



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Behar

10 Iyar 5774

May 10, 2014

Pre-Plag Mincha: 6:00 PM
Candlelighting: 7:43 PM
Mincha: 7:00 & 7:50 PM
7:30 Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos next week
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:20 AM
Kollel Learning Seder: 4-6pm
Kollel Mincha: 6:00PM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur: 6:40 PM
Mincha: 1:45, & 7:30 PM
Shalos Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Ari Berman
Maariv: 8:50 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00AM
Mon. & Thur 6:20, 7:05 & 8:00 AM
Tues., Wed & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 :00 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:50 PM
Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
Monday

Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM
Daf Yomi Schedule:
 Friday-after first Kabbolas Shabbos, Shabbos-one hour before Mincha, Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis Mon.-Thursday-7:30 and continuing after Maariv

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 31st, for the second day of Shavuots (June 5th) and for June 7th, 21st and 28th. 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 Toby and Michael Eleff on the birth of a grandson, to their children Rabbi & Mrs. Ariel Fogel.

...to Drora and Sheldon Waltuch on the birth of Yissachar Dov to Amanda and Allon Waltuch.

... to Rebecca and Keith Peckman on the birth of their daughter Adara and the upcoming Bris of their son.

...to Rifky and Jack Atkin on the birth of a son to Meir and Chana Tova Atkin. *Sholom Zochor tonight at the Atkin Residence, 16 Hamlin Road at 9:30 PM.*

KIDDUSH

Kiddush at both Hashkama and the main Minyanim is sponsored by the Yom Ha'atzmaut Kiddush donors.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Lori & Leslie Ney and Eva Weisz in memory of the Yahrzeit of Leslie's and Eva's mother, Margit Ney, Perel bas Yitzchok, A'H.

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva this week will start at 5:50 PM.

SHABBAT YOM HA'ATZMAUT

- This Shabbat we welcome Rabbi Ari Berman and Chazzan Dovid Stein who are joining us to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut. Check the schedules that will be placed in the Shul.

-This year we are celebrating the Aliyah of our family members. Enjoy the pictures of our families in Israel hung throughout.

Thanks to all those who sent in pictures!
 -Rabbi Berman will join the teens at an Oneg to be held from 9-11:00 PM on Friday night at the home of David Matthew and Didi Deitcher, 9 Olden Road, Edison.

-Our afternoon program will be held at the Rivkins, 1 Opatut Ct. at 5 PM. We will be featuring Rabbi Asher Dworetzky, Rebbe extraordinaire at Hebrew Academy of Long Beach, who will discuss "Passing over our love for Eretz Yisrael to our children", and Rabbi Berman who will be speaking about "Bridging the Divide between the Charedi and Chiloni Communities".

Thanks to all those who have sponsored this Shabbat and all those who worked so hard to make it happen.

NEXT FRIDAY – BEFORE LAG BAOMER

Lag Ba'omer will be next Sunday May 18. One is allowed to shave and get haircuts next Friday May 16 in honor of Shabbos.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FROM NORPAC

NORPAC thanks those community members who advocated on behalf of Israel's security last Wednesday on the NORPAC Mission to DC. Twenty four buses from the tristate area brought approx. 1000 people to Washington .Our "small" community sent 4 buses and represented almost 15 % of the mission. We particularly want to thank 4 of the community Rabbis : Rabbi Kaufman, Rabbi Luban, Rabbi Miodownik and Rabbi Weinstein for joining us on the mission .We are blessed to be living at a time when the doors of Congress are open for us to advocate for Israel's security. We hope that everyone will consider joining us on next year's mission on Wednesday May 13th 2015

RJJ YESHIVA ANNUAL DINNER

Honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Komet 'Harbotzas Torah Award' Monday evening, May 26th at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel For info/ to place an ad call office at 732-985-6533

VOTER REGISTRATION AND MAIL-IN-BALLOT DRIVE

Our community needs to vote and not be apathetic about the upcoming election. If you are not registered to vote, register now using a voter registration application that may be downloaded at http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/voter-regis-forms/middlesex-voter-reg-form-062212.pdf. The deadline to register to vote in the Erev Shavuot June 3, 2014 Primary Election is May 12, 2014, and October 14, 2014 for the November 4, 2014 General Election. If you will be unable to vote at your polling place on Election Day, please consider applying for a Mail-In-Ballot. Voters may apply to vote by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. To apply for a Mail-In-Ballot, please download an application for the ballot at

http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/vote-mail-ballot-012712-mid.pdf.

