

Congregation Ohr Torah Weekly Announcements

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CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to announce the passing of Rabbi Dr. Norman Katz A"H, the beloved brother of Dr. Murray Katz. Murray will be sitting Shiva at his home, 18 Celler Road in Edison until Tuesday morning. The family respectfully requests no visitation between 12-1 pm, between 6-7 pm, and no later than 9:30 pm. There will be no minyanim in the Shiva home. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim

HOLD THE DATE

With a Look Ahead. Our Lunch and Learn will present Jewish Americans in World War II "GI Jews". This documentary tells the story of the 550,000 Jewish Americans who fought in WW II. Rabbi Mike Samel will deliver a D'var Torah. Dr. Max Wisotsky will introduce the film and Muriel Haber will follow with personal stories related to her by her by her late husband who was an American GI. Tuesday, March 12 at 12 noon. Cost \$12 that includes a wonderful dairy lunch.

AA/OT COMEDY NIGHT

In an exciting collaboration, Ahavas Achim and Ohr Torah are pleased to invite you to join us for an evening with Ashley Blaker, internationally acclaimed Orthodox Jewish comedian on Motzai Shabbos, February 16th in the Ohr Torah Social Hall at 8:30 PM. Ashlev has performed all over the UK, US, Canada, Israel and South Africa and now, makes his debut in Edison! The Opening act is none other than our very own comedian impressionist, SJ Tannenbaum.

The ticket cost is just \$40 per person which includes dinner. All proceeds to support the OT & AA Youth Departments. Please join us for what promises to be a night to remember!

Sign up at either shul's website. Table and VIP Sponsorships are available. Any questions, please contact any of the

committee members, Kivi Neuman, Melissa Jerushalmy. Joanne Hanian, Hannah Farkas, Dovid Becker or Rob Haarburger. Ami Avraham ami316@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS 11TH ANNUAL TU B'SHVAT FRUIT TASTING

11th annual Tu B'shvat fruit tasting: For men and women on Sun, Jan 20th at 7:30pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Ave. Such fruits as white sapota, sweet tamarinds, fejia and many more.

HIGHLAND PARK

You're invited to the Highland Park Equity Commission's first public forum on February 6th,

Parshat Beshalach/Shabbos Shira **Candlelighting:** 4:40 PM

Mincha: 4:45 PM Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after

Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur - 3:45 PM Mincha: 1:45 PM & 4:35 PM

Shalosh Seudos speaker: Arnie Lustiger

Maariv: 5:45 PM 5:50 PM Shabbos Ends: Weekday Shacharis:

Sun.

7:15, 8 & 9:00 AM Mon. 6:22, 7:05 & 8AM Thu. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM

Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:19 AM Mon, 6:17 AM Thurs.

Tues., Wed, & Fri: 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM Mincha/Maariv: 4:45 PM 7:30 & 10:10 PM Late Maariv:

Note that there is no 7:30 Maariv on Sundays

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun Shiur – *After 7:15* AM Shacharis on Sunday

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

-Rabbi Malitzky's Chofetz Chaim Shiur – Cancelled this week

-Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th

-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

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg in memory of Ephraim's father Shep Gerszberg, Z"L

Kiddush sponsorship is available on Jan 26th, Feb 2nd and 16th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Ruchi and Yossi Stern.

REFUAH SHELAIMAH FOR HARVEY PARETZKY

As a merit for a Refuah Shelaimah for Harvey Paretzky, Rafael Yisrael Chaim ben Shifra Chana, with the support of Rabbi Yaakov Luban and Rabbi Dovid Rosenbaum, learning of the entire mishnayos is being instituted. Please sign up for your Mishnayos via the google doc at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y-

GhmHBhkmhH95WODR3ktcT9ZFhWwfvIeOD oUrkospE/edit?usp=sharing

For more information, please email / text Jackie at iskelin421@gmail.com 848 333

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5364 or Deena: klavandeena@gmail.com 732-485-6824 or Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com 732-672-7104. Tizcu l'mitzvos!

MAZEL TOV

...to Noah and Merav Krasner on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yarin, in Israel this Shabbat. Mazel Tov to his siblings Matan and Yovel, grandparents Hanna and Dov Halperin and the entire family.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Myron & Shelia Bursky in memory of Harvey Atlas' mother Ruth Atlas Z"L -Myron & Shelia Bursky in memory of Susan

Haller's mother Marsha Malin Z"L

-Myron & Shelia Bursky in memory of Shelia"s father Edward Leder Z"L

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 dessert 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. Sign up now at the OT web site.

