



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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Pesach

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### Friday April 22: Erev Pesach

- Candlelighting – 7:26PM
- Mincha – 7:35PM

### Shabbos, April 23: 1st Day Pesach

- Shacharis – 8:15, 9:00AM
- Rabbi Luban's Gemara Taanis Shiur: 6:30PM*
- Mincha – 1:45 & 7:20PM
- *Candlelighting/ preparation for seder not before 8:36PM*

### Sunday, April 24: 2nd Day Pesach

- Shacharis – 8:15, 9:00AM
- Mincha – 7:30 PM
- Maariv – 8:30PM
- Yom Tov Ends: 8:37PM

### Mon-Thur April 25-28: Chol Hamoad

- Shacharis – 6:10, 6:50, 8 & 9AM
- Mincha – 7:30PM (Thursday 7:40)

### KIDDUSH

No Kiddush in shul this Shabbos. Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

No Shalosh Seudos in Shul this Shabbos.

### YOUTH GROUPS

Youth groups will take place during both the first and last days of Pesach on their usual schedule.

### THE RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN

Presents: The Lost Jews of Kaifeng, China. Hear the fascinating history of Jewish life in Kaifeng, China. Beginning during the Northern Sung Dynasty (960-1127) when the Jews of Persia and India traveled the Silk Road to Kaifeng, the community thrived for many years but eventually died out in 1860. Shi Lei, the lecturer, is a descendent from one of the original Jewish families in Kaifeng, China. He is a graduate of Henan University in China.

Henry Lerner will introduce the film and present follow up comments. The Retiree D'var Torah will be presented by Mike Samel. In keeping with this month's theme Jerusalem Pizza will cater a Chinese type luncheon. The program is open to all retirees in the community and will offer a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. There will be a charge of \$10 pp to help defray the cost of the meal. Date: Tues May 17<sup>th</sup> Time: 12 noon Location: Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ RSVP Please reply at least 2 days prior to program. Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786,

Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

### ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

CHAG KASHER v'SAMEACH!  
When saying, in the 3rd paragraph of Shema, "asher hotzeisi eschem mei'eretz Mitzraim" (Who has taken you from the land of Egypt), concentrate on fulfilling the positive mitzvah to remember the Exodus from Egypt. May we all merit a complete salvation from all of our troubles and by being included in the final redemption, speedily and in our days!

### DEDICATION ITEMS TO OHR TORAH

Ohr Torah thanks all the families who have donated many wonderful and beautiful items over more than 2 decades. Please remember that ALL items for dedication need to be discussed with the decorating committee headed by Leslie Ney, no matter how large or small. In addition, all dedication items are given along with a donation that is set before the item is acquired or commissioned. This longstanding Ohr Torah policy has permitted us to build, expand, and maintain our wonderful Shul. Thank you for your cooperation.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Esther Rochel and Yechiel Posen on the birth of a son to their children, Menachem and Chana Sarah Posen.

...to Breindy and Neal Pomper on the birth of a son to their children, Tzippy and Mikery Frohlich.

### SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

In celebration of Yom ha-Atzma'ut, Ohr Torah will host Rabbi Yeshaya Steinberger, Maggid Shiur, Yeshivat HaKotel, and a District Rabbi in Jerusalem, who will serve as scholar in residence on the Shabbat of May 13-14.

### HAMAKOM YENACHEM

The shul extends its condolence to Moshe Eisner on the passing of his grandmother, Mrs. Rochel Eisner.

### THE FRUIT TREE BRACHA

The bracha recited upon first seeing a flowering fruit tree is posted at 401 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NORPAC MISSION

Join us on our annual Mission to Washington to support the U.S.-Israel relationship on Wednesday, May 18th. Buses leave for Washington from our area 6:30AM and return between 9-10PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals provided. [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call (201) 788-5133 Adults -

\$175, Students - \$125 (must be over 12. Those under 18 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian). For more info contact Marc Hanfling [docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com) Neer Even-Hen, Yosef Schreiber or Barry Wolf.

### ELEM/YOUTH IN DISTRESS

#### MISSION TO ISRAEL

ELEM/Youth in Distress in Israel is sponsoring a Mission to Israel March 19-27, 2017! Join us on a journey of a lifetime to reveal the rich tapestry of Israeli society, enjoy its vibrant art scene, youth culture and explore the complex issues facing Israelis today. Led by Rabbi Dr. Eric M. Lankin, from Highland Park, ELEM Exec Dir, this trip will engage both adults and teenagers, delight foodies, culture and art lovers. You'll gain fascinating insights into Israeli society through interactions with Israelis from all walks of life and by extraordinary access to significant political and community leaders. Price: Land Only \$2390 (double occupancy) Early Bird Discount: \$100 per person by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. More info <http://www.elem.org/#1march-2017-mission/ca1n> or call 212-787-3337

### MIRIAM DOBIN TO SPEAK

#### AT YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM

Miriam Dobin will be speaking at Temple Beth El in Somerset on Sunday May 1st at 1:30PM. She will be discussing her memoir, *I Am Because of You* and her family's experiences during the Shoah. A slide show and video will be included in this presentation. This program is free of charge and open to the public.

