



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parsha Vayeirah

15 Cheshvan 5768

October 27, 2007

Candlelighting:	5:44PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos:	5:50PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	10:01AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur 4:50 pm</i>	
Mincha:	5:35 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Jeffrey Ney</i>	
Maariv:	6:45PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon & Thur:	6:25, 7:05 & 8AM
NOTE LATE START TO FIRST MINYAN TO ACCOMMODATE TALIS AND TEFILLIN AFTER KORBANOS	
Tues. Wed. & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	5:45 PM
Late Maariv:	10:10 PM
<i>Preceded on Tuesday by Tehillim at 9:50 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM on Monday</i>	
TOPIC: The Canvas Sukkah	

- Moshe & Debbie Schneider in honor & for thanks to Gershon Klavan.
- Moshe & Debbie Schneider in honor & for thanks to Jonas Waizer.
- Ira & Susan Sobel in memory of Susan's father Rav Yehudah Yosef Greenberg Z"l.
- Barry & Aviva Siegel in memory of Barry's father Irving Mazer Z"l.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Tamar Kwestel of Cedarhurst last week.

...to Shayna and Craig Prupis on the engagement of their son, Yaacov Prupis, to Hila Cassel of Great Neck.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

This year's honorees at the December 16th Ohr Torah Annual Dinner will be: Rabbi and Mrs. Israel and Alizah Poleyeff, Guests of Honor; and Mr. Yosef and Dr. Marsha Schreiber, Service Awardees. Mazel Tov to both couples on this well deserved honor.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Gedaila Reiss, Greg Shalom and Avi Willinger to honor our friends and members Smadar and Jerry Parness who will be relocating to Pittsburgh PA, the 50th Birthday of Kenny Lieblich and to honor our courageous brethren in Sderot Israel.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Lori & Leslie Ney and Eva & Miki Weisz in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Eva's and Leslie's father, Tibor Ney, and Lori's father, Benjamin Katz.

OHR TORAH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Children can register for events at Ohr Torah's website ohrtorah.net. Any questions? Contact Mayer Berg @ (732) 572-3429.

CONDOLENCES

...to Rhoda Paul on the passing of her father, Sam Brozovsky, in Ottawa, Canada. Rhoda will be completing her Shiva at 189 Highland Ave. Edison, until Monday morning. Her phone number is 732-985-1961.
May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

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>

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 in December. Please contact Barry Siegel, Charlie Gerschbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Meir Berg to purchase tickets.
All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

Attention all Members: Nominations for Upcoming Ohr Torah Elections

You should have received or are about to receive a mailing with a cover letter and the list of nominees for the upcoming Ohr Torah elections. The election is scheduled for Wednesday night December 12th. The last day for submission of additional nominations is Wednesday November 7th.

Additional nominations may be submitted to members of the committee. They are Moshe Schneider [chair], Russell Adler, Jeremy Broder, Caren Heideman, and Jonas Waizer. Please remember that the bylaws require that one be considered a member in good standing of Congregation Ohr Torah in order to run in an election.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FORUM OF EDISON/H.P.

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park announces the first event of the 5768 series. The lecture will feature Dr. Marc Shapiro, Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Scranton who will speak on the topic of "Is Historical Truth An Orthodox Value?" It will be held on Motzoei Shabbat, October 27th at 8:00 P.M. at Congregation Ohr Torah. The lecture is free, but The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts sponsorships of \$100-\$200. Please send your checks to Henry Lerner, 1 Celler Road, Edison, NJ 08817. For more information, contact the Joel Paul at jhpaul@earthlink.net.

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM

RPRY Mishmar program starts this Saturday night. Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat, This week @ 8:15. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

RJJ LUNCHEON

RJJ announces that its Annual Ladies Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 12 Noon. More details to follow. All women in the community are invited to attend.

MEDICAL HALACHA LECTURE SERIES.

The final part of the lecture series given by Dr. Binyamin Sokol for physicians, dentists and other interested medical personnel on

Kiddush sponsorship is available for:

Nov 10th & 24th and Dec 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel

LOCAL ERUV

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

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER

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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 inquiries and more info. Call Moish at 732-442-5751 during work days or 732- 572-4132 in the evening.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE OHR TORAH

DINNER COMMITTEE PHONE SQUAD

The Ohr Torah dinner committee is looking for people to join our phone squad and/or solicit ads from local establishments. Even if you have only a spare hour or two, we can use your help! To volunteer, please contact Lani Kaye at 732-572-6650 or aandlkaye@aol.com.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations

- Moshe & Leah Levy in honor & for thanks to Josh Geiger.
- Arlene Katz (Mother of Barry Katz) in honor & for thanks to Dr. Moshe Schneider.

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

the Practice of Medicine and Halachos of Shabbos will be held Monday OCT. 29 at 7:45 PM in Cong. Ohr Torah . There will be time for questions and cases .AMA CME credits approved. For further information contact: Drs. Sue Brill, Elliot Frank, Marc Hanfling dccdad@aol.com Ira Spiler, Barry Wolf. A limited number of audio CDs should be available of each lecture at a cost of \$6-10(depending on volume). If interested in reserving a copy contact Marc Hanfling.

