

# Congregation Ohr Torah Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Bo

Candlelighting: 4:46 PM Mincha: 4:55 PM

Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:42AN

Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 3:50 PM

Mincha: 1:45 & 4:40 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Avi Kamelhar

Maariv: 5:50 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thur 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM
Tue, Wed, Fri 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:55 PM

R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur Mon.: 9:10 pm Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis

Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis

> Kollel Learning: Weds. 8-10:10 PM ay Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Weekday Maariv Daf Yomi Schedule:

Monday-Thursday - after 7:30 Maariv Friday-after Kabbolas Shabbos & Maariv Shabbos -8:15 AM & after Hashkama Sunday-after 8AM Shacharis

#### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by Honey and Max Wisotsky in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Max's mother Shoshana bas Moshe Eliezer A"H Kiddush sponsorship is available for Jan 31st. Feb 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com

## **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Miriam and Michael Rabinowitz in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Michael's father Dovid ben Gedalyahu Halevi A"H.

## **OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE**

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100.

The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner on March 8th.

Please contact Barry Siegel, Josh Caplan, Charlie Gershbaum, Jason Jurkevich or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs. Thank you.

# ANNUAL DINNER/ JOEL ADLER TRIBUTE

We are thrilled to announce that this year's dinner will honor two beloved and well-deserving couples, Honey and Max Wisotsky and Rena and Jeff Klein. Please reserve the evening of March 8, 2015 to pay tribute to these special honorees who have done so much for our Shul and community. For

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further info, please contact dinner chairpersons, Gila and Efraim Gerzberg and Riki and Robert Kreitman.

At this year's dinner we will also be making a special tribute to our dear friend and Gabbai, Joel Adler A"H. To honor Joel and be included as a sponsor for this tribute kindly send your \$36 donation payable to Ohr Torah to Robert Kreitman by February 28th. Thanks.

## **CHAZZAN PROBEH**

Next Shabbat, Shabbat Shirah, January 30, our first Chazzan probeh will take place. Chazzan Yaacov Rosenfeld will daven Kabbalat Shabbat and Musaf. Other candidates are being scheduled for February and March.

# **UPDATES NEEDED**

The Gabbaim are in the process of updating the members' Aliya cards. As this task has not been done in quite some time, we ask that the entire membership complete the membership form as completely as possible and return it by no later than February 1. You can return the forms by either handing them directly to Michie Klerer, emailing them to him at <a href="michael.klerer@gmail.com">michael.klerer@gmail.com</a>, or dropping them in the Shul's mailbox. On behalf of all the Gabbaim, thank you very much for assisting us in this process."

# **2015 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The 2015 Membership Directory is in the process of being prepared. All current directory info, including children's names and email addresses, will be brought forward to the new directory. Please submit all changes and/or additions to names, titles, address, phone, children's names (including sons/daughters-in-law), and email addresses to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. For members who have joined in the past year, please email the above address with your preferred titles (Mr., Mrs., Dr., Rabbi, Hon., etc.) as this information was not necessarily collected on the membership form. NOTE: Children's names and up to two email addresses not currently listed will be included only if an emailed request is received at the address above. The phone tree email list will not be used for this publication

# RETIREE'S LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM

On Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 12:00 noon the shul will show "The Ritchie Boys" - Run out of Germany by the Nazis, a small contingent of German Jewish intellectuals

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return to Europe as U.S. soldiers to defeat the enemy. The Ritchie Boys is the never before told tale of a handful of German nationals who used their language and cultural knowledge to wage psychological warfare against the Nazis and to liberate Europe.

Dr. William Gewirtz will deliver a D'var Torah, and Dr. Max Wisotsky will give a short introduction to the film. The program will include a light lunch followed by the video and discussion. It is open to all retirees in the community and will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. Please tell your friends and plan to attend.

There will be a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal. OT will subsidize the additional expenses. Can't wait to hear from you This will be the last lunch and learn until after Pesach. RSVP to Bella - blerner18@optonline.net or 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712 or Marcia 732 572-5998 ppheffer@verizon.net

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Dr. Moshe Schneider, Chairman of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guests of Honor for this year's Breakfast will be Mr. and Mrs. Chaim & Raizy Krauss. The breakfast will iy'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Feb 1st at 9:30am. The Guest Speaker will be HaRav Yaakov Busel *Shlit"a*, Rosh HaYeshiva of Rabbi Jacob Joseph School (RJJ), Edison, NJ. We look forward to greeting you there.

