



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Allen Kessel - President**

*Parshas Miketz*

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>4:12PM</b>
<b>Mincha &amp; Kabbalat Shabbos:</b>	<b>4:20PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45 &amp; 9:00 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:33AM</b>
<b>Early Mincha:</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur 3:20 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>4:05 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Arnie Lustiger</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>5:15PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon (Rosh Chodesh):</b>	<b>6:10, 7:05, 8 &amp; 9AM</b>
<i>Please note there is a 9 AM Minyan Mon.</i>	
<b>Note also: earliest Talis &amp; Tefillin is 6:11AM</b>	
<b>Tues.-Wed.</b>	<b>6:15, 7:05 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>4:20 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv:</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM on Monday. TOPIC: Chanukah</i>	
<b>WINTER DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>Monday – Thur: After 7:30 Maariv, Fri: After Maariv, Shabbos: 8:15 AM or after Hashkama</b>	
<b>Minyan, Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis</b>	

### **BARUCH HABAH**

Ohr Torah would like to welcome newcomers, visitors and guests who are joining us. If our President, Allen Kessel or Rabbi Yaakov Luban does not get a chance to welcome you personally, please come up and introduce yourself. We would like to greet and meet you!

### **KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**

Kiddush sponsorship is available for: Dec. 22nd and Jan. 5th, 19th & 26th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto:mbarenh@yahoo.com). To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel

### **OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER**

To subscribe to the Weekly Announcements by email, please email [info@ohrtorah.net](mailto:info@ohrtorah.net) and request to be added to the distribution list.

### **TREE OF LIFE and/or YAHRZEIT PLAQUES**

To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, please contact Moish Nat by sending a detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-442-8022. For more info. Call Moish at 732-442-5751 during work days or 732- 572-4132 in the evening.

### **RITUAL COMMITTEE**

If you have any Ritual Committee issues or questions that need to be addressed at the next Ritual Committee meeting, please E\_mail Rabbi Israel Poleyeff <[rispol@optonline.net](mailto:rispol@optonline.net)>

### **SEFORIM DEDICATIONS**

Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available by contacting Barry Siegel at [siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [louis.w.smith@verizon.com](mailto:louis.w.smith@verizon.com) or 732-572-5633.

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### **TEEN KIDDUSH**

The Ohr Torah Teen Minyan tries to have a Teen Kiddush every week. However, sponsors are needed to make this happen. If you would like to sponsor a teen kiddush, please contact Mayer Berg at [mberg@optonline.net](mailto:mberg@optonline.net).

### **IMPORTANT SHUL DINNER INFORMATION**

Please be aware that the Somerset Marriot Hotel, the venue of our shul dinner, has recently undergone an ownership change and is now called The Crown Plaza. Also note that this year's dinner will be buffet style and begin promptly at 5:00 PM (Dec. 16). We're looking forward to a wonderful evening paying tribute to Rabbi and Mrs. Israel Poleyeff and Mr. and Dr. Yosef Schreiber.

### **SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

On December 21-22, Ohr Torah will host Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz, as scholar in Residence. A renowned lecturer and educator, Rabbi Horowitz is Principal of Yeshiva Darchei Noam, Monsey, and Director, Project Y.E.S., Agudath Israel. Program and details to follow.

### **OHR TORAH ELECTIONS**

Shul elections are scheduled for Wednesday night, December 12<sup>th</sup>, between 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM at the Shul. You have received a mailing with a cover letter and 1 copy of the ballot. You may vote by casting a vote on the night of the election, by absentee ballot, or as a proxy for your spouse on the night of the election. Please see the cover letter for detailed instructions. In addition, a copy of the cover letter and ballot is available for printing on the OT web site.

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

There will be a General Membership Meeting on Tuesday December 18th @ 8PM. Agendas have been mailed.

### **OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS**

Children can register for these events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE**

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner during December. Please contact Barry Siegel, Charlie Gershbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Meir Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

