



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Vayigash

9 Tevet 5777

January 7, 2017

Candlelighting: 4:28PM
Mincha: 4:35PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'yun Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:42AM
Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 3:30 PM
Rabbi Malitzky's Mishnayos Shiur for 6-8 grade boys – 3:50 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 4:20PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Henry Schanzer
Maariv: 5:30 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:37 PM
Weekday Shacharis
Sun 7:00, 8 & 9AM
Mon. & Thur: 6:17, 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Tues, Weds. & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Earliest Tallis & Tefillin: 6:23 Mon., 6:22 Thurs.
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:35PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM

WEEKLY SHIURIM

Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur – Monday 9:10 PM
Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Sauer – after 7:15 Shacharis on Sunday
Gemara with Rabbi Malitzky: Monday and Wednesday: Night Seder: 9:00-10:10 PM, Chaburah from 9:40-10:10PM
Daf Yomi
 Mon-Thurs fter 7:30 Maariv
 Friday Nite –after Maariv
 Shabbos-8:15 am
 Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Rabbi and Dr. Malitzky in honor of the birth of Leba Yehudis.

Kiddush sponsorship is avail for Jan 21st and Feb 4th, 11th & 25th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Henry and Sheila Schanzer in memory of Henry's father.

ATTENTION

Please note that there is NO PARKING under any condition in front of the Shul or in front of the garbage area. Furthermore, attendees at morning Minyanim should not be parking in fire lanes by the Shul or playground as it adversely affects traffic flow for car pool drop off and school bus access.

MAZEL TOV

... to Renee and David Griboff on the engagement of their son, Ilan, to Sarah Diamond of Sharon, Massachusetts. Mazel Tov to Sarah's parents, Anne and Tzvi Diamond, and to the entire Griboff and Diamond families.

...to Nechama and Mike Samel and Moshe and Hindi Samel on the engagement of Chani Samel to Nesanel Luria.

...to Eileen and Mel Wagshul on the birth of a daughter to their grandchildren Avremil and Devorah Leah Wagshul in Los Angeles. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Yitzchok and Leah Wagshul.

ASARAH BETEVES SCHEDULE

Sunday January 8

Fast Begins	6:09 AM
Shacharis	7. 8 & 9 AM
Early Mincha	12:45 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:15 PM
Late Maariv	5:20 PM
Fast Ends	5:38 PM

2017 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2017 Membership Directory is 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 info 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.

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 at 9:30AM.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMCHEI SHABBOS—GIVE

THE GIFT OF SHABBOS

Every week, Tomchei Shabbos provides meals to families in Edison/ Highland Park who cannot

afford even the basic necessities for Shabbos and Yom Tov. Help us give the gift of Shabbos and Yom Tov to families in need. Donations can be made through their website: www.tomcheimc.org. Checks can also be sent to Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County, c/o Cong. Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ 08817.

THE ORTHODOX FORUM OF EDISON/HIGHLAND PARK PRESENTS:

"What Jews Want in the New Political Order: An Insider's View" Jan 7th at 8pm at Cong Etz Ahaim. David Greenfield, a NYC 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. Program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more info go to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON

The Raritan Valley community will be hosting a Chai Lifeline "Friends & Fun" Shabbaton, bringing 25-30 girls (7-18 yrs old) who have life-threatening illnesses to our neighborhood for a weekend of fun on March 4. Please help us make this an event to remember. Sponsor or contribute today (all contributions will be displayed on a recognition card):

- \$1,000 - (Platinum)
- \$500 - (Gold)
- \$360 - (Silver)
- \$180 - (Sponsor)
- Up to \$ 180- Contributor

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

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. 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, Rachele 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

RIVER RIDGE LECTURE

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

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."

MTA SHABBATON - JAN. 7TH & 8TH

8th grade students are invited to: Friday Night Tisch at the home of the Caplan family, 336 North 8th Avenue at 7:45 PM.

Shabbos morning at 9:00 AM at the OT Teen Minyan, followed by a hot Kiddush sponsored by MTA.

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

THANK YOU TO THE HIGHLAND PARK / EDISON/ EAST BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY

THE EMERGENCY YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE FOR ISRAELI COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE FIRES was a tremendous success. As a community, we collectively donated 495 bags which filled up an entire truck. While the funds that were collected will go a long way towards sending the clothes, we are still short the necessary funds needed to send that clothing to Israel. If you were not able to participate in the drive, please sponsor a box of clothing to ensure that every piece of clothing from HP, Edison and E. Brunswick gets to a family in Israel this winter. Go to www.ClothingForTheWinter.causevox.com and make a donation. Indicate HP/Edison/EB in the comment section of the donation page.

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** for location.

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 David 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:

- Save the date: Bikur Cholim annual event will be held IY"H Sunday March 5. More details to follow.
- HOSPITALITY ROOM at RWJ Hosp 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. Room is located opposite the surgical intensive care unit. You will find it fully stocked with food and items you might need. There is a microwave, urn, sink, table & chairs, as well as two reclining chairs. For inquiries, 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, Mon thru Fri. We are looking for girls tenth grade

and up. If you can help, even for a few hours, 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, call Rahel Baruh at 732-672-4673 or email rbaruh@yahoo.com

- **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:** Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appts - match requesters with an avail 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 volunteer form on website bikurcholimrv.com

- **WEBSITE:** bikurcholimrv.com. The new website provides info 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.

JERUSALEM MARATHON RUNNERS

- Ally Orgel will be running with Team Shalva in the Jerusalem Marathon. 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.

- Eli Berg is running in the Jerusalem Marathon March 17th to benefit OurPlace. Any amount you can contribute would be very much appreciated <http://teamourplace.com/participantpage.asp?fundid=2020&uid=3675&fkroledescid=5>

NEW HP/EDISON DIAPER GEMACH

Donations of diapers, pull-ups, and wipes are currently being accepted for the new HP/Edison Diaper Gemach. Please email diapergemach@gmail.com for more info.

CLASSES FOR WOMEN

- **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.

- **Sun Jan 8th 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

- **Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women:** No class Sun, Jan. 8th. Contact Aviva **732-572-4408** or sieglmom@optonline.net for status of Parsha class Mon, Jan. 9th.

- **Mon Jan 9th:** Mrs. Leah Drillman will not be having her Shimiras Haloshon class on Monday, Jan 9. For more info, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

- **Tue Jan 10th 9:30AM** Womens Learning Initiative presents international lecturer Mrs. Shira Smiles "Creating Kedusha with Words" at the home of Tzippy Rieder 6 Cliff Street, Edison.

Sponsored by Mordechai & Yifat Schnur for the Zechut of a Refuah Shleima for Avraham Shmuel Ben Shaindel. For more info, call **732-966-6503**.

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 shleimah 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**; pin 1001. For info, contact Aviva sieglmom@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** 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 SLEIMAH 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 Vayechi

Candlelighting:	4:35pm
Mincha:	4:45pm

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