# AN EVENING OF UNITY, INSPIRATION AND RENEWAL

On Saturday night, Jan 31st at 8 PM at Cong Ohr Torah, the Edison/Highland Park community will hold an inaugural event in support of Renewal. Renewal is an organization dedicated to assisting people suffering from chronic kidney disease, and has facilitated more than 250 life-saving kidney transplants since 2006. In 2014, Renewal was responsible for more than 23% of all altruistic kidney donations (donation to a total stranger) in the United States. Members of our community will share how Renewal has transformed their lives, and a donor from one of our local families will meet the recipient of his kidney for the very first time. A dairy buffet will be served. For further info, please contact Rifky and Jack Atkin, Leah and Harvey Paretzky, or Pearl and David Dolinger.

## **KHAL CHASSIDIM NEWS & EVENTS**

-The community is invited to a Pairos Tisch with the Bostoner Rebbe of Har Nof, Rabbi Meir Alter Horowitz, shlita, this Shabbos, Friday night, 8:30 pm at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Avi Kamelhar, 22 Perry Rd, Edison. The Rebbe is a composer of original niggunim, sits on the rabbinical boards of

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillators are located on the wall in the upstairs hallway and on the wall in the downstairs entry hallway.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION

Chinuch Atzmai and the Moetzes Agudas Yisroel in Israel, and is publishing a series of seforim on the Rambam. In addition to Highland Park/Edison, the Rebbe will also be visiting Monsey and Lakewood. If you would like to arrange a private meeting with the Rebbe, please emailBostonRebbe@gmail.com
-The community is invited to the annual Khal Chassidim Tu B'shevat celebration Feb 3rd following 7:30 maariv. Enjoy fruits from around the world. Men and women are invited. 46 North Eighth Ave.

#### NETIVOT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Netivot Montessori is hosting a three part speaker series at Netivot in East Brunswick.

Sun, Feb. 1 @ 7:30PM - Rabbi Jonathan Rietti.

Sun, Feb. 22 @ 7:30PM Rabbi David Fohrman.

Sun, Mar. 15 @ 7:30PM - Rabbi Eli Mansour.

Go to <a href="https://www.mynetivot.com">www.mynetivot.com</a> for more info. Netivot school tour for prospective families Tues, Feb 10

@ 9:15AM. Please call <a href="mailto:732-985-4626">732-985-4626</a> or <a href="mailto:mynetivot.com">mynetivot.com</a> to reserve a space.

#### <u>ACTT</u>

Helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The current source book is: "Living Emunah – Achieving a Life of Serenity through Faith". For more info, see the ACTT web-site, <a href="www.actt613.org">www.actt613.org</a>, e-mail <a href="mailto:info@actt613.org">info@actt613.org</a> or call Phil Rosen <a href="mailto:(732)572-8762">(732)572-8762</a>.

#### **NCSY**

On Tuesday, Jan 27th, Highland Park NCSY will be hosting an NCSY Summer Programs Fair at Park Place during our weekly Bible and BBQ event, from 7:30-9pm. If you want to learn more about NCSY Summer Programs, aren't sure which program to go on, or aren't sure about going on an NCSY Summer Program at all, this is the event to come to! If you have any questions please contact Hadassah Smulevitz at 973-461-9424 or SmulevitzH@NCSY.org or Jeffrey Smulevitz at 516-317-0647or SmulevitzJ@NCSY.org.

#### RABBI AHARON KAHN AT OE

-SAVE THE DATE: RABBI AHARON KAHN AT OE Please join us on President's Day, Monday Feb 16th, following 8AM Shacharit, for a special program featuring Rabbi Aharon Kahn, Rosh Yeshiva of RIETS at Yeshiva University and lecturer for Center for Return. He will be speaking on the topic of Kings and Presidents—The Makings of a Melech b'Yisroel. Rabbi Kahn holds multiple degrees including M. A.'s from the School of International Affairs at Columbia University and in Middle Eastern Languages. He studied with the late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik for 20 years. His lectures for Center for Return have inspired audiences of diverse backgrounds to grow closer to Judaism. There is no charge for this event and breakfast is included. Kindly RSVP to office@ohavemeth.org

# **VOTE TORAH CAMPAIGN**

The VOTE TORAH campaign for the World Zionist Congress is planning a Voting Event followed by a FREE screening of the new film produced by Jerusalem University, BENEATH THE HELMET: FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO THE HOME FRONT". This event will take place on Jan 24th at the Young Israel of East Brunswick and we would like to invite you to join us. When you seat delegates from the Religious Zionist Slate in the World Zionist Congress you will help strengthen Israel's "Jewish soul" and ensure the future of religious Zionist ideals. Hillel Goldstein, LSW NJ Regional Coordinator (913) 940-4255 www.votetorah.org

# COORDINATORS AND DRIVERS NEEDED FOR BIKUR CHOLIM TRANSPORTATION

The Bikur Cholim Transportation Committee coordinates rides to and from medical appointments. The coordinator matches requesters with an available driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. To volunteer ,contact the Bikur Cholim hotline at (732) 572-7181 or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.org.

