



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Nitzavim / Rosh Hashanah

28 Elul 5775

September 12, 2015

Candlelighting: 6:55 PM
Mincha: 7:05 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:44 AM
Kollel Mincha 6:00 PM

*NOTE: Last Kolel Mincha for this year
 Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 5:55PM*

Mincha: 1:45 & 6:45 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Josh Rapps

Maariv: 7:55 PM

EREV ROSH HASHANAH (SUN SEPT 13)

- Slichos 1:00, 5:45 (Beis Medrash), 6:30 (Kiddush Room), 7:30 AM (Main Shul)
followed by Hataras Nedarim
- Candlelighting: 6:52 PM
- Mincha (two minyanim): 7:00 PM

1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH (MON. SEPT 14):

- Shacharis 6:45, 8:15 AM
- Shofar: Not before 9, 10:30 AM
- Mincha: 5:45 PM (two Minyanim):
 followed by Tashlich
- Candlelighting: Not before 7:59 PM

Maariv (two Minyanim): 7:50 PM

2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH (TUES. SEPT 15)

- Shacharis: 6:45, 8:15 AM
- Shofar: Not before 9, 10:30 AM
- Mincha (two Minyanim): 6:35 PM

Maariv (two Minyanim): 7:50 PM

Yom Tov ends: 7:57 PM

TZOM GEDALIA (WEDS. SEPTEMBER 16)

- Fast begins: 5:27 AM
- Slichos: 5:40, 6:20, 7:20 AM
- Mincha-Maariv: 6:35 PM
- Fast ends: 7:55 PM
- Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17:

Slichos: 5:40, 6:25 & 7:25 AM

Mincha-Maariv: 6:50 PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18:

Slichos: 5:50, 6:30 & 7:25 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:55 PM

*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – cancelled for
 next two weeks*

*Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM
 Shacharis*

Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM

Kollel Learning: Cancelled this week

Daf Yomi

Rosh Hashana: Sunday-after 8am Shacharis &
 after Maariv

Monday [first day Rosh Hashana- 7 pm

Tuesday [second day Rosh Hashana] after Mincha

Thursday- after Maariv

Friday-after Maariv

Shabbos -one hour before Mincha

Sunday- after 8am Shacharis

MAZEL TOV

...to Mina and Larry Tiefenbrunn on the birth of a son to their children, Sima and Rabbi Dov Greer. Mazel Tov to the entire Tiefenbrunn and Greer families.

...to Shanie and Alan Singer on the birth of a daughter, Yakeira Shoshana, to their children Menucha and Noach Wolfe of Silver Spring. Mazel Tov as well to grandparents, Miriam and Reuven Wolfe (Chicago).

... to Abby & Albie Hochhauser, of Beit Shemesh, on the birth of a daughter, Mayan Shefa, to their children Karen (Dublon) and Carl Hochhauser of Beit Shemesh, formerly of Edison.

...to Marcia and Andrew Freedman upon the birth of a daughter, Eliana Tehila to their children Michal and Yosef Haber. Mazel Tov to the siblings, Shira Temima and Ariela Sara as well as to the entire Haber, Horowitz and Freedman families.

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

Concentrate on saying "Amen"

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by:

-Barbara & Allen Kessel and Rona & Seymour Kessel to commemorate the 10th Yahrzeit of their father, Morris Kessel, Moshe Aharon ben Shimon, Z"L. May his Neshama have an Aliyah.

-Eva Weisz in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Moshe Weisz, Moshe Shraga ben Noson, Z'L

-Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin in memory of the Yahrzeit of Shelly's father, Herbert Dershowitz, Chaim Tzvi Dov ben Yekutiel Yehudah Z"L

Kiddush sponsorship is available for the first two days of Succos, Shabbos Chol Hamo'ed Succos, Shemini Atzeres and November 21st & 28th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos is sponsored by Penny and Michael Kaplan in memory of the Yahrzeit of Michael's mother, Idyl bas Akiva.

ISRAEL BONDS

Congratulations are in order to Cong. Ohr Torah!!! 103 members (a record) of OT purchased \$513,000 (another record) worth of Israel Bonds over the last 12 months. We can all be rightly proud of this achievement. We are still looking for 100% membership participation and let's see if we can beat last year's total. This is a painless but very important way of showing our support for Israel. Shana Tova Lechol Yisrael and Bli Neder an Israel Bond Committee sponsored Kiddish is in order.

