



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Miketz

2 Tevet 5777

December 31, 2016

Candlelighting: 4:22PM
Mincha: 4:30 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:41AM
Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 3:25 PM
Rabbi Malitzky's Mishnayos Shiur for 6-8 grade boys – 3:45 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 4:15PM
 Shalosh Seudos speaker: Josh Rapps
Maariv: 5:25 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:31 PM
Weekday Shacharis
Sun (Zos Chanukah) 7:00, 8 & 9AM
Mon. 6:17, 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Tues, Weds. & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Thurs. 6:17, 7:05 & 8AM
Earliest Tallis & Tefillin: 6:22 Mon., 6:23 Thurs.
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:30PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM

MAZEL TOV
 ...to Rabbi and Mrs. Luban on the birth of a daughter, Chaya Penina to their children Nachman and Malki Luban.
 ...to Rabbi and Dr. Malitzky on the birth of a daughter, Leba Yehudis.

2017 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
 The 2017 Membership Directory is being prepared. All current directory information, 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.

Please pay all outstanding balances by Dec 31st and receive a 2016 tax deduction. For any questions regarding your financial statement, please contact Brian Allen.
PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING
 The Himber family will be hosting a public lighting of the menorah on Dec 31st at 6pm at their home ,6 Perry Road, Edison. There will be music and refreshments.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
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 monthly, and help people with resume and search strategies. **Please help:** If you know of any professional, part-time, or temp job openings, please e-mail info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

GENEALOGY CLUB OF CENTRAL JERSEY
 The Genealogy Club of Central Jersey (GCCJ) will meet Thur, Jan 19th, 7PM at Ahavas Achim, 216 South 1st Ave., in Highland Park. Please note that, due to scheduling conflicts, this is not our normal meeting date.

THE TABC ANNUAL DINNER
 The TABC Annual Dinner will take place Jan 12th. Join us as we pay tribute to Guests of Honor, Gail & Terry Novetsky; Community Service Awardees, Rachelle and Howard Friedman; Faculty Recognition Honoree, Deniera Goldenberg; and Rabbi Benjamin Skydell '95 who is receiving the Alumni Tribute Award. For more info/to donate, please visit www.tabc.org/dinner

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL'S DAY OF BIG IDEAS
 The entire community is invited to attend Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School's Day of Big Ideas on Mon, Jan 2nd, 9:30AM–12:30PM, at Ma'ayanot (1650 Palisade Ave, Teaneck). Program will begin with a keynote address by Dr. Leah Knapp (Clinical Psychologist & Ma'ayanot Teacher) on the topic *Lonely Man of Faith: Opportunities and Limitations in the Quest to Connect*. The keynote will be followed by additional lectures by Ma'ayanot faculty on advanced topics in the liberal arts and sciences. Men and women welcome. For more info contact Chana Stiefel at [201-833-4307, ext. 244](tel:201-833-4307).

RIVER RIDGE LECTURE
 Ahavas Achim University's annual River Ridge Lecture will take place Fri, Jan 13 at 8PM, in the community room at 30 S. Adelaide Ave. All are invited to hear Rabbi Miodownik's presentation on "Home Remedies for the Evil Eye: A Practical Guide to Ayin Hara."

AAU ASARAH B'TEIVEIT YOM IYUN
 Ahavas Achim Univ proudly presents a special Yom Iyun Sunday, Jan 8th featuring renowned Tanach educator Rabbi Menachem Leibtag. Please join us on that Taanit Tzibbur for a meaningful morning of learning and gaining deeper insights into the fast day. Yom Iyun is free of charge and open to all who would like to dedicate their morning to Torah

WEEKLY SHIURIM
 -Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur – cancelled this week
 - Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Sauer – cancelled this week
 -Gemara with Rabbi Malitzky:
 Night Seder: cancelled Monday night
 -Weds. Night seder 9:00-10:10 PM,
 Chaburah from 9:40-10:10PM
Daf Yomi
 Mon-Thurs after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday Nite –after Maariv
 Shabbos-8:15 am
 Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis

ADDITIONAL MAARIV TIME:
 If there is enough interest, we will add an additional Mon - Thurs weekday Maariv time at 8:45PM, commencing January 30th. If you are interested in regularly attending such a Maariv minyan, please contact Effy Zinkin at Effy.Zinkin@gmail.com.