### **SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

December 8, 2007

- Mayer & Bracha Berg in memory of Lyndon Goldsmith's mother Rose Goldsmith Z"L
- Mayer & Bracha Berg in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L
- Moshe & Rachel Stern in honor of Zahava Miriam Stern
- Moshe & Rachel Stern in honor of Elana Michal Stern
- Barry & Aviva Siegel in memory of Lyndon Goldsmith's mother Rose Goldsmith Z"L
- Barry & Aviva Siegel in memory of Barry's father Irving Mazer Z"L
- Randi & Elliot Ostrove in honor of their children Jakey & Sophie
- Ralph & Rochelle Dessau in memory of Rochelle's parents Irving and Florence Rubinstein Z"L
- Yoel & Karen Schwartz in honor of Barry Siegel
- Ira & Ellen Smith in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L
- Anonymous in honor of Ami & Bracha Avraham
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Lynn Rappaport's mother Bertha Turitz Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Lyndon Goldsmith's mother Rose Goldsmith Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Rebecca Rivkin's parents Rabbi & Rebbitzin Chaim Yaakov & Yehudis Bulka Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Moshe Wiesel's father Yehosua Wisel Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Judy Tannenbaum's father Rabbi Jack Pianko Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Jay and Jerald's mother Claire Blum Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Gerald Weisfogel's father Rabbi Alex Weisfogel Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Linda Moed Cohen's mother Molly Moed Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Jerry Belsh's mother Pearl Belsh Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in honor of Ami & Bracha Avraham
- Greg and Sari Sholom in honor of their children, Avi, Rachel and Ezra
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of Israel and Alice Sholom Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of Al and Evelyn Levy Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of Rose Roifer Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of William and Esther Kalomeer Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of John Sholom Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of Fanny Golin Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of Joseph Roifer Z"L
- Greg and Sari Sholom in memory of Dr. Bernhard Berman Z"L

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is in the Beis Medrash Chazzon's shulchan. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

- Susan & Leibe Haller and family in memory of Leibe's mother Madeline Haller Z"L
- Susan & Leibe Haller and family in memory of Susan's father Abe Malin Z"L
- Susan & Leibe Haller and family in honor of Rabbi & Rebetzin Luban and family
- Haller children in honor of their parents
- Susan & Morris Wiesel in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L
- Susan & Morris Wiesel in memory of Lyndon Goldsmith's mother Rose Goldsmith Z"L
- Al & Marge Sandler in memory of Lynn Rappaport's mother Bertha Turitz Z"L

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RPRY SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST**

The RPRY Scholarship Campaign is under way. Please help provide a quality Jewish education for every Jewish child in our community, regardless of financial means. All funds raised go directly to scholarships within our community! The campaign culminates in a breakfast on December 23 honoring Mrs. Sari Shalmon with the Teacher Excellence Award. Any questions, please feel free to speak directly with OT co-captains, Russell Adler, Elie Borger or Michael Kaplan.

### **RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat, This week @ 7:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

### **LAST CALL FOR TAPES FOR THE RARITAN VALLEY TORAH TAPE LIBRARY**

The reorganization of the tape library is progressing well. Larry Greenspan asks that anyone with tapes that may belong to the library please contact him at 732-828-5642 home, or 732-501-5455 cell. He will be happy to arrange pick up of the tapes.

### **RJJ LUNCHEON**

RJJ announces that its Annual Ladies Luncheon will be dedicated to the memory of Rose Goldsmith, A"H. The guest of honor is Irene Siegelman. The luncheon will take place on Sunday, December 16, 12 Noon at Congregation Ohr Torah. All women in the community are invited to attend. For more info, please call RJJ Yeshiva (732) 985-6533.

### **PREVENTING AND DEALING WITH WEIGHT PROBLEMS**

Learn tools that will end, once and for all, your constant struggle with dieting, body image and general food mishagas!! This is a national problem and Jewish people are not excluded in the statistics! Over 37% of our children are overweight!!! Be at RPRY on the 6th of Jan. for the first part of the series.

### **RJJ HALACHA SERIES**

Halachos of Shabbos by Rabbi Zvi Goldman on 9:15 AM Sundays at RJJ, 1 Plainfield Rd.

### **JR NCSY EVENTS**

On Saturday Night December 15, Highland Park Jr. NCSY will be going Ice Skating. All 6th 7th & 8th graders are invited. We will be going Ice Skating at Roosevelt Park. We will be leaving from RPRY at 7:00 PM and returning at 9:15 PM. The cost is \$20/\$15. (\$20 includes skate rental, \$15 if you have your own Ice Skates).

Winter Regional for 6th graders in Springfield is scheduled for December 21 - 22. This Regional is for 6th graders exclusively. Applications have been

sent in the mail. If you have not signed up or received an application yet, you can sign up at [www.njncsy.com](http://www.njncsy.com). If you would like to sponsor an event or drop-in-zone, please contact Moshe or Phili. Also if you have not signed up for membership yet, you can sign up online at [www.njncsy.com](http://www.njncsy.com). Membership is mandatory to attend any shabbaton but not an event. For more information please call Phili Hernandez at 609-647-6842 or Moshe Stern at 732-777-1325 or check us out online at [www.njncsy.com](http://www.njncsy.com).

### **CONCERT IN HIGHLAND PARK**

On Motzei Shabbos Chanuka, December 8, 2007 @ 8 PM there will be a concert at Highland Park High School starring acclaimed Jewish music star, Eitan Katz. All proceeds from ticket sales will be going to Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley. Tickets are now available for purchase online at either [www.eitankatz.com](http://www.eitankatz.com) or [www.hpconcert.com](http://www.hpconcert.com). This concert will sell out so please buy your tickets early. Receipts for your donation will be available at the concert.