A TIME:

Save the date - Tuesday, May 20, 8pm for a ladies evening out. Come join us as we support " A TIME", an internationally acclaimed organization that offers advocacy, education, guidance, research and support through their many programs to Jewish men, women, and couples struggling with reproductive health and infertility. An "A TIME" speaker will provide information about this wonderful organization. No covert -Raffle Tickets will be sold. Location: Kamelhar home, 22 Perry Rd, Edison. Hosted by Yael Kamelhar and Shifra Gewurtz.

LAG BA'OMER

Celebrate Lag Ba'Omer at the community wide happening, coordinated by the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program, on Sunday, May 18, 5:00-7:30PM at Grove 4 in Donaldson Park. Free admission! Activities for kids, learning sessions for adults and food and drinks for sale! Contact Rabbi Shmulie Greene for more info and sponsorship opportunities at rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org or 973-214-8577

JEWISH EDUCATIONAL CENTER'S ANNUAL GALA DINNER

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 6:30 pm at the Venetian Garfield, NJ Join us as we come together to celebrate our school and another great year! Guests of Honor: Marty & Miriam Knecht Lev Tov Award: Harry & Mimi Stadler Educator of the Year: Madame Esther Captan and a very Special Service Award to Malvina (Stella) D'Onofrio & Dennis Van Ness! Registration and Journal Ad information coming soon at www.TheJEC.org

FOR WOMEN

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, May 12, 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, May 11 at 10AM at - Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, May 12 at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) rickistern@yahoo.com

-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on the Sefer, "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz class on Sunday, May 11 at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park 10-11 AM.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, May 17 at 9:45 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown: "Words Build Worlds".

Speakers: Mr. Michael Rothschild, Mrs. Leah Rosenberg, and Mrs. Dassie Litchman. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. "Receiving the Torah with Simcha", a daily 10 minute workout by Mrs. Shifra Rabenstein is currently on the hotline. For more info 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.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites all women of the community to our student-directed performance Heartbeats: A Night of Song, Dance, Art and Connection. The evening, which features student created song and dance routines and a student art exhibit, will take place on Tuesday, May 20th at 7 pm. at Cong Beth Shalom, 354 Maitland Ave. in Teaneck. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to Chabad's Children of Chernobyl. For more info or to purchase tickets please contact Pam Ennis at ennisp@maayanot.org.

NETIVOT – MONTESSORI YESHIVA

Netivot - The Montessori Yeshiva is holding a tour for prospective parents on May 29. Please use the following link and click on request a tour to sign up for this date or call 732 985 4626: <http://mynetivot.com/>

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 9- 11pm.

SATURDAY NIGHTS for the rest of May through the month of July, Saturday night hours are 10:00-11:30pm. Friday nights and Shavuot are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made by the day before. You must arrive and leave during regular hours. 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. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Bechukotai

Candlelighting	7:50 PM
Mincha	7:00, 7:30 & 8:00 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.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Dov Baer Abramowitz (1860-1926)

Dov Baer Abramowitz was born and raised in Lithuania, spent his adolescent years in Ottoman Palestine, and most of his career in the United States. Born in Vabalninkas, Lithuania in 1860, he moved with his parents to Palestine when he was 10 years old. In Jerusalem, Abramowitz attended the Etz Chaim yeshiva, studying under Rabbis Moshe Nechemiah Kahana and Rabbi Elazar Dan Ralbag. In 1885, shortly after marrying the daughter of Rabbi Raphael Moshe Charlop, district rabbi in Jerusalem, his father-in-law died. Accordingly, Rabbi Shmuel Salant, leading Ashkenazic rabbi in Jerusalem at that time, granted Abramowitz semicha, so that he could assume the rabbinic position formerly held by his father-in-law, R. Raphael Charlop.