The Israel Bond Committee.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM

Once again Ohr Torah is proud to offer babysitting on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of \$18 per family to help defray the cost of the babysitting. Please make checks out to Ohr Torah and indicate HH babysitting on your check. The times for our babysitting are as follows:

9/14 (RH) -- 10 am to 1:30 pm

9/15 (RH) -- 10 am to 1:30 pm

9/22 (YK) -- 6:45 pm to 9:15 pm

9/23 (YK) -- 10 am to 2:30 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm

This service is for all children ages 1-4. It is imperative that all children attending our babysitting are able to walk (and not need to be held) and that parents please ensure that our staff is aware of your seating location should we need to find you. We will have a seating chart available. Also please provide our staff with any baby wipes/diapers as needed. We will be unable to accommodate children who have not reached their first birthday.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a meeting of the membership on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:30 pm. The agenda will be as follows:

1. President's Report
2. Financial Report
3. Capital Campaign Report
4. Assistant Rabbi Discussion and Vote
5. Enhancing Tefillah Initiative

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

AT OHR TORAH-BE A PART OF IT

In memory of Joel Adler, A"H Congregation Ohr Torah has embarked on an all-important initiative, 'Enhancing Our Tefillah Experience', in memory of our esteemed and beloved Gabbai, member, and friend, Joel Adler, A"H.

Our goal is 100% participation that creates a strong bond of Achdus (unity) in our shul.

Act now and commit to being counted among those who actively participate in this all-important initiative that will bring us closer to Hakadosh Baruch Hu and enhance the power of our Tefillos.

Please download the Bli Neder Commitment to 'Enhancing Our Tefillah Experience'. If you wish to become further involved in supporting this initiative, or have additional ideas, please speak with Shelley Schoenfeld or email: TefillahExperience@OhrTorah.net. Parshas Ki Savo describes that Hashem heard the voices/supplications of the Jewish

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people. May Hashem hear each of our voices as they ascend from the depths of our hearts to the heights of the Shamayim (heavens), and may our efforts make our Tefillos more effective and meaningful as well as bring Nachas to every one of us and great Simcha to our lives as we each do our part to grow closer to Hashem.

SECURITY UPDATE

Effective Sept 4, the Shul will be locked at all times on weekdays and Sundays, including times of Davening. The front doors can be opened by a punch code. All members have received the code in a recent mailing. Any member who, for any reason does not have the code should contact the President or the members of the security committee. Except for emergencies all entry and exit from the Shul should be via the front door.

ANNUAL TESHUVA LECTURE

The annual community-wide Yomim Noraim teshuva drasha in memory of I. David and Miriam Goldstein will be delivered this year on Sunday evening, Sept 20th at 7:30PM at Cong Ohr Torah. This year's lecture, entitled "Kol Nidrei: How the Rav's Novel Interpretation Will Transform Your Yom Kippur", will be delivered by Rabbi Yosef Adler, Rosh HaYeshiva of Torah Academy of Bergen County, and Rabbi of Cong Rinat Yisroel of Teaneck. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Tax deductible donations to Yad Eliezer would be greatly appreciated.

TORAH TAPE LIBRARY

Notice: The Torah Tape Library will be closed from Friday, September 11, 2015 thru Sun., October 11, 2015, for the Jewish Holidays.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Jerry Silverstein in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban ZT"L

-Jerry Silverstein in memory of his wife Renee, Rachel Rochel Malka bas Moshe Tzvi Z"L

-Mel Barenholtz in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban ZT"L

-Al & Lynn Rappaport in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban ZT"L

LULAV & ESROG ORDERING

When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a donation for each sale.

a.. Barry Siegel & Family

siegeldad@optonline.net, 732-572-4408

b.. Judaica Gallery,

judaicagallery@hotmail.com, 732-828-7722

Please see the flyers for additional info.

All checks for Lulavim and Esrogim must be made out to the appropriate vendor and **NOT** Congregation Ohr Torah. No check made out to COT will be cashed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RJJ MIKVAH:

The Mikveh will be open Erev Rosh Hashanah and Erev Yom Kippur with the exceptions of the following times to allow cleaning:
Erev Rosh Hashana 1:30 to 2:30
Erev Yom Kippur 1:00 to 2:00

ACTT

ACTT: The current ACTT module is "Hakaras Hatov - Gratitude". Source book: Let There Be Rain - making Gratitude a part of our lives by Rabbi Shimon Finkelman & Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein - ArtScroll publisher. For more info on ACTT, email info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

CHARITY FUND FOR THE BLIND

As in past years once again, I appeal to the Congregation for The Charity Fund for the Blind. This organization, which was founded by Aliza Goldstein and her husband Yehuda of Jerusalem, has no paid employees and zero overhead. Aliza and Yehuda, when they started to help the blind of Jerusalem used only their personal resources and those of family members. However, the number of people who requested assistance from them multiplied and the needs of the families also increased. At that point, 7 years ago, Aliza contacted me and asked if I could assist her. Since then, I have been raising funds during chodesh Elul for this holy work. Every dollar we raise is used efficiently and directly with not a penny spent outside of the direct help that is dispensed.

Please contact Bella Lerner, 1 Celler Road, Edison with any questions regarding donations.

NCSY NEWS

Highland Park NCSY is having its first Oneg of the season this Shabbos! WHERE: 417 Cedar Avenue, Highland Park WHEN: Friday night from 9 pm to 11 pm

. Grades 9-12 welcome. Please come and bring your friends!

