



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

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Parshat Shemot

21 Tevet 5779

December 29, 2018

Candlelighting: 4:20 PM
Mincha: 4:25 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM

Hashkama Speaker – Rabbi Elchonon Adler
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after
Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:40 AM
Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 3:25 PM

Mincha: 1:45 PM & 4:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Elchanan Adler

Maariv: 5:25 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:29 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9:00 AM

Mon. & Thu 6:17, 7:05 & 8AM

Earliest Talis and Tefillin:
6:22 AM Mon & Thurs.

Tue. 7:15, 8 & 9AM

Wed, Fri: 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM

Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 PM

Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Note that there is no 7:30 Maariv on Sundays or this Tuesday

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun Shiur – cancelled this week

-Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Sheilos Uteshuvos Monday night 9:10 PM

-Rabbi Malitzky's Chofetz Chaim Shiur – Wednesday 8:30pm

-Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th grade- cancelled this week

-Boy's High School Shiur by Rabbi Raffi Landau between Mincha and Maariv in downstairs classroom

Daf Yomi

Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv

Friday -after Maariv

Shabbos -8:15 AM

Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis

SPECIAL LEGAL HOLIDAY SHIUR

All men and women are invited to a special legal holiday Shiur and breakfast this coming Tuesday morning (1/1). Join us after the 8 AM Minyan for breakfast and a Shiur (8:50-9:30). Rabbi Hillel Feldman (Assistant Rabbi of the Agudah) will be speaking about Cosmetic Surgery in Halacha.

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush this week is sponsored by Ari Slepoy in honor of his Chassan Torah Aliyah this past Simchas Torah.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Mira and Mark Epstein in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Mark's father R' Nachman B'R Yitzchak Halevi, Z"L.

Kiddush sponsorship is available on January 19th and 26th and February 2nd.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Larry and Miriam Greenman in memory of Larry's

father, Reb Gershon Mordechai ben Reb Yehoshua Menachem and in memory of Miriam's father Rav Yosef Yochanan ben Rav Avraham.

MAZEL TOV

...to Debby and Greg Botvinik on the engagement of their son, Andrew, to Stephanie Gold of Baltimore. Mazal Tov to his siblings Jordan and Shani, Noah, and Aaron and to the entire, Gold and, Levine families.

...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the marriage of their granddaughter Avital Kestenbaum of Ranaana, to Dvir Gamliel of Bat Yam.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

RABBI ELCHANAN ADLER,

ROSH YESHIVA AT RIETS

Ohr Torah is incredibly excited to host Rabbi Elchanan Adler, as our Scholar in Residence for Shabbos. Rabbi Adler is a Rosh Yeshiva at RIETS, where he holds the Eva, Morris and Jack Rubin Chair in Rabbinics and delivers a daily advanced Talmud shiur. An accomplished writer and speaker, he is the author of five seforim (most recently, *Tzvi Tifara*, on *Anim Zemirot*) and dozens of articles on diverse Torah topics. Rabbi Adler holds a BA in Psychology from CUNY and an MS in Secondary Jewish Education from Yeshiva University's Azrieli Graduate School. Prior to joining YU, Rabbi Adler studied at the Mirrer Yeshiva, Yeshivas Beis Yosef-Novardok, and Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem, where he received semikha from Rabbi David Feinstein.

The schedule for his Shiurim is as follows:

-**Friday night Shiur @8pm** at the home of Robert and Riki Kreitman (22 Marshall Drive), *The Mitzva of תוכחה: Rebuke or Confrontation?*

-**Derasha in Hashkama Minyan** (approximately 8:25)- *What ישמח משה and מצרים חשב* tell us about תכנת שבת

-**Post Hashkama Shiur:** *"Adam Muad Leolam, Man's liability for damages and injury under all circumstances"*

-**Drasha in Main Minyan** (approximately 10:45)- *Connecting the Dots in the Journey of Life: Miriam's Story*

-**Seuda Shlishis (after Mincha)**- גלות
 השכינה: *What Does It Mean For Us?*

OT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

OT will be conducting a membership drive from now through the end of the calendar year. If you're thinking about becoming a

full or associate member and supporting all of the wonderful programming and activities our shul offers, this would be a great time to do so! Membership applications are available in the lobby and at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. If you have any questions or need to discuss financial issues please contact Jeff Klein at jeffreyklein@yahoo.com or Brian Allen at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE –

OT PROGRESSIVE DINNER

We are very excited to announce that the shul's progressive dinner will be Motzai Shabbos, February 2nd at 7:45pm! The progressive dinner will be a very enjoyable evening replete with good food, the opportunity to meet members of our shul that you may not know as well and fun entertainment. The progressive dinner format is designed to facilitate this as all participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the first two fully catered courses at different host's homes with other couples. Everyone then meets back at the shul for a sumptuous desert and fun entertainment. Any questions, please contact any of the committee members, Nitza Adler, Melissa Feder, Alisa Hercman, Shoshana Kaplan, Riki Kreitman, or Chani Wiesel.

