



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Tzav/Zachor

13 Adar II 5774

March 15, 2014

Candlelighting: 6:45 PM
Mincha: 6:55 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's shiur cancelled this week
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 10:08 AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur : 5:50 pm
Additional Zachor Leining: 6:30
Mincha: 1:45 & 6:40 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker:
R. Shraga Silverberg

Maariv: 7:50 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday -see Purim Schedule
Mon. & Thur 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues, Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:55 PM
Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM

Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
Monday: CANCELLED

Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM

Wednesday Night Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Friday - After Kabbolas Shabbos
 Shabbos – One hour before Mincha (no Shiur at 8:15 or after Hashkama)
 Sunday- After 8 AM Shacharis
 Monday – Thursday: after Zman Maariv

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for March 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Esther and Yechiel Posen on the engagement of their son Ahron to Chava Greenwald of Flatbush. *The vort will IY"H take place Monday night (Shushan Purim) from 7 PM at 2402 Avenue P in Brooklyn.*

...to the Eisner family on Dovid's aufruf this Shabbos and his forthcoming marriage to Faigy Jeger of Lawrence, NY.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Evelyn and Jeffrey Berg in memory of the Yahrzeit of Jeff's father Shlomo Ben Moshe, A"H.

PURIM SCHEDULE

Maariv Motzei Shabbos (March 15): 7:50 PM

Purim preparation such as donning costumes should not begin until Shabbos ends. We have allowed ample time to go home after Maariv, recite Havdalah, don costumes and then return to Shul for Megillah reading.

Megillah: 8:45 (promptly) & 10:15 PM

Shacharis (Sunday): 7 AM (main Shul)

8 AM (social hall), 9 AM (main shul)

Women's Megillah: 10:30 AM (Beis Medrash)

Mincha: 1:45 and 4:30 PM

Maariv: 7:30, 10:10 PM

SHUL POLICY-PURIM

Please make sure that no one does anything which will destroy or damage Shul property, including our pews and carpeting. No explosive devices whatsoever will be permitted in Shul. We would greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

TEEN MINYAN

There will be a Teen Minyan Megilah leining on Motzei Shabbos in the Beis Medrash at 8:45 PM sharp.

PARSHAS ZACHOR

As there is a biblical Mitzva to hear Parshas Zachor, there will be additional Zachor lainings right after Shabbat Mussaf & 10 minutes before Mincha at 6:30 PM.

YAHRTZEIT DATABASE

Ohr Torah is developing a database of Yahrzeits of relatives of both our male and female members for the purpose of sending reminder notifications and assisting the Gabbaim. An email with a form for this purpose was circulated and paper copies will be available for completion in Shul on Purim. Please send completed copies to Ralph Dessau at r2d22009@hotmail.com.

Alternatively, you can simply complete a

google document at <http://www.Tinyurl.com/ot613> (Thank you Gene Wasserman!). For additional information, please contact Ralph Dessau, Charlie Gershbaum or Moshe Schneider.

NEW SHUL POLICY

In response to concerns raised by members regarding the decorum during the Rabbi's Drasha, the Board voted unanimously that the doors to the sanctuary should be locked during the Rabbi's Drasha to prevent entry until the Drasha is completed. We invite suggestions, at the March 25 membership meeting, as to the best way to implement this policy.

OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD NOTES

The Ohr Torah Sisterhood would like to thank all those who participated in the Mishloach Manot project. Your participation will allow all members to receive a beautiful basket as well as enable the Sisterhood to sponsor the Shul's Purim party. -All members may pick up their baskets after Megillah reading on Sunday morning. -Please join us in the social hall after Megillah reading on Motzei Shabbat for a festive Purim celebration.

SHUL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a general membership meeting on March 25 at 8:30 PM with the following agenda:

1. President's Report
2. 2014 Budget
3. House Committee Report
4. Youth Committee Report
5. Rental Committee - New Rental Contract
6. Closure of doors during Rabbi's Drasha

SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 23 from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah.

(coordinator/questions) Barry Siegel, siegeldad@optonline.net

Seforim sale: There will also be a used Seforim sale at this time, Great Bargains!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Jerald & Rochelle Blum in memory of Bayrish Schreiber Z"L
- Mel Barenholtz and Rebecca & Israel Rivkin in honor of Michael Harrison

OT PURIM YOUTH EVENT

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION

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 8:30PM 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, great food, music from the Avi Maza Orchestra and more.

TORAH TAPE LIBRARY

The Torah Tape Library will be closed from April 11-28.