BIKUR CHOLIM

-VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Mollie Reuben, Sara Genchik, and Ms. Esther Tucker at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane and Dr. Miriam Engelsohn at Care One, 599 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick. If you are able to help out, please call Rahel Baruh at 732-672-4673 or email rbaruh@yahoo.com. Tizku l'mitzvot!

-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 to coordinate or drive, contact the Bikur Cholim hotline at (732) 572-7181 or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.org

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 10:00 AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, Sept. 7 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 sieglmom@optonline.net.

-For more info on Mrs. Miri Cohen's Thursday morning Parsha class, please call the hotline at 206-666-8911.

-For more info on SemPlus Wed. evening shiur for post seminary girls, please call 732-841-1885.

For more info on Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

-Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): A complimentary service for maternity situations whereby volunteers will come to stay with your kids during the night. For more info on receiving this service or becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at 732-249-5116. Thank you. - New Gown Gemach in Edison! Looking for donations! L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin. For more information, please call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941

-HP/Edison Connects Women's Melave Malka - Motzai Shabbos, Sept, 19, 2015
Highland Park/Edison Connects invites you to a Women's Potluck Melave Malka on Motzai Shabbos, Sept 19th, at 8:30pm. Whether you have recently moved in and are looking to meet people, or whether you have been here a while and want to reconnect with old friends (and make new ones while welcoming everyone who has recently moved into our town!) we encourage you to come and bring a dish! This (school) year's kick-off Melave Malka will be taking place at the home of Penina and Asaf Shmuel at 17 Fairhill Rd, Edison, and we ask that you please R.S.V.P. at: highlandparkedisonconnects@yahoo.com so we know how many to set up for We look forward to seeing you there! Rikki Samel and Rachel Stern.

Highland Park/Edison Connects was formed in 2009 with the goal of connecting the community and increasing the sense of Achdus as well as the flow of communication and information between the various Orthodox shuls, schools, institutions, and organizations.

One way that HP/Edison Connects achieves this goal is via the HP/Edison Connects Yahoo List serve, where members can share information about community-wide events, classes, and happenings. Another important role that HP/Edison Connects plays is that of welcoming new families to the community on behalf of all the Orthodox shuls in town. Lastly HP/Edison Connects works to bring together volunteers from all the different facets of the community and help them in any way possible to effectively organize, advertise, and run community-wide events so that the entire community feels represented and welcomed. If you have additional ideas for events, programming, or committees that you feel should fall under the auspices of HP/Edison Connects or would like to come on board as a much needed volunteer please don't hesitate to contact us at highlandparkedisonconnects-owner@yahoo.com

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com. We post over 100 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the information to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

HIGHLAND PARK MIKVAH

The Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at sieglmom@optonline.net to obtain one.

If you are purchasing from Amazon, please consider signing up with www.amazonsmiles.com – a donation will be made to Park Mikvah. The Highland Park Mikvah hours for daylight savings time: Sunday –Thursday evenings from 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM; Friday nights by appointment only. Sept 12: 9:00 – 11:00; Sept 13 – 14 (Rosh Hashanah): by appointment only; Sept 15, 19:00 – 11:00; Sept 22: closed (Yom Kippur); Sept 23: 9:00 – 11:00 (motzai Yom Kippur); Sept. 26: 9:00 – 11:00. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email hpmikvah@gmail.com. Thank you. Park Mikvah

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

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

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.

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 luddeju@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
Yahrzeit DATABASE: To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

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

Parshas Vayelech

Shabbos Shuva (Friday-Shabbos, Sept. 18-19)
 Candlelighting: 6:43 PM
 Mincha: 6:50 PM

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Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net. Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.
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

The First American Machzor

In 1766, the first American machzor was printed in New York, an English translation titled *Prayers for Shabbat, Rosh-Hashanah, and Kippur*. The translator was English born, Isaac Pinto, who came to Connecticut and then to New York in 1751, where he earned a living as a merchant. He joined the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Shearith Israel, whose tiny Jewish population was likely no more than 300 people, at the time. Apparently, the Sephardic synagogues in London used a Spanish translation of the machzor. To preserve the Spanish version, the Sephardic kehilla in London banned an English translation. Pinto felt that their objection to an English translation was misplaced, and in 1761 he published a translation of the maariv liturgy only, titled *Evening Service of Roshashanah and Kippur*, followed by the first full English translation of the machzor, five years later.

Pinto's scholarship caught the attention of Ezra Stiles, who served as President of Yale College, and who maintained a correspondence with him. Following the union of the 13 colonies, Pinto served as one of the first official translators hired by the United States government working at the Department of Foreign Affairs, the predecessor to the modern Department of State. It seems that Pinto complained about his remuneration, and received a letter from Thomas Jefferson (still preserved) promising to raise his level of compensation.

A first edition copy of this rare machzor may be found at the Library of Congress in Washington DC., which purchased the book in 1947 for \$250.00. In 2003, the auction house, Christie's, sold the machzor for more than \$50,000. Pinto's death in 1791 warranted an obituary, (and I don't mean a paid death announcement), see *The New York Journal and Patriotic Register*, January 20, 1791.