



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Shoftim

4 Elul 5774

Aug 30, 2014

Candlelighting: 7:16 PM
Mincha: 7:25 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur: cancelled this week
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:40 AM
Kollel Learning Seder 4-6pm
Kollel Mincha: 6:00PM
Note: next week will be the final week for Kollel Mincha for the season
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 6:20PM
Mincha: 1:45, & 7:10PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Meir Kornfeld
Maariv: 8:20 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. & Mon. (Labor Day) 7:15, 8 & 9:00AM
Thur 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tue, Wed. & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Note: No 9 AM weekday shacharis
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:15 PM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis
Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8:00 Shacharis
Kollel Learning: Weds. 8-10:10 PM
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

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 Miriam and Joseph Volodarsky on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Sammy Volodarsky. Mazel Tov to his parents Isaac and Tami Volodarsky and aunt and uncle, Tanya and Mark Weissman.

...To Nitza and Russell Adler on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Adina Yehudit. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Kalman and Tova Shiloni, and Marion Adler, siblings, Shoshana and Jordan, Rafi and Sarah, Ariel and Yair and nephew, Shaya.

...to Esther and Jonathan Rosenberg on the engagement of their son Avi to Libbi Mendelovitz.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Nitza and Russell Adler in honor of Adina's Bat Mitzvah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is being sponsored by Susie and Moish Wiesel in memory the yahrtzeits of Moish's Aunt Shaindel Moses bas Rav Shimon and Uncle Chaim Menachem Shmuel Moses ben Moshe.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a membership meeting on September 17. Agenda to follow

SEATS FOR YOMIM NORA'IM

Please submit Yomim Naroim seat reservation forms immediately, but no later than September 7th for both the Main and the Hashkama Minyanim. Replies can be mailed or dropped in the Shul curbside mailbox on Edgemount Road. Payment for the 2014 seats must accompany this reservation or will be held and not processed. Before accepting reservations for 2014, the Board requires that balances be paid up through the year 2013 by August 31st, including all past membership dues and pledges. Anyone with special circumstances should make arrangements before reservations are accepted by contacting Russell Adler or Brian Allen at [732-572-0329](tel:732-572-0329).

To arrange special seats at the Hashkama Minyan, contact Gershon Klavan in person or via E-mail to *othashkama@hotmail.com *

SHUL POLICY

Please be advised that the doors will be locked during the Rabbi's Drasha beginning

with Shabbos August 30. Based on the input of the membership, we are very pleased to inform you that an usher committee has been formed to help implement this policy and assist guests to our shul. Thank you very much to Sam Berlin, David Rudnitzky, Gedalia Reiss, Greg Shalom and Jonas Waizer for agreeing to act as the initial ushers! Please help assist the ushers in any way possible and let Russell Adler know if you would like to act as an usher which would be on a rotating basis.

WEEKLY TEHILLIM

The Shul has a weekly Tehillim from 9:50-10:10 PM each Tuesday evening in the Beit Medrash.

ANNUAL TESHUVA LECTURE

The I. David and Miriam Goldstein annual teshuva lecture will take place on Sunday night, Sept 21 at 8 pm at OT. Rabbi Mordechai Becher will present "Repentance and the Power of Oneness". Rabbi Becher is a prominent lecturer for Gateways Seminars and educator on Shalom TV. All donations will be utilized to provide yom tov meals for the poor in Israel.

DEAR FRIENDS

We were deeply touched and grateful for the heartfelt expression of sympathy for our loss. The Edison/Highland Park community is filled with Chesed that knows no bounds.

May we only share Smachot.

Robert, Craig, Shayna, Blake, & Sheri Prupis

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim is looking for men who are able to go to the hospital on Rosh HaShanah to blow the shofar for the Jewish patients. Anyone who is able to do this can contact Mrs. Ronnie Shilcrat on (732) 690-7193 or by email volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org.

