at the house.
 ...to Anat Gordon Appelbaum on the passing of her father, Mr. Isaac Gordon. Anat will return to her home 23 Ryan Road, Edison, to sit Shiva Motzai Shabbat, February 22, from 6:30 - 11:30 PM.
 May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Jerusalem.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Ohr Torah will be participating in NJOP's Shabbat Across America (SAA) program on Parashat Vayikra, March 7-8. We will join hundreds of synagogues across the continent welcoming thousands of participants to SAA. Our goal is to share the beauty of Shabbat in a warm, tolerant, and open atmosphere with family, friends, neighbors and business

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associates who may not regularly celebrate Shabbat. At Ohr Torah, SAA will employ an innovative format, combining davening, an Oneg and Seudah Shlishit in the Shul with meals at the homes of host families. Supporting materials and inserted commentary will help demystify the davening and ritual. Guest participants will be personally invited by hosts who know them from the neighborhood, work or socially. In addition, students (and their parents) from the Rutgers Jewish Experience (RJX) will be invited to join. Guests will be invited to spend the entire Shabbat in Edison/Highland Park, and housing will be arranged where needed. More details are being distributed. You can also contact the registration committee leads, Debbie Schneider, dbrrh.schneider@gmail.com, 732-572-4713, or Susie Wolf, susiew32@aol.com, 908-906-9499

SHAIMOS

The annual Ohr Torah Shaimos collection will take place on Sunday, March 23, 9:30 AM – Mincha. Thank you to Barry Siegel for coordinating this effort once again this year.

OHR TORAH SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Ushi & Zina Freundlich in honor of Robert & Riki Kreitman -Past President.
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Shoshana Diskind's brother Larry Hecht Z"L
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Rose Walzman's father David Resmovits Z"L
 -Avi & Ilana Tobias in memory of Greg Sholom's mother Susan Levy Berman Z"L
 -Lani & Allan Kaye in memory of Shoshana Diskind's brother Larry Hecht Z"L
 -Lani & Allan Kaye in memory of Rose Walzman's father David Resmovits Z"L
 -Jerald & Rochelle Blum in memory of Miriam Goldblatt's mother Nechama Baim Z"L

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva is back on this week. It will start at 4:30 PM.

OT YOUTH EVENTS FOR MARCH

-On Sunday March 9th at 3:15 PM, Ohr Torah will be going by school bus 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 7:30 PM. This program is for children and parents. All children six and under must be accompanied by an adult. The all-new show entitled "Luminocity" includes acrobats, wire-walkers, performers on a double trapeze, jugglers the Big Apple Circus Band and many

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more surprises!

Cost is \$28 per person including transportation for all reservations made by Sunday March 2nd. After that date, the price goes up to \$35 per person. Let the OT Youth Program entertain your children while you prepare for Purim. You can make reservations by sending an email to Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net. Please include names and phone numbers for all attendees. Additionally, you can pay via paypal using youth@ohrtorah.net or checks can be dropped off at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount Road in Edison. This promises to be a blast!

-On Motzei Shabbat March 15th, Ohr Torah has a grand celebration planned for Purim night. It will be a magical evening as the Magic of Marco will be entertaining our children starting at 8:30 PM during Megillah reading upstairs. After Megillah reading, come downstairs to the Kiddush Room where we will have lively music, a face painter, caricaturist, strolling magic and more.

POLAND PILGRIMAGE

OT is excited to announce its First Community Poland Pilgrimage Journey, July 21-29. The intensive 7 day journey will focus on the rich life and heritage of Polish Jewry as well as very meaningful visits to the major sites of the Shoah. Join Rabbi Luban and other community members on this memorable journey. For more details contact Nitza Adler at 732-819-9294 or email at morahnitza28@gmail.com or Rachelle Stern at 732-247-0766 rachelle_stern@yahoo.com

YACHAD SHABBATON

Cong. Ohr Torah is pleased to welcome Rayim Yachad this Shabbos for an inspirational Shabbaton. Yachad will be davening in the main shul Friday night followed by an Oneg at 8:45 in the OT Beis Medresh. Shabbos morning Yachad will be davening at 9:15am in the RPRY Beit Midrash. Please go over to all our guests from Yachad and introduce yourself. We'd like to thank the following families for helping with sponsorship and opening your homes to make this event possible. Rabbi and Rebbitzin Luban and Family, Russell and Nitza Adler and Family, Eli and Chani Wiesel and Family, Moshe and Susan Wiesel, Salomon family, Elbaum Family, Granek Family, Even-Hen Family, Hecht Family, Rottenstreich Family, Diamant Family, Hillel and Linda Cohn and Family, Kaplan Family, Frank Family, Singer Family, Rapps Family, Bork Family, Aryeh and Shelly Zinkin, Ephraim and Devora Zinkin and Family, Schnieder Family, Diskin Family, Brian and Lillian Katz and Family, Rabbi and Rebbetzen Kaufman and Family, Barry and Lisa Schanzer and Family, Rob and Michelle Schanzer and Family, Rudnitzky Family, Gurell Family, Hercman Family, Shimoni