## **RABBI WEISS SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN**

Rabbi Weiss will give a weekly Shiur for men and women on the Parsha with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon Wednesday nights at 9:15PM at the home of Marsha Eiserman 154 N. 10th Ave, HP.

# **FOR WOMEN**

-Highland Park Mikvah and Irgun Shiurai Torah present a Two Part Shovavim Project Lecture Series for Women: Mrs. Devorah Kigel, noted kallah teacher and relationship coach, will speak on the topic of "Mikvah: Becoming a Source of Renewal" on Tuesday February 3, 2015 at Congregation Ahavas Achim at 8:30 pm. Mrs. Aviva Wasser, respected kallah teacher and Rebbetzin, will give a review of the halachos of Taharas Hamishpacha on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Congregation Ohr Torah at 8:30 pm. All married women are invited to attend. For more info, please contact Lynn Hanfling at Docdad@aol.com, Adina Pruzansky atadinapruz@gmail.com, or Rachelle Stern at rachelle\_stern@yahoo.com

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-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) 572-4408siegelmom@optonline.net

-MIKVAH TEA: The Highland Park Mikvah would like to invite the community to its annual "virtual tea". Invitations have already been sent out. If you have not received an invitation or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Rena Klein at renalg@aol.com. Thank you. -Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): If you are an expectant mother and don't have coverage with a family member or a friend to stay with your kids when it is time to go to the hospital, Bikur Cholim offers a complimentary service. Volunteers will come to stay with your kids during the night. Please note that this service is only provided for maternity situations. Please call at least 3 weeks before the due date, if not sooner, to be able to make the necessary arrangements. For more information on receiving this service or to find out about becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at 732-249-5116. Thank you.

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 refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other Cholim in the community.

-Rabbi Bassous: Women's class on Sunday morning at 10AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Book that is being studied: Battle Plan by

Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller and Sara Yocheved Rigler.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, Feb 7 at 8:30 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown: "Finding Serenity – The stirring of the soul". Speakers: Mrs. Yael Kaisman and Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Current series: Developing a Kesher with your Preteen / Teen with Dr. Jerry Lob. 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.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Jan 25 at 10AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday,

Jan 26 at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net.

-Women's Learning Initiative: Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will resume in February. For more info, please call Ellen<u>201-410-</u>1893 or 732-777-6787.

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls will resume in February.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will resume in February.

# EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? Go to <a href="www.ENRV.org">www.ENRV.org</a> or contact Bob Lansey at <a href="mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com">ENRVInfo@gmail.com</a>. We post over 200 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies. If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail info to <a href="mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com">ENRVInfo@gmail.com</a>.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Highland Park Mikvah is extending its winter hours! For the months of December, January, and February, the mikvah will be open: Sunday – Thursday evenings from 7PM – 10PM; Friday nights by appointment only. Saturday nights in January: 7:30 – 10:00 PM. Saturday nights, February 7, 14, 21: 7:45 – 10:15 PM; February 28: 8:00 – 10:30 PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more info, call 732-249-2411 or email hpmikvah@gmail.com. Thank you. Park Mikvah

## **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.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: <a href="https://www.ohrtorah.net">www.ohrtorah.net</a>

**E-MAIL LIST:** To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at <a href="mailto:genew@compugene.com">genew@compugene.com</a> .

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

TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby

Eitz Chayim 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.

<u>SEFORIM DEDICATIONS:</u> Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel <u>siegeldad@optonline.net</u>.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at <a href="mailto:ludeeju@gmail.com">ludeeju@gmail.com</a> 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, <u>www.ohrtorah.net</u>, 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

**YAHRZEIT DATABASE:** To register a family member in the Yahrtzeit data base, please follow this link http://www.tinyurl.com/ot613 or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

**LOCAL ERUV** Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv

#### Parshas Beshalach

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