CNJKIDS

Central New Jersey Kehilot Investing in Day Schools, Inc. ("CNJKIDS") invites the entire Jewish community of Central New Jersey to attend its first annual breakfast. The guest of honor will be Abe Schwartzbard, who will be honored with CNJKIDS' Inaugural "Pillar of Jewish Continuity" Award. Guest Speaker will be Alan Cooperman, author of "A Portrait of Jewish Americans" and Director of Religion Research at the Pew Research Center. Mr. Cooperman's topic: "Findings from the Pew Research Center's Survey of U.S. Jews". The event will take place at OT on Sunday, Nov 2, 2014, from 9:30- 11am. There will be no couvert. Please RSVP to cnjkids@gmail.com.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS ANNUAL YOM IYUN

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls is pleased to invite the community to their annual Yom Iyun on Tzom Gedalia, September 28th, from 9:30 am

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

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for September 13th & 20th and for the first day of Succos, Shabbos Chol Hamoad Succos and Shemini Atzeres.

.. 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

to 12:30 pm at the school (1650 Palisade Ave, Teaneck). The Yom Iyun will begin with a shiur by keynote speaker Mrs. Leah Herzog on the topic *"Why Remember? The Role of Memory in Jewish Life,"* followed by additional shiurim by members of the Ma'ayanot faculty. Men and women are welcome. This event is generously sponsored by the Staiman family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Mr. Staiman's father, Shalom Tzvi ben Aharon, Sholom Staiman. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more info, please contact Pam Ennis at ennisp@maayanot.org or [201-833-4307](tel:201-833-4307), ext. 265

EMUNAH ANNUAL

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

Emunah is joining Highland Park for their annual township wide garage sale on Sunday, September 14 from 8AM to 4PM. It will be held at Adrienne Oran's home, 292 North 5th Ave, HP. Please look through your home and feel free to donate anything and everything to make this event a success. We are looking for all sorts of items including furniture, bicycles, glassware, dishes, picture frames, Judaica, etc... Now is the time to clean out your home of all those unwanted gifts and used items. For drop off info, which will begin after Sept 10, please call Sue Redlich at 732-558-4917. We welcome volunteers throughout the day. Please call Sue to be assigned a 2 hour time slot. Chessed hours can also be provided to students.

ACTT STARTS 9TH YEAR

The ACTT organization (Achieving Change Through Torah) is greatly honored to have Rabbi Yissocher Frand speak about "It All Comes Down to Emunah" to start the 9th year of the program on Sunday night, Sept 7, at 7:30 PM at Cong Ahavas Achim. Admission is free and sponsors are welcome. The entire community is encouraged to attend. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen [732-572-8762](tel:732-572-8762).

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HERZOG HOSPITAL

Highland Park/Edison is raising funds to bring a troop of Israeli veteran soldiers to our community this coming November. These soldiers suffered from a traumatic experience during their service. They will come here for much needed therapy and respite through the Peace of Mind program (<http://www.peaceofmindictp.com/index.html>). Please show your support and Hakarat Hatov to soldiers who have risked their lives for Israel. RSVP to Barbara Strassman (barbara.strassman@gmail.com or [732-545-3931](tel:732-545-3931)). If you 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.

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON-SEEKING SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Raritan Valley community will be hosting a Chai Lifeline "Friends & Fun" Shabbaton, bringing 30-35 children (7-18 yrs old) who have life-threatening illnesses to our neighborhood for a weekend of fun on October 31st. Please help us make this an event to remember. Sponsor or contribute today (all contributions will be displayed on a recognition card):

- \$ 1,000- Sponsor Shabbat meal (Platinum)
- \$ 500- Sponsor Seudah Shlishit (Gold)
- \$ 360- Sponsor a child for the weekend (Silver)
- \$ 180- Sponsor Saturday night event (Sponsor)
- Up to \$ 180- Contributor

Please make checks out to "Chai Lifeline" and mail to David Waizer, 53 North 7th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Teens from Highland Park/Edison/East Brunswick are encouraged to volunteer; please contact Barbara Edery at barbaraedery@gmail.com. This event qualifies for *chesed* hours and a letter can be provided upon request.