YFM KIDDUSH
 Kiddush this week in YFM is being sponsored by Joanne and Payam Hanian to commemorate the first Yahrzeit of Payam's mother, Turi Bat Yaakov A"H.

KIDDUSH
 Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the Rabbi and Rebbetzin Luban in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Chaya Penina. Kiddush sponsorship is available for January 21st and February 4th, 11th & 25th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Dr. Theodore Stahl in honor of the Yahrzeit of their son Doug Stahl A"H.

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.

ANNUAL HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST
 Dr. Robert Schanzer, Chairman of this year's Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guest of Honor at this year's breakfast will be Mr. Aryeh Levy, CPA. The breakfast will IY'H take place at Cong Ohr Torah Sunday morning, Jan 15th 2017 at 9:30AM.

OT YOUTH EVENTS
 - Ohr Torah is hosting a Grand Chanukah Celebration and Children's Chinese auction this Sunday morning January 1, 2017 starting at 10:30AM lasting until 1PM. Children, parents & grandparents are all invited. Included is brunch and lots of entertainment such as spin art, face painting, a balloonist, a dazzling children's magic show plus fun, games and giveaways from the Jeff Wilks orchestra. In addition, children will have the opportunity to decorate their own Chanukah donut (frosting and sprinkles provided) and there will be a children's Chinese auction with great prizes. Cost is \$15 a person or \$40 per family. Sponsorships of \$72 and \$100 are available as well. Questions: Contact Mayer Berg by email -- marcberg@verizon.net or by cell @ (732) 207-9992. Chag Urim Sameach to all!

YEAR END STATEMENTS
 Final year end statements were mailed out.

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs. Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.
 CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-456-6666

study with one of our generation's most influential authorities on Tanach.

YOM IYUN L'ZECHER NISHMAS

HARAV PINCHAS MORDECHAI TEITZ Z"L

The Jewish Educational Center's Rav Teitz Mesivta Academy invites the public to join their Yom Iyun in commemoration of the 21st Yahrzeit of the school's founder, HaRav Pinchas Mordechai Teitz z'l, on the 4th of Tevet, 5777 - Mon, Jan 2nd in the JEC's Monroe Levy Auditorium at 330 Elmora Ave in Elizabeth, NJ. Program will commence at 11:15 AM and will feature Rabbi Binyamin Blau, Rosh HaYeshiva Fuchs Mizrahi School and Rav of the Green Road Synagogue in Cleveland, Ohio. Open to all, no charge.

CHUG IVRIT

Chug Ivrit for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers, sponsored by Raritan Valley Hadassah, meets Sun Jan 22, at 11AM. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We'd love to have you join us! Please contact **Rachel Weintraub** at rachel@weintraubworld.net or [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) for location.

CHICKS WITH STICKS KNITTING GROUP

-Next meeting Tues Jan 10 at 2PM. If it is snowing /icy, call me to check if meeting is rescheduled. Phyllis Pollak, Knitting Chair [732-246-7366](tel:732-246-7366), phypollak@yahoo.com

-Raritan Valley Hadassah Gen Meeting, Jan 18th 7-9PM. Wed, Jan 18th at 7PM at the HP Senior Center, 220 South Sixth Ave, HP, to hear Judy Shereck, Hadassah Vice Coord, PRAZE Div, Hon Council, present overview of important Hadassah Advocacy Programs.

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. Previous ACTT module: "Kiddush Hashem 1"; Source book: "Living Kiddush Hashem" by Rabbi Shraga Freedman. "A Powerful Segulah for Yom Hadin", speaker Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser, can be downloaded or listened to from the Audio page of the ACTT web site at: www.actt613.org/3.html For more info, see the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

BIKUR CHOLIM:

- NEW HOSPITALITY ROOM at RWJ Hospital is located on the main floor. Go thru main entrance and bear left towards gift shop. Turn right through double doors. Follow hall and turn right. The room is located opposite the surgical intensive care unit. You will find it fully stocked with food and any items that you might need. There is a microwave, urn, sink, table & chairs, as well as two reclining chairs. For inquiries, please call the helpline at 732-572-7181.