ACTT

The ACTT organization (Achieving Change Through Torah) is sponsoring an inspirational evening, Saturday night, November 17, 2007 at 8:30 PM at Congregation Etz Chaim for the Judging Favorably Module 2 Kickoff event. Rabbi Steven Miodownik, Moreh D'Asra, Congregation Ahavas Achim, will be the featured speaker. Admission is free and the entire community is encouraged to attend. Sponsors are welcome. For more info, call Jonathan Abrahams (732) 220-2946, Wendy Bar (732) 220-8765, Joe Friedman (732) 732-985-8014, Michael Lafond (732) 432-9860, Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408. Web-site www.actt613.org, e-mail info@actt613.org, or call (732) 993-5376.

RJJ HALACHA SERIES

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

JR NCSY EVENTS

The Highland Park Jr. NCSY Shabbaton is this Shabbos at Ohav Emes. We would like to thank all the families that have opened their homes to all the guests this Shabbos. 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.njnscsy.com (<http://www.njnscsy.com/>) Membership is mandatory to attend any shabbaton but not an event. For more info please call Phili Hernandez at

609-647-6842 or Moshe Stern at 732-777-1325 or check us out online at www.njnscsy.com (<http://www.njnscsy.com/>)

WOMEN'S NIGHT SCHEDULED

Dena Lieblich is sponsoring a women's night on Saturday night October 27th at 8:15 PM at the home of Nellie Goldman, 484 Harrison Ave. Ruti Greenglick from Raanana, Israel will be performing an hour and a half show called "Never Alone" which she wrote after she had breast cancer 3 years ago. She shares through stories and songs how she and her family dealt with the challenges of disease and faith. She has performed the show 15 times all over Israel, and she is a very talented and inspiring woman. She is asking for a minimum donation of \$18, and she will be giving all proceeds to a family from Raanana who lost their business and home due to the economic difficulties that began during the intifada. For more info call Dena Lieblich at 732-485-4593 or 732-985-4325.

CUB SCOUT MEETING

If you have any questions about Cub Scouts in general, please feel free to call Lawrence Margolin, Pack CubMaster, at 732-777-1589.

KEYLIM MIKVAH

The keylim mikvah is open Sundays 10-11:30AM. To volunteer please contact Dov or Sherry Chelst at 732-545-8867 or email DNCHELST@yahoo.com to schedule yourself or a family member.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will have NEW hours, starting Sunday night, NOVEMBER 4. Saturday -Thursday evenings: 8:30pm -10:30pm. Friday nights by appt only. Call 732-249-2411. Fee is \$15. OUT OF HOURS: an ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

CARLEBACH MELAVE MALKA

You're Invited To A Melave Malka In Honor of The 13th YAHRZEIT of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach z"l L'zecher Nishmas Rav Shlomo Ben Harav Naftali An evening of Rav Shlomo's Niggunim, Stories, and Divrei Torah. Bring your own musical instruments (no electric) and anecdotes. If You Would Like To Co-sponsor This Community-Wide Event Please Call (732) 572-2707 Or email RebShlomominyan@aol.com Saturday Night 11/17/07 Melave Malke 9:30 P.M. at the home of the Wildmans 66 Hamlin Road, Edison.

SENIOR NCSY

For more info or questions call Avi Eserner - 732-718-4786 Zehava Singer - 732-421-4559

MAZAL SHIDDUCH MEETING

For information on location and to request a form please contact Sharon at SHCL18@aol.com (mailto:SHCL18@aol.com) and write "MAZAL" in the subject area.

SHIDDUCH MEETING

Please call Debbie Schaulewicz at (732) 390-8760 or Leah Weinberger at (732) 613-8797

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

For info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

Parshas Chayei Sarah

- Candlelighting 5:35 PM
- Mincha 5:45 PM

BARUCH HABAH

Ohr Torah would like to warmly welcome newcomers, visitors and guests who are joining us for Shabbat. 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!

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 Announcements should be sent to 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.

Sof davar...

Unusual Minhagim: The Covered Kiddush Cup

You don't see them anymore except in museums. They are the kiddush cups with fitted covers. They were once very popular in Germany during the middle ages. Was this a passing fad or was there a serious reason for these kiddush cups? The source for this unusual *minhag* has its roots in a talmudic statement by R. Yochanan who declared that anyone who recites *havdalah* on wine left over from the kiddush of Friday night is deserving of *olom habah*. Now there is a *halacha* that has to be taken into consideration here and that is that you cannot drink a liquid that had been left uncovered overnight for fear that a snake might have injected its venom into the liquid thus creating a potential physical hazard to the individual. As a result kiddush cups were fitted with covers in order to protect the wine of Friday night so that it may be used for *havdalah*. That being the case, why has the *minhag* fallen into disuse? Why don't we do the same today? For one, the Shulchan Aruch declares that the original concern no longer applies since snakes do not present the same danger as they did in the past. Secondly, it has been suggested that the *minhag* of covered kiddush cups was a concern only for kiddush recited in shuls on Friday night, where they always had wine left over, whereas in the home it was regularly and routinely completely consumed. Nonetheless, the *minhag* still persisted for several centuries. There was a new concern that wine in an exposed cup might spoil when left uncovered overnight. So there you have it. And if you happen to own a kiddush cup with a fitted cover it probably is worth a considerable sum of money.

**by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff
Research by Henry Lerner**