TZITZIS FOR CHAYALIM

Quoting from Colonel Amital Tovol, Rabbi of IDF 80th Brigade: "Know that soldiers who are observant, as well as those who are not, seek to strengthen themselves...they seek out books of Tehilim... but above all, the merit of Tzitzis, a shield against the dangers of battle..." Rabbi Gottlieb of Mezakim, who lives in Beitar, has taken upon himself the risk of going to the Gaza border to distribute specially hand made regulation-green tzitzis, each pair costing 25 shekel. Please consider donating for this mitzvah at this crucial time and may the zechus of this mitzvah protect our chayalim and stay with them in times of peace. For local info, call Rivka [732-247-0621](tel:732-247-0621) or send checks -any amounts- directly to: "USA Outreach", POB 486, Cedarhurst, NY 11516 (with note "tzitzis for chayalim")

MITZVAH OF LOVE BRUNCH

MAKE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: Mitzvah of Love Brunch Sunday, Nov 9, 201 At Cong Ahavas Achim at 11:30am Our Honoree is: Rebbetzin Devorah Hilsenrath. Our Certificate Honorees are: Carol Levin z'l & Martha Rotter.

ISRAEL MISSION

Ahavas Achim invites you to join the Goldberg family on our 13th annual Israel Mission, from Jan 14-26, 2015. The mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the King Solomon Hotel, 2 nights at Kibbutz Lavi, 3 day touring excursion with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, dinners at Kibbutz Lavi, Friday night and Shabbat lunch on both Shabbat, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$2085 plus airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$695). Registration begins Sept 1. Registration is available on a first come, first serve basis with a deposit of \$150 per person by Wed, Oct 1. To register, visit the mission website at www.arieltours.com/aamission. Questions can be directed to aamission@arieltours.com on or after Sept 1.

CHUG IVRIT

For intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers meet's one Sunday per month at 11:00 a.m. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We'd love to have you join us! To find out where and when we are meeting in September, contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or rachel@weintraubworld.net.

A new Chug Ivrit has started for advanced-beginners who'd like to improve their skills in Hebrew reading and speaking but don't yet feel ready for the higher level Chug. It meets one Sunday per month from 10:00-11:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining this Chug, please contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or rachel@weintraubworld.net for date and location of the September meeting.

FOR WOMEN

-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on Sefer Yonah, Sunday, Aug 31 at 10AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Please contact Aviva at 732-572-4408

or sieglmom@optonline.net after Shabbos for status of classes on Sun, Aug 31 & Mon, Sept 1. -Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, Sept 13 at 9PM 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. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.-

-HP/Edison Connects Melava Malka Kickoff Event Of The Year! Help us welcome the new women who have recently moved into our community, while reconnecting with familiar faces. Highland Park /Edison Connects invites the women of our community to an evening of mingling, connecting, and fun! Join us for a potluck Melava Malka at the home of Effy and Devora Zinkin, 487 Harrison Ave. HP, Sept. 13th, 8:30 PM. Please RSVP a:t highlandparkedisonconnects@yahoo.com. A \$5 donation is suggested to help offset costs. We look forward to seeing you there!

PARK MIKVAH

-Park Mikvah is in need of both men and women volunteers to help with small tasks that allow for the smooth running of the mikvah. Assistance is primarily needed during the day. For more information on how to devote time or expertise to the Park Mikvah, please contact Aviva at sieglmom@optonline.net.

- The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm. Saturday night, Aug 30th, hours are 9:30-11:30pm.

Saturday night, Sept 6, hours are 9:15-11:15pm. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made by the day before. Fee: \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular hours, or incur an additional \$20 additional fee. To schedule an appointment, or leave a message, 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. However, the Mikvah will be closed immediately upon the end of the Minyan as the Shul needs to be closed. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Ki Tetze

Candlelighting	7:05PM
Mincha	7:15PM

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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.