### **SHLOCK ROCK CONCERT**

Congregation Ahavas Yisrael is sponsoring a Shlock Rock concert featuring Lenny Solomon and band on Saturday night December 15, 2007. The concert will be held at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva 2 Harrison St. Edison NJ at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$18 Adults, \$15 Children. A number of sponsorship packages are also available. Ticket information is available by calling Rachel 732-985-0649 or Rachel 732-985-5210, as well as [Shlockrockedison@hotmail.com](mailto:Shlockrockedison@hotmail.com). Tickets can also be purchased at Judaica Gallery 300 Raritan Ave. Highland Park NJ.

### **WOMEN'S POST CHANUKA PACKAGE PARTY**

The Neshei Aguda would like to invite the women of our community to a post-Chanuka package party, Saturday night, Dec 22, 7:30 PM at the home of Ruchie Krauss, 1721 Central Avenue, Highland Park (in the triangle). Women are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or below. The gifts will then be auctioned off. For more info, please call Rikki Samel 732-249-5116.

### **WOMEN'S DANCE CLASSES**

Rikki Samel is forming dance classes for adult women, beginners and intermediate levels, Tuesday evenings, 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM. For more info, please call Rikki Samel 732-249-5116.

### **ACTT SAYS THANK YOU!**

Please save Saturday night, January 5, 2008 for the Community-Wide gathering and Shmiras HaLashon Module 2 kickoff event. The featured speaker will be Rabbi Yaakov Wasser, Moreh D'Asra of Young Israel of East Brunswick. The event will be at Congregation Ohav Emeth. For more info, please see the ACTT web-site: [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org) or call (732) 993-5376.

### **MOSSAD HARAV KOOK**

R. Shizgal of Mossad Harav Kook will be at our home 15 Celler Road on Tuesday Dec. 11 at 8:30PM. This again provides an opportunity to assist the work of the institution and its objective: publishing seforim and making them more widely available. Their work in publishing Rishonim, their popular editions of the Daat Mikra Tanach series and the Rambam LeAm and numerous other seforim is legendary. R. Shizgal always has interesting insight into the growth of edited editions of important seforim and their recent decision to publish a limited number of seforim of

more general interest. **Please RSVP** to [wgewirtz@att.net](mailto:wgewirtz@att.net). Bill and Debbie Gewirtz

### **ORTHODOX FORUM OF HIGHLAND PARK**

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park announces the second event of the 5768 series, Motzei Shabbat, Dec 15, 2007, 8PM at Cong Ohav Emeth. The guest speaker is Rabbi David Zwiebel, executive vice president for government and public affairs for Agudath Israel of America, a national Orthodox Jewish organization. His topic will be "Separation of Church & State 'is it good for the Jews?'" What role should government play in: -promoting religious freedom? -supporting religious education? -regulating religious institutions? -accommodating religious practices? -intervening in religious problems? Dr. Marc Hanfling will chair the evening. Rabbi Zwiebel also serves as Agudath Israel's general counsel. For more information on this event, or to sponsor the Orthodox Forum, contact Joel Paul at [JHPaul@earthlink.net](mailto:JHPaul@earthlink.net).

### **REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES**

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not be having classes this week: Sunday, December 9 and Monday, December 10. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com)

### **WOMENS PARSHA CLASS**

For more info, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

### **PARK MIKVAH**

Highland Park/Edison Mikvah hours are Saturday-Thursday, 8:30-10:30pm. Friday nights are by appointment only (732-249-2411). Fee is \$15. Out of hours: an ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

### **RPRY COOKBOOK COMMITTEE**

The RPRY Cookbook committee is seeking much needed recipes for their cookbook. Please forward any recipes to [RPRYcookbook@aol.com](mailto:RPRYcookbook@aol.com) or mail to Michele Minor, 484 Lincoln Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904 or the recipes can be dropped off at RPRY.

### **MAZAL SHIDDUCH MEETING**

The next Mazal Shidduch group meeting will be held on December 18, 2007 at 8:30 PM. Please R.S.V.P to [SHCL18@aol.com](mailto:SHCL18@aol.com) and write "Mazal" in the subject area to receive a form and to find out location. All observant levels are welcome to be submitted.

### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

For info, go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org), or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRV@verizon.net](mailto:ENRV@verizon.net) or 732-819-8651.

### **LOCAL ERUV**

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

### **Parshas Vayigash**

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| • Candlelighting | 4:13 PM |
| • Mincha         | 4:25 PM |

### **VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!**

Ohr Torah can now be found on the internet at <http://www.ohrtorah.net> You can join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Any ideas and comments about the site can be sent to [webmaster@ohrtorah.net](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net) Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto:announcements@ohrtorah.net) Submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.

**TELEPHONE:** Call 732-777-6840, press Newsletter option (spell all names)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone # in case there is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.

*PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY  
AFTER DAVENING.*