

# Congregation Ohr Torah Weekly Announcements

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# Parshat Mishpatim/Shekalim/Mevarchim

Candlelighting: 5:21 PM
Mincha: 5:30 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM

<u>Hashkama Speaker</u> - Rabbi Luban Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama Minyan

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:26 AM Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 4:25 PM

Mincha: 1:45 & 5:15PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rav Aryeh Cohen

Maariv: 6:30 PM Shabbos Ends: 6:31 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9AM Mon. & Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8AM Tues., Wed. (Rosh Chodesh)

6:10, 6:50 & 8AM
Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM
Mincha/Maariv: 5:30PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday

# Shiurim:

 Rabbi Akiva Sauer's Shiur on Daf Yomi Be'iyun: after 7:15 Shacharis on Sunday

-Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur Monday 9:10PM.

- No SCP shiur this week

# **Daf Yomi Schedule**

Monday-Thursday: after 7:30 Maariv Friday night: after Maariv Shabbos: one hour before Mincha Sunday: after 8AM Shacharis

# POST HOSHKAMA SHIUR.

Rabbi Reuvain Mendlowitz will be giving a special Shiur after the Hashkama Minyan on common Mezuza questions that arise in a home (sliding doors, patios, etc). Rav Mendlowitz, from Israel, has written multiple Seforim including the extremely popular Inside Sta"m- a buyer's guide to purchasing Sta"m. Hundreds of people in America have purchased their Tefillin from him. Rav Mendlowitz is spending Shabbos in Highland Park at his brother in law, Yehuda Hecht.

# **CARLEBACH MINYAN**

There will be a Shabbos Mevorchim Carlebach Minyan in the YFM led by Srulee Hercman.

# YFM KIDDUSH

YFM Kiddush is sponsored by Brach and Yitz Eskin in honor of the birth of their daughter Fmmi.

Main Minyan Kiddush sponsorship is available Feb 29 and March 7.

# **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Rebecca and Israel Rivkin in memory of Rebecca's Father, Rabbi Jacob Bulka, Chaim Yaakov Ben Yitzchak, Z"L.

#### 27 Shevat 5780

# NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR BOYS IN GRADE 6 AND 7

There will be a Sunday morning Mishna Shiur led by Rabbi Shragi Gross for boys in grades 6 and 7. The Shiur will take place from 9:00-9:45 AM and meet in the YFM.

# **OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS**

-Urban Air Trampoline Park! There will be an amazing event for boys, grades 2-6, at Urban Air in East Brunswick on Sunday March 1st starting at 2pm! The cost is \$20 which includes admission and food for the event. Supervision at the trampoline park will be provided by our

group leaders. Info please see Aaron or

Rachael Breslin.

# **SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

Ohr Torah is excited to host Rav Aryeh Cohen as our Scholar in Residence for Shabbos. Rav Cohen is the Mashgiach Ruchani at DRS High School in Long Island and the Camp Rabbi at Camp Dina. Schedule:

-<u>Friday night Oneg</u> @8pm at the home of Judah and Noa Elbaum 301 Harrison Ave, Highland Park

-Shabbos morning derasha in YFM and Main Minyan- "The Pursuit of Happiness"
-Women's Shiur@ 4pm at the home of Rob and Michelle Schanzer 14 Ryan Road, Edison-"Feeling the Holiness of Shabbos"
-Shalosh Seudos (after 5:15 mincha)"Everything I Do, I Do it for You"
-Motzai Shabbos Chizuk for girls in 12th grade and college @7pm at the home of Tamar Zinkin, 487 Harrison Ave, HP.

# **SHAIMOS COLLECTION**

Congregation Ohr Torah will have its annual Shaimos collection on Sunday, March 15.

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER FUND

The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, A"H, is selling Purim Mishloach Manos cards for \$2.00 each. To obtain cards, contact Tova Josefovitz at 732.572.9432, Shoshana Diskind at 732.572.7755, Lani Eisner at 732.572.1087 or Janice Lustiger at 732.819.4919 or e-mail your request to thekinderfund@gmail.com.

# PRE YOM TOV HAT SHOW

A pre Yom Ttov hat show featuring head coverings, fascinators, fun hats and shul hats to fit all your needs. A portion of the proceeds will go to the sisterhood of Ohr Torah and Amit

Date: Wed March 20<sup>th</sup>
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Place: Home of Michelle Schanzer
For more info email Sharon Lowinger at
SCHL18@aol.com and pm for location.