### RPRY ANNUAL DINNER

Please join us at the RPRY Annual Dinner event, Sunday, May 22nd, at 6pm, where we will be celebrating our Guests of Honor - Susan and Hillel Raymon, our Community Leadership Awardees - Melissa and Leeor Jerushalmy, and Distinguished Alumna Awardee - Ariella Noveck, as well as the RPRY Class of 1986. Thank you for making your reservation and placing an ad at [www.rpry.adjournal.com](http://www.rpry.adjournal.com). For questions, email [dinner@rpry.org](mailto:dinner@rpry.org).

### RPRY PARLOR MEETING

Please join us for a RPRY Parlor Meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 8pm, at the home of Deena & Adam Schindelheim, 2 Franklin Ct, East Brunswick. Come meet our administrators and current parents, and find out the details of "Why RPRY?" For more info, please contact Chaye Kohl, Dir of Admissions, at [ckohl@rpry.org](mailto:ckohl@rpry.org).

### ENRV

Employment Network of Raritan Valley  
Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com).

**REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs wall. CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-640-5545**

**First aid kits are available in the President's Shtender in the main Shul and in the back room of the kitchen.**

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

-HOMEBOUND VISITATION: Seeking adults and 11th graders and older who would be interested in volunteering to visit homebound people in our community. For more info, please call Bikur Cholim at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181).

- NURSING HOME VISITATION: Seeking volunteers to visit at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane in Somerset. For more info, please call Rahel Baruh at [732-672-4673](tel:732-672-4673) or email [rbaruh@yahoo.com](mailto:rbaruh@yahoo.com)

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appointments - match requesters with an available driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. To volunteer to coordinate or to drive, please call Bikur Cholim hotline at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com)

- NEW WEBSITE: [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com). The new website provides information regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, how to borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

### **YOUNG ISRAEL**

The Young Israel of East Brunswick's "Yom Hashoah Program" will be held at 7:30pm on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The program will include speeches by two Holocaust survivors: Rachel Sambul, a Polish Jew who fled with her family to Russia and endured horrific conditions in Siberia, and Saul Graf, a Hungarian Jew who was transported to Auschwitz in 1944 and also survived other labor camps. For more info, please contact Debbie Chustckie at [chustckie@gmail.com](mailto:chustckie@gmail.com).

### **DORENE SCHWARTZ-WEITZ'S ART EXHIBIT**

Dorene Schwartz-Weitz's latest piece, "Tzitzit", 'ציצית', part of the Mitzvah Kotel Project, [mitzvahkotel.org](http://mitzvahkotel.org), Youtube [Mitzvah Kotel Project](https://youtu.be/wI7sedTcXzM), <https://youtu.be/wI7sedTcXzM>, is on exhibit at The Brooklyn Jewish Art Gallery of Congregation Kol Israel, 603 St. Johns Pl in Brooklyn, until June 26th.

### **FOR WOMEN**

The following classes will resume after Pesach:

-Rebbetzin Eichenstein's class for Women

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha Class

-SemPlus shiur

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shmiras Haloshon Class

-Woman's Parsha discussion: Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzael Strauss, will be conducting discussion based on the essays of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, every Monday 1PM in the AA Beit Midrash. All interested women are invited. Contact

Cynthia at [cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com) with any questions.

-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](tel:732-249-5116). Thank you.

-Tiferes women: Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Pre-Pesach - Finding Geulah Within" with Mrs. Chani Juravel. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-Women's beginning Israeli Dancing will resume after Lag B'Omer Sun, May 29. For more info, please contact Rachel at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

-The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. The Gemach is looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can be arranged. Info and/or to schedule appt call Sara Scott 516-526-0941.

### **PARK MIKVAH HOURS**

-The Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net) to obtain one.

-If you are purchasing from Amazon, please consider signing up with [www.amazonsmiles.com](http://www.amazonsmiles.com) - a donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

-The Highland Park Mikvah hours for Daylight Savings Time: Sunday-Thursday evenings 9PM - 11PM; Friday nights by appt only. April 16: 9:30 - 11:30. April 22, 23, 28, 29: by appt only. April 24: 9:30 - 11:30. April 30: 9:45 - 11:30. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. *In case of inclement weather, please call mikvah at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or see [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org) for updated status.* Info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411)/ email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com).

**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER:** To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

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

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please

contact Mel Barenholtz by email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [luddeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**Yahrzeit DATABASE:** To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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

### **Last Days Pesach**

Candlelighting:	7:32 PM
Mincha:	7:40 PM

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Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto:announcements@ohrtorah.net). Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wed. Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone number.