TOLDOT YISRAEL

Feb 8/9 a very special event is coming to Congregation Ohr Torah. Toldot Yisrael is an organization dedicated to interviewing people famous and ordinary who were involved in the Hakamat Ha'Medina, the miraculous creation of the State of Israel. Aryeh Halivni, the founder of this organization, will be with us for Shabbat. He will give a Dvar Torah at the Hashkama minyan and the Main Minyan. At Shalosh Seudot his topic will be: Answering the call of history: The American contribution to the State of Israel. Motzai Shabbat at 8:30PM he will show many of his remarkable and inspirational videos. The topic Saturday night will be: Backstage to History: The Untold Story of the founding of the State of Israel.

For more info or to support this worthwhile organization please contact Barry Wolf,

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

at the Highland Park Community Center (221 South 6th Ave). Residents will have an opportunity to learn about the hiring process for the new Highland Park police chief, taking place this winter/spring, and share ideas for questions to be asked during the interview process. The new police chief serves our community, and we want your input.

YESHIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Yeshivat Netivot Montessori in East Brunswick will have a school tour Wed, Jan. 30 from 9:15-11:30. Come see our beautiful classrooms where children enjoy freedom of movement, an integrated curriculum, and individual and small group lessons. Sign up on our website

mynetivot.com/tour-request or call <u>732-985-4626</u> or email admissions@mynetivot.com.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: A fluffy, gray animal print scarf was found on North 8th Avenue. If anybody is the owner or knows the owner they should contact Ellen Smith 732-777-6787.

FOR WOMEN

- -Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, January 20 at 11:00 AM at the Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, January 21 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please call / text Aviva at 732-672-7104 or siegelmom@gmail.com
- -Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Tuesday, January 22 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park. Please call / text Leah to confirm. Babysitting is now available at the shiur; call / text Leah at 917-763-1848 to reserve.
 -Shimiras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: Class on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison, Edison. For more info, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.
- -Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, February 9 at 8:30 PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Parents and Children 3 Pillars of a Great Relationship" with Mrs. Rochel Benstein. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.
- -Shovavim presents a shiur for married women to be given by Reb.Peshi Neuberger Feb.6 at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. Please email shovavimedisonhp@gmail.com to submit questions to be addressed. For more info, email

Lynn Hanfling docdad@aol.com

- -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

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.

- -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. 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

-Park Mikvah event: A Dessert reception for women, featuring Charlene Aminoff, owner of @galicouturewigs. Honoring: Mrs. Barbara Edery and Mrs. Aviva Siegel for their tireless dedication and commitment to the mikvah. Event will take place Feb 23rd at 8:30PM at Ohr Torah. Couvert: \$36. Sponsorship opportunities available and advance registration is requested at www.parkmikvah.org or hpmikvah@gmail.com
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 Hanfling docdad@aol.com
 -Please support the mikvah while purchasing

on Amazon. Use the following link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953. A donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

-Hours: Sun-Thur hours are 8PM-10:30PM. Friday night by appt only. All Motzai Shabbos in Jan and Feb: 7:30pm-10pm. Appointments can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-8155 or emailing https://hpmile.com or via website. NOTE: Appointments can now be made between nightfall and opening time, and the out of hours (additional) fee will NOT be charged.

-To receive emails regarding any mikvah updates including snow storm/inclement weather, one can subscribe to the mikvah email list via the website at http://www.parkmikvah.org/

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

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: Subscribe to Announcements, go to www.ohrtorah.net **E-MAIL LIST:** To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net

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 email with all dedicatory wording to marty@rivieradoors.com. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@gmail.com.

HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS: Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7AM-10AM.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS:

Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429. **REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING:** See the OT website, www.ohrtorah.net, for 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 Yahrzeit database, go to <u>ohrtorah.net</u> click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: The Eruv committee checks the eruv every week. However, if eruv is down, and you didn't check the status before Shabbat, the averah of carrying on Shabbat is on you. It's extremely important to know the status of the eruv before Shabbat start! We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Ne aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

'Twitter: Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter.Follow @hp_eruv on Twitter Get updates about eruv's status as it's been determined.

Text Messages: Don't have a Smartphone or don't want to use Twitter? Get alerts via text. This involves setting up a Twitter account, but once setup, you can ignore your Twitter account. It gives you immediate alerts without Twitter blather.

Facebook: Facebook group @hperuv that gets updated when we update Twitter account. Follow Facebook group (don't just "Like" it), and you'll get alerts about the eruv's status via Facebook.

'Email: Go to http://hperuv.org and sign up for the email list. The email list checks the eruv's status after 3pm once per hour and sends out an email with updates.

Eruv Webpage: The eruv webpage at http://hperuv.org has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page. **Hotline**: Yes, there is still the eruv hotline.

However, it's too easy to forget to call when you're busy preparing for Shabbat. That's why we offer push notifications through Twitter, SMS Text messages, Facebook, and email.

We also have new webpage

- at http://hperuv.org with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv. There have been some major changes in the eruv in the last few years:
- 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 Yitro Candlelighting: Mincha:

4:48 PM 4:55 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.