# **NORPAC MISSION 2020**

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen

# February 22, 2020

activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress. Join us Tuesday, May 19th. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran terror, U.S.--Israel security cooperation, BDS and more. Buses leave for Washington from our area at 6:30 AM and return between 9-10 PM .There will be orientation, and briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided. Register now for the early bird discount: www.norpac.net or call (201) 788-5133 Adults - \$150 Students - \$100/young professionals under 30 (students must be over 12. Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian) contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Neer Evan-Hen for more info.

# RABBI REISMAN AT KHAL CHASSIDIM

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on Tefillas Haderech - When, Where and How, Part 2, on Friday night, Parshas Mishpatim, February 21st, at 8:30pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Avenue. Topics will include is it said standing, sitting or driving; variations in the text; being yotzei with someone else. For more info, please contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

# **ISRAEL MAY MISSION 2020**

Join Ahavas Achim on our first Israel May Mission from May 19-June 1. Mission includes roundtrip nonstop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the Leonardo Plaza Hotel 3 nights at the Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv, 3 day touring excursion with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, three dinners in Tel Aviv, Fri night and Shabbat lunch both Shabbatot, lunch and dinner meals on Shavuot, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$4858. Registration now open. Prices guaranteed thru Feb 17. Sign up at arieltours.com/aamission. Questions can be directed to: aamission@arieltours.com.

# REFLECTIONS OF AN ORTHODOX JEWISH JOURNALIST

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Avital Chizhik-Goldschmidt Sat night, March 7, at 8:30pm at Cong Etz Ahaim. Avital Chizhik-Goldschmidt is a writer living in New York City. She is the Life editor at the Forward and was previously a reporter for Haaretz. Her essays have appeared in the New York Times, Vox, and Salon, among others. She has been interviewed on CBC radio and quoted on NPR, WQXR, and Brian Lehrer. Avital teaches journalism at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women and does pastoral work alongside her husband Rabbi Benjamin Goldschmidt in Manhattan's Upper East Side. She grew up in Highland Park and attended RPRY and Bruriah High School. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more information go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.

# PARLOR MEETING FEATURING DOV HIKIND PARLOR MEETING IN SUPPORT OF AMERICANS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM FEATURING FOUNDER

DOV HIKIND.

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

Come and learn how you can be involved with Americans Against Anti-Semitism, a grassroots movement that mobilizes all Americans to take meaningful action against the evil scourge of Anti-Semitism. The parlor meeting will be hosted by Lynn and Neer Even-Hen, 10 Harrison St., Edison. THE MEETING DATE has been RESCHEDULED TO SUNDAY MARCH 1ST AT 7PM. Dov Hikind will answer the critical question of What's going on in America with Anti-Semitism, and how do we address it? For more information about the parlor meeting please contact Neer Even-Hen at 908-227-5911. Host committee includes Dr. Rabbi Bernard Rosenberg, Dr. Aruther Miller, Rivka Sonts, Rochelle Kipinis. Please RSVP to: Rivka@AmericansAA.org. For more information about the organization, follow: @AmericansAA or visit: AmericansAA.org.

# **SOFER VISIT**

The Sofer will be available to check your Mezzuzot and Tefillin Sun, Feb 23, from 10am at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, HP. For questions or to make an appt, 732-828-7722.

# **2020 CENSUS**

The 2020 Census is coming in March. When your invitation comes, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Let's make sure that as many residents of our community as possible are counted. Did you know? The Census is used to apportion seats in the US House of Representatives. Lower population has caused congressional redistricting in NJ. That's why Frank Pallone is now the congressional representative for what used to be two districts.

# YESHIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI

Yeshivat Netivot Montessori in East Brunswick will be having a school tour Wed, March 4, from 9:15am - 11am. Come see our beautiful classrooms where child enjoy freedom of movement, an integrated curriculum, and individual and small group lessons. Sign up on our website <a href="www.mynetivot.com">www.mynetivot.com</a> or call <a href="mailto:732-985-4626">732-985-4626</a> or email <a href="mailto:operations@mynetivot.com">operations@mynetivot.com</a>

# **ANNUAL YACHAD SHABBATON**

The Shabbat of Feb 28th, Ahavas Achim will be hosting its *fifth* annual Rayim Yachad Shabbaton, open to the entire community. Yachad Shabbatonim are an opportunity for adults with special needs to come together for a Shabbat of inclusion and fun with fellow Yachad members, mainstream peers, community members, and Yachad staff. We'd love for members of the HP/Edison community to be involved in any way they can!