- MOTHER'S HELPERS: Bikur Cholim is looking for Mother's Helpers to help with a special need's five year old girl. Volunteers are needed for any time, Monday through Friday. We are looking for girls tenth grade and up. If you can help, even for a few hours, please call Mrs. Rivka Teresh directly at 347-598-9448.

- 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.

- 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 or email 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 or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.com - NEW WEBSITE: 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.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/HP presents David Greenfield discussing, "What Jews Want in the New Political Order: An Insider's View" on Saturday night Jan 7 at 8PM at Cong Etz Ahaim. David Greenfield, a New York City Councilman who represents more Jews than any other local elected official in the world, is a rising star in New York politics. He is unabashedly supportive of the State of Israel and is a champion of many issues of importance to the Jewish community. He will share his perspective on the current national political scene and his experiences as one of the highest ranking officials in New York City government. The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

JERUSALEM MARATHON

This March I will be running with Team Shalva in the Jerusalem Marathon. Shalva serves the mentally and physically challenged children of Israel in the most warm and loving environment. I volunteer every week at the Shalva building so I really see how special it is. All donations are tax deductible and any donation you could give would really help this incredible organization!! Donate online at http://www.run4shalva.org/my_allyorgel or you can drop off a check made out to SHALVA at 12 Brookfall Road, Edison NJ 08817. Thank you so much in advance!! Ally Orgel

CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Please note: Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class Jan 3rd. For info, call [732-966-6503](tel:732-966-6503).

-Sun Jan 1st 10AM: Rabbi Bassous: Women's class at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Class based upon the book, "Happiness" by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin.

-SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls: Call hotline to confirm 732-966-6503

-Sun Jan 1st 11AM - Rebbitzin Eichenstein's Tefillah Class for Women at the Agudah
-Mon Jan 2nd 7:30PM - Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class at home of Ellen Smith, 407 N. 8th Ave Edison. Info call Ellen 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787

-Mon Jan 2nd 8PM - Rebbitzin Eichenstein's Parsha class at Ohr Torah. For info call Aviva 732-572-4408 or siegelmom@optonline.net

-Shabbos Jan 7th 3PM: Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program is pleased to announce next month's shiur: Margalit Gottlieb will speak on the topic: "Yehuda and Yosef: An Archetype of Jewish Division and Unity" at home of Mrs. Nechama Boxer 12 Eardley Place Edison. All Women And girls high school age and older invited to attend.

Womens' Amen Group - Meets Monthly on Sundays following Shabbos in which one bensches Rosh Chodesh 9:30am in downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. Group meets in the zechus of a reufah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community. -Tiferes DVD for women: Motzai Shabbos, Jan. 21 8:30PM, at the Siegel house. Weekly

teleconferences, topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "The Jewish Home - Maximizing my Role" with Mrs. Chana Leah Rapaport. [212-444-9898](tel:212-444-9898); pin 1001. For info, contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

PARK MIKVAH HOURS

The Highland Park mikvah is ready to be transformed into a beautiful, inviting facility, one which the entire community can be proud of! *Last night the mikvah will be open is Saturday, Jan 14; anticipated reopening before Pesach 2017.* More info on other mikvahs in the area will be forthcoming. The Highland Park Mikvah hours for Sunday -Thursday evenings, until Jan.12 are 8PM - 10:30PM. Friday nights by appt only. Motzai Shabbos, Dec 31, Jan 7, 14: 7:30 - 10PM. 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.

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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 Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Shalosh Seudos, contact Moshe Wiesel. **BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES** Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-807 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 call 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 Refuah Shleimah

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 database, go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: Call 732-247-ERUV for status

Parshas Vayigash

Candlelighting:	4:28pm
Mincha:	4:35pm

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