Family, Ginsberg Family, Avraham Family, Ari and Devorah Lockspeiser and Family, Mazor Family, Yossi and Cherly Srauch and Family, Klein Family, Zev and Rachelle Stern and Family, Lowinger Family, Teitelbaum Family, Chave and Zephyr Chomsky, Epstein Family, David and Mindy Waizer and Family, Shmuel Family, Gershbaum Family, Keane Family, Rivkin Family, Eli and Karen Goldberg and Family, Broder Family, Hanian Family.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORPAC MISSION

Join us on our annual Mission to Washington event to support the U.S.-Israel relationship on Wednesday, April 30 2014. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran sanctions, security cooperation, and more. Help us make a difference once again! 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). Special discount -- College students can register at \$36 -- but only by phone Contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com for more info.

ACTT SAYS THANK YOU!

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: Step by Step compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. See the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, for the current Learning Schedule (Modules page) and for all the event audio presentations. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

ANNUAL PURIM COSTUME GEMACH

Purim Is Coming!! Are you getting ready?? We are very pleased to announce that OE's 7th Annual Purim Costume Gemach will be open this year on Sundays March 2 (1pm to 5 pm) and March 9th (10am to 2pm) at Ohav Emeth 415 Raritan Ave. Highland Park.

Pick up a "New to You" costume or donate your gently used costumes. Many accessories as well. Suggested \$5 donation per costume borrowed. With every full costume donated, receive voucher to borrow 1 costume.

New this year: Vendors to help with your Purim needs! If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact us for more info. Any Questions? feel free to call or email Shari Gordon at (732) 572-9192 / sharigordon2000@yahoo.com

CHILDREN'S FUND IN MEMORY OF DINA EISNER

Newly designed beautiful Purim Shalach Manos cards are available for \$3.00 each from the Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale enable The Children's Fund to help subsidize needed services for many local children. To obtain cards, please contact: Tova Josefovitz - (732) 572-9432, Shoshana Diskind (732) 572-7755, Janice Lustiger (732) 819-4919 or e-mail request to: childrensfundhp@gmail.com

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Save the date! Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event will take place on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the Pines Manor. We will be having a brunch at 10:30am. Guest speaker Rabbi Jonathan Rietti. For men and women. Cost is \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. For more info or to make reservations, please call the Bikur Cholim hotline at 732-572-7181.

KIDNEY NEEDED:

My close friend, Jewish Male (52) father of 2, is in desperate need of a kidney (Type O blood). Please respond via the Renewal Organization at R652@renewal.org And please have Tzvi ben Frimmet in your Tefilos for a Refuah Shleimah. Thank you, Dr. Alan Singer

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

Wine and Cheese Tasting featuring Royal Wines sommelier Zvi Bornstein will be held at Congregation Etz Ahaim at 230 Dennison St in Highland Park on Sunday, March 9th at 7pm. For reservations and more info please visit www.etzahaim.org/tasting. \$18 per person/\$30 per couple by Feb. 25th.

RUTGERS HILLEL ALUMNI BEER TASTING EVENT

Rutgers Jewish Alumni are invited to a Beer Tasting sponsored by the Rutgers Hillel Alumni Association on Saturday, March 8th at 8pm at the home of Leslie and Josh Ostrin, 221 Riverview Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Catch up with old friends, taste Israeli craft beer from Malka Brewery, and learn more about what's happening on campus. Space is limited. RSVP by Monday March 3rd. Couvert is \$10. To RSVP for the event, visit <http://www.rutgershillel.org/alumni-parents/alumni-association/> Questions? Email Michal at rutgershillelalumni@gmail.com or call Hana at 732-545-2407. All food and beverages served will be kosher parve.

BIKUR CHOLIM SEEKS MEGILLAH READERS

Bikur Cholim is looking for men who are able to read the Megillah on Purim for people who are in the hospital or home-bound. Anyone who is able to do this can send email to volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org or contact Ronnie Shilcrat on my cell phone (732) 690-7193.

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RV ANNUAL EVENT

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EXPLORE ISRAEL ON A TAGLIT-BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL SHORASHIM-JNF ISRAEL

ADVENTURE TRIP

Registration for this FREE spring or summer trip opens at 10 am for all applicants. With Shorashim and JNF you experience the awesome adventure of Israel from the inside, through the eyes and hearts of Israeli peers. Travel for 10 days with Israeli friends and staff who share the beauty, excitement and complexities of their country with you. This trip is a gift from Taglit-Birthright Israel. For more info or to sign up, visit israelwithisraelis.com.

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

Dear Friends,

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

As you all know I have been participating in races of all lengths for many years. Some have taken me around the world but most have been here in Jerusalem. This year I have chosen the Jerusalem Marathon as a platform to raise money for the Lone Soldier Center in memory of Michael Levin. My brother Jake is serving as a lone soldier and that has really influenced my decision to choose the Center as this year's charity. I have seen first hand the wonderful support the Center gives these men and women. In addition to Jake being a lone soldier, I am happy to announce that I am starting a "community-style acupuncture clinic" at the Lone Soldier Center. Money raised from the marathon will support this initiative so lone soldiers can benefit from the clinic before, during and after their service.