CONDOLENCES

Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences to Dr. Harvey Atlas on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Atlas, Z"L. The burial took place in Israel. Harvey will begin sitting shiva at his home in Edison, 5 Celler Rd., until Sunday morning. Shacharis will be Sunday at 8:00 AM.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

2019 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2019 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.

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

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.

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address above. The phone tree email list will not be used for this publication.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Get Your 2018 Tax Deduction! Year-end statements were mailed out recently to those members with outstanding balances. Please settle your account by the end of the year and receive a 2018 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your account, please email our financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

SEFER DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seferim donations

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in honor of Natie Stern's Upsherim

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Susan Haller's mother Marsha Malin Z"L

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Rona Kessel's father Bennett Koppelman Z"L

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Jonas Waizer's mother Hansi Waizer Z"L

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Susan Borger Z"L

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE

Please consider joining Rabbi Luban and the Ohr Torah delegation at the upcoming AIPAC Policy Conference, to be held Sunday, March 24- March 26 in Washington DC. Be a part of America's largest gathering of pro-Israel activists, attend breakout sessions led by elected representatives, media figures and renowned experts in a variety of Israel related topics. Speak to Rabbi Luban or Greg Sholom for further information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Mr. Avi Milgraum, Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce the Guests of Honor for this year's Breakfast are Mr. & Mrs. Akiva & Sara Scott. The breakfast will IY'H take place at Cong Ohr Torah Sunday morning, Dec 30th at 9:30am.

PROJECT INSPIRE CONVENTION

Be Inspired at the Project Inspire Convention, Feb 22-24 at the Crowne Plaza in nearby Stamford CT. The amazing weekend includes outstanding presenters such as Rabbi YY Jacobson, Rabbi Yoel Gold, Rabbi Akiva Tatz, Rabbi Mordechai Twersky, Rabbi Gav Friedman, Rabbi Shmuel Silber, Rabbanit Yemina Mizrahi, Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker and others with Shulem Lemmer leading the davening! Enjoy great Torah, davening, food, entertainment and the company of fellow conventioners all looking to be inspired. You'll be happy you went and guaranteed to be inspired as we were. Info, contact Moshe & Debbie Schneider and Russell & Nitza Adler or Rabbi Mordechai Tropp mtropp@projectinspire.com. To register, go to www.projectinspire.com/Convention

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON

The HP/Edison community will host a Chai Lifeline Shabbaton on March 1st-2nd. Approximately 25 girls, ages 7-15, who have life-threatening illnesses, will attend. Please help us make this an event to remember by sponsoring or volunteering today. Checks should be made out to Chai Lifeline and mailed to David Waizer, 53 North 7th Ave., Highland Park. High school students who would like to volunteer, should contact Barbara Edery at barbaraedery@gmail.com.

RPRY

-Save Our Saturday Nights - A Parent-Child Learning Program in a True Beit Midrash Setting:

Motzei Shabbat in the RPRY Beit Midrash from 7pm-8pm. Open to all grades! All you need to bring is your sefarim, your chevruta and yourself! Enjoy pizza, refreshments and raffle prizes! To sponsor an SOS Mishmar, contact Rabbi Einzig at (732) 572-5052 x 203

- Sponsor a Day of Learning to commemorate a Yahrzeit, honor a special person, celebrate a Simcha or merit a Zechut for a Refuah. Your loved one will be recognized on the chosen day in the RPRY morning announcements, by email to the RPRY community network, in the school's weekly newsletter and on a Certificate of Appreciation. You may submit a short narrative and a special photo about your loved one. Further info and forms available on RPRY website:

<https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/day-of-learning>

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JEWS AND GENTILES IN SECULAR GOVERNMENT

A Conversation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Teaneck. Moderated by Moshe Kinderlehrer. The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park and the Jewish Link of NJ present Mayor Mohammed Hameeduddin, a Muslim, and Deputy Mayor Elie Y. Katz, an Orthodox Jew, work very closely together in leading the government of Teaneck, NJ on Saturday night January 12, at 8:00 at Congregation Etz Ahaim. Moderator Moshe Kinderlehrer, Co-Publisher of the Jewish Link of NJ, will moderate the discussion and will also solicit questions from audience.