- -Host Yachad members and advisers for dinner and/or Shabbat
- -Attend! Friday night oneg and Shabbat lunch, both at Ahavas Achim, will be *free of charge*. Note: Lunch is limited seating, by reservation only. If interested in hosting, please contact Simi Lichtman at <a href="mailto:similichtman@gmail.com">similichtman@gmail.com</a>. Lunch reservations can be made by filling out the following form:

https://forms.gle/m53dJJ1zaBWaiCbT9

# NEFESH B'NEFESH

The 12th annual Nefesh B'Nefesh Aliyah Mega Event is the place to start to plan your Aliyah! Attend informative sessions and receive guidance from relevant professionals, including: financial planning & budgeting for Aliyah, choosing a community, how to build a strategic job search plan, navigating the healthcare system, the ins and outs of buying or renting a home in Israel, and much more.

Sunday, March 15th @ Glenpointe Marriott, Teaneck, NJ .

Retirees & Empty Nesters: Registration 9am, Sessions & Fair 9:30am-12noon General Attendance: Registration 12noon, Sessions & Fair 12:30pm-5:30pm

Aliyah MedEx For Medical Professionals: 9am-5:30pm\*

Medical Licensing, Job Interviews, Networking, Aliyah Info

\*Advance Registration Strongly Recommended Please register in advance: WWW.NBN.ORG.IL/MEGA2020

# **KRAV MAGA**

Krav Maga self- defense classes: Tue nights in Edison ages 13 and up: females 7:15 PM; males 8:30PM. call Yisroela Joran 917-834-6665.

# **BIKUR CHOLIM**

-ANNUAL BIKUR CHOLIM BREAKFAST: March 1st at 9:30AM at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. Guest speaker Rabbi Shmuel Marcus, Rabbi of the Young Israel of Queens Valley and Rebbe at Lander College for Men. Honorees will be Dr. & Mrs. Josh Segal and Dr. & Mrs. Aviv Orani. Couvert is \$54 per person, sponsorships are available. Babysitting available. More info RSVP, or request an invitation, call 732-572-7181.

-BIKUR CHOLIM is seeking volunteers to visit residents at the Regency Jewish home in Somerset. If you would like to volunteer or know a resident that would like visitors, please text Aviva at 732-672-7104 or <a href="mailto:siegelmom@qmail.com">siegelmom@qmail.com</a>

# **FUND RAISER**

Aryeh Margolin will be helping to raise money for OurPlace in an all-night Learn-a-thon. OurPlace is our community's largest network of drop-in centers for at-risk Jewish youth struggling with drug & alcohol addiction, past trauma & sexual abuse and criminal behavior. Please support him. <a href="https://ourplacelearnathon.org/Aryehmargolin">https://ourplacelearnathon.org/Aryehmargolin</a>

# **RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR**

Rabbi Weiss's shiur on Tehillim for men and women: Wednesday evenings at 7PM at 154 N. 10th Ave, Highland Park. Info please contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

# **HADDASSAH**

-Chug Ivrit, for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers, meet Sun, Feb 23 at 11am at the home of Ruth Fineberg, 45 N. 7th Ave., HP. Chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. They'd love to have you join them! RSVP to Ruth at 732-985- 5189 or

ruth.fineberg@gmail.com.

-Read Across America at RPRY

Mon, March 2, 9am-11am *Bring a book and a friend!* Contact Roselyn Bell for details at: 732-819-0593 or <a href="mailto:roselynbe@aol.com">roselynbe@aol.com</a>

-Joint HPCT-CAE Sisterhood- Hadassah Program Tue, Mar 31, 8pm. *The Sisterhood of HPCT-CAE* will be coordinating and hosting the program this year, and Raritan Valley Hadassah will be providing the refreshments.

-Intergenerational Women's Panel

Wed, April 29, 7pm. Cong Ahavas Achim Chicks with Sticks Next meeting Wed, April 29 from 1pm-3pm. at the home of Phyllis Pollak, 209 N. 4th Ave, HP. Questions or need to pick up more yarn for call Phyllis at 732-246-7366 or 732-853-6058 or email <a href="mailto:phypollak@yahoo.com">phypollak@yahoo.com</a>.