Abramowitz remained district rabbi in Jerusalem until 1894, when he emigrated to America. Serving for a while as a rabbi in Philadelphia, Abramowitz moved to New York two years later to lead Congregation Mishkan Israel Anshei Suvalk on the Lower East side. For the next decade, Abramowitz was an important player in the religious affairs of New York Jewry. Together with Rabbi Judah D. Bernstein, Rabbi Meir Matlin and several lay supporters, Abramowitz was instrumental in establishing the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan yeshiva in 1897. In 1902, he joined other distinguished Eastern European rabbis in founding the Agudath ha-Rabbonim, where he served, for many years, as an officer.

During these New York years, Abramowitz published several books and articles, including a work of Hebrew sermons entitled *Ktav ha-Dat*, and a treatise on the practical laws of marriage, *Kuntres Sefer Ketuba*, which appeared in 1900. *Dat Yisrael*, Abramowitz's three-volume anthology of daily halakhic practice based on the *Chayyei Adam* was translated into English and appeared as a bi-lingual edition. In 1903, he founded America's first Torah journal, *Beth Va'ad la-Chachamim*, which featured articles of Talmud commentary and halacha.

In 1906, Abramowitz was invited to succeed the recently deceased, Rabbi Shalom Elchanan Jaffe as chief dayyan of the beth din in St. Louis. For the next 15 years, Abramowitz was an important and powerful force in St. Louis Jewish life. In 1910, he established America's first branch of the religious Zionist organization, Mizrachi, whose head office, at that time, was in Hamburg-Altona. Under his leadership, St. Louis became a centre of religious Zionist activities in America. Abramowitz maintained a lively correspondence with leading figures of Mizrachi, including R. Yitzchak Yaakov Reines, Rav in Lida, Belarus, and Rabbi Meir Berlin, the son of R. Naphtali Zvi Yehuda Berlin (NETZIV). In 1914, prior to World War I, Abramowitz helped Rabbi Meir Berlin establish an American Mizrachi organization at a founding convention held in Cincinnati. In 1921, he travelled to the United Kingdom to serve as an American delegate to the World Zionist Congress in London.

Abramowitz was focused not only on creating a Jewish national state but assisting the yishuv in building yeshivas and new settlements. To that end, he served, for a while, as president of the American branch of Rabbi Meir Baal ha-Nes Institutions and was instrumental in forming *Achuza*, an organization which purchased land and constructed new settlements in Palestine. One notable success of the *Achuza* society was Puriyah, a colony established near Tiberias. Abramowitz also formed an organization called, *Machzikhei Inyanei Eretz Yisroel*, to assist the hundreds of representatives who came to the U.S. to collect money for the yishuv. Abramowitz was also involved in assisting European Jews. During World War 1, he was active on behalf of the Central Relief Committee and together with Judah Magnes travelled to Europe to seek financial assistance for Jews in war-torn Europe.

Longing to settle again in *eretz yisrael*, Abramowitz left St. Louis in 1921 for permanent residence in Palestine. He remained in Jerusalem until his death on March 5, 1926, and was buried on Har Hazeitim.

One additional note: Abramowitz's grandson was Abraham Leon Sachar, a professor of Jewish history, a leader of Bnai Brith Hillel Foundation, and more. In 1948, the trustees of a newly formed, Jewish-sponsored, nonsectarian school, to be called Brandeis University asked Albert Einstein to serve as their first university President. When Einstein refused, they turned to Abram L. Sachar, the son of R. Abramowitz's daughter. Sachar led Brandeis U. for its first 20 years, and his leadership and fund-raising skills were largely credited for developing Brandeis U. into a major research institution.