The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more information go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.

RABBI WEISS SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss' Shiur on Tehillim: for men and women Wednesday nights at 7:30pm, at Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave., HP. Info 347-203-7906.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HS FOR GIRLS

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites you to their 10th Annual Day of Big Ideas Sun, Dec 30th, 9:30AM-12:30PM. Keynote by Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, Pres of YU. Who is My 'Brother': A Halakhic Look at a Medieval Christian Dilemma With additional lectures by our distinguished faculty. Men & women in the community are welcome. Info: Chana Stiefel, Dir of Public Relations, stiefelc@maayanot.org.

YOUNG ISRAEL OF EAST BRUNSWICK

The Young Israel of East Brunswick presents "On The Road with Rabbi Steinsaltz," a lecture by Arthur Kurzweil Sun, Jan 6th, 8pm. at YIEB. Please visit www.yieb.org for details.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, December 30 due to the Kollel breakfast; Parsha class on Monday, December 31 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please call / text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or siegelmom@gmail.com

-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, Jan 12 at 8:30PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members Current teleconference: "The Giving Tree - Nourishing your soul, nurturing your children" with Mrs. Chaya Breindy Kenigsberg. Info/to become a member Aviva siegelmom@gmail.com. The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-Women's Learning Initiative:

· Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas! For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact info to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com

- Women's AMEN Group meets monthly on the Sundays following the Shabbos in which one

bensch's Rosh Chodesh, at 9:30AM in a downstairs classroom at Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.

- The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program welcomes Chaya Rivka Zwolinski, the Dir of BRI Women Jan 13th 2019 at 11AM. as she discusses "Holy Self- Esteem". In "Holy Self-Esteem" you will learn the difference between the secular and Torah concepts of self-esteem as well as inspirational insights and practical ideas to strengthen your belief in yourself. Based on the teachings of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, "Holy Self-Esteem" will show you the connection between self-esteem and your relationship with Hashem. The shiur will be held at Ahavas Yisroel 1587 Route 27 Edison, NJ and a light brunch will be served. RSVP to: Sharon Glaser sharonnglaser@gmail.com or Ginny Kafka: SpinningGinny@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Email Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com if you would like to receive our job postings and/or would like help with your resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please email the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim Annual event: SAVE THE DATE! Sun, March 17, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Pines Manor. More details to follow.

WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. 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 Shabbos

GEMACHS

Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is happy to announce they are also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Located in Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.

-The Edison/HP Gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin Gemach Gowns for children thru adult. Donations of good condition gowns sought. Tax deduct given/pick up of gowns arranged. Info/appt Sara Scott 516-526-0941.

- New Kittel gemach available! If you - or someone you know--needs to borrow a kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at [732-545-9353](tel:732-545-9353). Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

-Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hats, tichels scarves, sheitels, accessories. Call to receive or donate. Gina Gittle Tonkonog 347-615-3294

PARK MIKVAH

- SAVE THE DATE! Park Mikvah presents a Melave Malka for women on Motzai Shabbos, Feb 23, 2019. Guest Speaker: Charlene Aminoff from @galicouturewigs. Details to follow.

-Hours: Sun-Thur hours 9PM-11PM. Sun-Thur hours are 8PM-10:30PM. Friday night by appt only by leaving message at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or via website or call/text [732-221-8155](tel:732-221-8155). All motzai Shabbos in Dec 7:30PM-10PM. Please check www.parkmikvah.org and vm at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) for updates.

-Have you participated in this incredible mitzvah campaign yet? Go to www.parkmikvah.org/donate to help raise the remaining funds!

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

Aryeh Halivni	2/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg	3/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Lichtman	5/3-4
Mrs. Michal Horowitz	TBD

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- The eruv boundary is now goes along Plainfield road and not Sutton Lane.
- The Stelton Community Center Playground is now in the eruv.
- Cook/Douglas campuses of Rutgers are no longer in the eruv.

- If eruv around Donaldson Park is down, the playground in Donaldson is no longer in backup. If you weren't aware of these changes, check out the latest Interactive eruv map.

Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.**Parshat Mevarchim****Candlelighting:****4:25 PM****Mincha:****4:30 PM**Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.