TOUR OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE

We are planning to travel to the Lower East Side on May 4th. We would leave at 12:15 and return at about 5PM. The trip is being organized by Diane Mael at the JCC and will cost apx \$45 for transportation, snacks and admission fees. Dr. Moshe Sherman, Teacher of Jewish History at Touro University, has graciously volunteered to be our tour guide. Many of you benefited from his expansive knowledge when he spoke about "The World of Sholom Aleichem." We will learn about the history of the Jews who lived in the area and will visit the Eldridge St Synagogue. If you are definitely interested in joining this tour please email me or contact Diane at 732 494 3232 ext 3614. This tour is limited to 30 people. If many more are interested there may be another tour on a different date.

This is primarily a walking tour.

Bella Lerner blerner18@optonline.net or 732 317-1786

RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN

The next retiree lunch and learn program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, at 12 noon. The program will include a light buffet lunch followed by a showing of the video *Orchestra of Exile*. The video depicts the founding of what evolved into the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Mark Kligman, a Professor of Jewish Musicology, will introduce the video and offer comments immediately following it. There is a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the luncheon. Please write or call Bella at blerner18@optonline.net 732-317-1786 or Marcia at ppheffer@verizon.net 732-572-5998, or Mildred 732 572-1712 to register your intention to attend.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE OF MIND

Peace of Mind parlor meeting at the home of Marcia and Barry Levinson (419 Becker Street, Highland Park) at 8 PM on March 31st. Please show your support and Hakarat Hatov to soldiers who have risked their lives for our homeland and for our friends and families living in Israel. RSVP to Barbara Strassman (barbara.strassman@gmail.com or 732/545-3931). If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to support the program, please send donations made out to American Friends of

Herzog Hospital c/o Rosanne Koenigson at 221 Washington Ave. Edison, NJ 08817.

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 a parent or legal guardian). Contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com for more info.

MAH JONGG NIGHT FOR CHAI LIFELINE

Mah Jongg night for Chai Lifeline will take place next Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 pm at Ahavas Achim. Learn how to play Mah Jongg while helping to support an amazing organization at the same time! Cost: \$25 per person or \$36 to sponsor. Please mail checks payable to: Chai Lifeline to: Sharon Zavodnick 325 N 3rd Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. All proceeds will be donated to Chai Lifeline. Reservations required. (They hope to welcome everyone who already mailed their checks for the first scheduled date.) Already know how to play? Bring your Mah Jongg playing friends and help support this worthwhile organization. Let them know if you have a set they can borrow for the evening. Questions? Call Sharon Zavodnick at 732-828-4438 or Sharon Stern at 732-777-7326.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Clothing Giveaway: The A.Y. clothing giveaway will be on March 30th from 10-2 at Congregation Ahavas Yisroel. Come and get new to you clothing in time for Yom Tov. Sizes infant though adult.

Monetary donations towards tzedakah are welcome, but not obligatory. If you would like to contribute clothing in excellent condition, please contact Ida Scheiner at 732-247-3073 or Rivka Jaffe at 732-572-7796. Additionally, contact us to volunteer for set up on Saturday night March 29th. Teens, come and get chessed hours!

FOR WOMEN

-The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a reufah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other Cholim in the community.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, provides weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting to its members. Current teleconference: "Building Healthy Self-Esteem". Speaker: Mrs. Tammie Karmel. For more information or to become a member, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-The Women's Learning Initiative can conduct a women's Torah class in your home. For more info to initiate a class, please call 908-208-7144.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, March 17 from 7:30 PM - 8PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class Monday, March 17.

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls on Wednesday, March 19. For more info, please call 908-420-0253.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, March 16 and Monday, March 17. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939_rickistern@yahoo.com.
-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. All the money raised at the sale goes towards a hachnasas kallah fund which helps needy brides in Eretz Yisrael. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net

EDISON/HIGHLAND PARK PURIM

CHAGIGAH

We are pleased to invite the community to the Edison/Highland Park Purim Chagigah (for men). Please join us Purim night, 10:30pm, at the Agudah, 1131 Raritan Ave., for food, drink, music and dancing. Musical instruments welcome.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm. THIS SATURDAY NIGHT, PURIM NIGHT, hours are 9:45-11PM. Saturday night March 22, hours are 9-11pm. Saturday night, March 29, hours are 9:15-11:15pm. Sunday night, March 16, the mikvah will be open from 9-11pm. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made before Thursday at 8:30pm. You must arrive and leave during regular hours or there is an additional \$20 fee. For info regarding inclement weather hours, or to schedule an appointment, please call 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 Shemini

Candlelighting	6:52 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM

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PLEASE NOTE: Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone # in case here is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.