Here is the link to my donation page:

<http://www.razoo.com/story/Rachel-Koenigson>

BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

Bat Mitzvah Project—Please Help Support Sophie's (Bat Mitzvah) Partying Penguins in the 9th Annual NOAH Bowl-a-Thon! NOAH is the National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation and provides support, advocacy, and resources for those living with albinism. My parents found out that I had albinism when I was just 3 months old. Albinism causes a visual impairment due to lack of pigment in the eyes, so I can't see as far as or as clearly as other people. NOAH helped my parents understand that even though I have albinism, I can do anything! For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am raising money for the NOAH bowl-athon fundraiser because NOAH means so much to me and has changed my life so much! Any amount would be greatly appreciated, no matter how big or small. Checks made payable to NOAH can be dropped off in the RPRY office or online donations can be made at

<http://noah.kintera.org/bowl/sophie>.

Thank you for your help, Sophie Ostrove

FOR WOMEN

-Join women of all ages from the Highland Park/Edison community and beyond as we learn together at Rabbi Bassous's Sunday morning classes. We meet at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park 10-11 AM. We are now learning from the book "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz. Join us at the class and start the year in a spiritually-charged way!

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, March 8 at 8:45 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members.

Current teleconference: "Building Healthy Self-Esteem". Speaker: Mrs. Tammie Karmel. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zeicher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Please call for status of classes on Sun., Feb. 23 and Mon., Feb. 24. Please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, Feb. 24 from 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM at the home of Gloria Deutsch, 56 Lawrence Ave., Highland Park. For more info, please call Ellen [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Reenas Bais Yaakov High School proudly presents ON FIRE!, a musical production for women and girls only. Sunday, Feb 23rd at 6:30pm at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ. For tickets and info please email reenasby@gmail.com or call [732-985-5646](tel:732-985-5646).

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 8:30pm to 10:30pm,

and Saturday nights 7:30pm to 10:pm. Friday nights are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL THE MIKVAH FOR UPDATE ON HOURS/APPOINTMENTS. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For more info to schedule an appointment, please call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411).

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

Ohr Torah Keylim Mikvah hours are, officially, 7:15 – 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Additionally, the Keylim Mikvah can be used when the Shul is open during Minyan hours. The Shul is locked (for security purposes) during non-Minyan hours. If you need special access, please speak to a Shul Gabbai. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Shekalim

Candlelighting	5:30PM
Mincha	5:40 PM

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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.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Morris Jacob Raphall (1798-1868)

I have indicated, in a few earlier articles, that during the mid 1800s, there were several individuals who, though not learned *talmidei chachamim*, were articulate, talented, and energetic, and who came to have an important influence on the development of Orthodox Judaism in America.

Morris (Moshe ben Yaakov*) Raphall, whose father was a banker to the King of Sweden, was born in Stockholm in 1798, educated in Copenhagen, Denmark, and settled in England in 1825. After receiving a Ph.D degree at the University of Erlangen, Germany, he returned to London, where he became a writer, translator and editor of Tanach and rabbinic material. His translations of Mishnah, Rambam, Joseph Albo and more, enabled those unfamiliar with Hebrew to study traditional Jewish texts. In 1840, he became a private secretary to Rabbi Shlomo Hirschel, the most illustrious rav in London, at the time. The following year, though not ordained, Raphall accepted the position as minister of a synagogue in Birmingham, England.

Raphall's literary achievements and commitment to Jewish communal service continued in the United States when, in 1849, he became rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York City. During Raphall's tenure at B'nai Jeshurun, the synagogue surpassed the older and more established sephardic congregation, Shearith Israel, to become the largest Orthodox synagogue in New York. Raphall emerged as a leading preacher and spokesman for Orthodoxy and joined his colleagues Samuel Isaacs, Isaac Lesser and Bernard Illowy in defending the integrity of Orthodox tradition, in the face of a growing movement of Reform. His discourses and published treatises were designed to persuade an increasingly skeptical community of American Jews that traditional Jewish practice and belief could be meaningful in a modern, American culture. His popular lectures gained notoriety among Christians, as well, and in 1860, Raphall earned the distinction of becoming the first Jewish clergyman to open a session of the House of Representatives in Washington, with a prayer invocation. Raphall died in New York City in 1868. His grave can be seen today at the Cypress Hills Street Beth Olam Cemetery in Queens.

* There once was a custom, not uncommon, for a person to use their fathers name as a middle name, in addition to their family name. Rabbi Shamshon Raphael Hirsh was really Shamshon ben Raphael Hirsh, Rabbi Nosson Markus Adler was actually R. Nosson ben Markus Adler. Similarly Moshe ben Yaakov Raphall was commonly known as Morris Jacob Raphall.