# **FOR WOMEN**

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Please call/text Aviva at 732-672-7104 or siegelmom@gmail.com for status of classes on Sunday, February 23 and Monday, February 24.
-The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program presents Writer, Blogger and columnist for the New Jersey Jewish News, Merri Ukraincik.
Please join us on Shabbos Afternoon ,Feb 29th at 4PM at Cong Ahavas Yisroel. Merri's Topic will be "What's in a Name?" For more info contact Sharon Glaser at sharonnglaser@gmail.com

- Women's Learning Initiative:
- -Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas! For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact information to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com
- -Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshteyn, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park. Please call / text Leah at 917-763-1848 to confirm.
- -Tiferes: DVD for women on Saturday, March 7 at 8:30 PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconferences: "Making a Good Marriage Great" with Rabbi Zecharia Wallerstein and Dr. David Lieberman. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva
- at <a href="mailto:siegelmom@gmail.com">siegelmom@gmail.com</a>. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

# **LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH**

Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah presents an evening with famous Israeli news anchor and lecturer, Mrs. Sivan Rahav Meir, popular Israeli news anchor and journalist who gives a weekly Torah shiur to 1000 people in Israel, at the annual Women's Melavah Malka on Feb 29, at 8:30PM at Cong Ohr Torah. To learn more about Sivan, visit: https://www.sivanrahavmeir.com/homeen/. Event Chairs: Racheli Atlas, Leechen Gluck, Sharon Golubchik. Advanced registration is requested. Couvert \$36. Sponsorship available at the following levels: \$50- Bronze Sponsor, \$100-Silver Sponsor, \$180- Gold Sponsor, \$250-Platinum Sponsor, \$360- Friends of the Mikvah, \$500- Mikvah Donor. Join us in supporting the one organization in the community that benefits all women of the community! To register or to become a sponsor, visit

https://parkmikvah.org/ or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

- February hours:
- -Sunday-Thurs: 8PM 10:30PM
- -All Motzai Shabbos 7:30 10:00
- March hours:
- -Sunday- Thursday: 8:30PM 10:30PM
- -Monday, March 9 (Megilas Esther): 9-10:30 PM -Tuesday, March 10 (Purim): 9PM - 10:30PM
- -Motzai Shabbos, March 7: 8:00 10:30
- -Motzai Shabbos, March 14, 21, 28: 9 11
- -Motzai Snaddos, March 14, 21, 28: 9 11
  All out of hour and Friday night appts should be made online at <a href="https://www.parkmikvah.org">www.parkmikvah.org</a>. Alternatively they can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-

8155 or emailing <a href="https://hpmikvah@gmail.com">hpmikvah@gmail.com</a>. Please be reminded that out of hours appts incur an additional \$20 fee. During the winter months the out of hours fee is waived for appointments occurring between nightfall and opening time.

# **GEMACHS**

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

- -DIABETIC SUPPLIES GEMACH: Providing diabetic Supplies- Insulin, test strips, meters etc. for those who ran out/waiting for insurance approval or guests who left supplies at home. Please text Deutsch family at 646-683-7394.
- Lev Lenefesh centerpiece Gemach number has changed to (732) 630-9148.
- -Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738.Edison, NJ -Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups,
- wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.

-The Edison/HP gown gmach has a large variety of gowns for all ages. Some toddler boys tuxedos also avail. Text 5165260941 for more info.
-Kittel gemach.To borrow a kittel, call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein 732-545-9353. Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in m/o Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.
--Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hat,accessories, sheitles. Donate and receive. Contact: call, text or email. Mrs. Gina Gittel Tonkonog 347-615-3294, ginatonkonog@qmail.com. Also contact for nocharge Kallah Classes, as originally taught by Rebbetzin Tehilla Abramov.

-OE's 13th Annual Purim Costume Gemach starts next week! Over 1,000 great costumes and accessories from new born to adult.
Sunday February 23rd 10 am - 4 pm
Wednesday February 26th 6:30 pm -8 pm
Sunday March 1st 10 am - 4 pm
Wednesday March 4th 6:30 pm - 8 pm.
Congregation Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave., NJ
The Gemach is also in need of Adult and Teenager volunteers for help before, during and after the Purim Costume Gemach. Any questions, please email costumegemach@yahoo.com.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: Subscribe to Announcements, go to <a href="www.ohrtorah.net">www.ohrtorah.net</a>
E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at <a href="genew@compugene.com">genew@compugene.com</a>
KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at <a href="mailto:reservations@ohrtorah.net">reservations@ohrtorah.net</a>
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 <a href="mailto:marty@rivieradoors.com">marty@rivieradoors.com</a>. For more info, call

Moish at 732-759-8070 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

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

<u>HOUSEKEEPING: H</u>ousekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith <u>ludeeju@gmail.com</u> 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 Aaron Breslin at 908-907-7308.

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 ohrtorah.net click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Be 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 <a href="http://hperuv.org">http://hperuv.org</a> 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 <a href="http://hperuv.org">http://hperuv.org</a> has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page. We also have new webpage at <a href="http://hperuv.org">http://hperuv.org</a> with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv. Go to <a href="http://hperuv.org/status">http://hperuv.org/status</a> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub

Parshat Terumah Candlelighting: Mincha:

at david@weintraub.name for help.

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