



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Vayigash

6 Tevet 5768

December 15, 2007

needed to make this happen. If you would like to sponsor a teen kiddush, please contact Mayer Berg at mqberg@optonline.net.

MAZEL TOV

...to Avi and Cheryl Willinger on Moshe's Bar Mitzvah.

...to Ira and Ellen Smith on Dovid's Bar Mitzvah.

...to Rabbi Israel and Mrs. Alizah Poleyeff and Mr. Yosef and Dr. Marsha Schreiber on being honored at Ohr Torah's annual dinner, this Sunday.

...to Larry and Mina Tiefenbrunn on the birth of a daughter to Sima and Dov Greer.

...Suri and Harold Granek on the engagement of their daughter Leah Leora to Elie Kurtz of Brooklyn, NY.

...to Devorah and Sol Herzig on the engagement of their son Yehudah to Goldie Elbogen of Sea Gate, NY.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the Willinger family in honor of Moshe's Bar Mitzvah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by by Sheila Schanzer and Henry Schanzer to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Henry's father Brachia ben Dov Z"L

ASARA BETEVES SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 19

Fast Starts: 6:04 AM

Shacharis: 6:15, 7:05 & 8 AM

Note earliest Talis and Tefillin is 6:17

Mincha: 4:05 PM

Fast Ends: 5:23 PM

TEEN MINYAN

This week the Teen Minyan will be in the Ohr Torah Bais Medrash.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

Agendas have been mailed.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Congregation Ohr Torah will host Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz as Scholar in Residence, during the Shabbos of Dec. 21-22, 2007. A noted lecturer and educator, Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz is Director, Project Y.E.S., Agudath Israel and Menahel of Yeshiva Darchei Noam, Monsey.

The Friday Evening Oneg Shabbos is titled "Building a Lasting Relationship With Your Children". Shabbos Afternoon, Rabbi Horowitz will speak on "Developing a Nurturing Home Environment". Men and women are welcome.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS

On Sunday evening December 23rd Ohr Torah will take a NJ Transit train to New York City to the NY Rangers vs Ottawa Senators hockey game (Grades

3 - 8). We will be meeting at the Edison Train Station starting at 5:20PM...train departs at 5:38 PM! We will return back to the Edison Train Station at 10:45 PM. The cost is \$40 and ONLY 20 seats available...first come first serve! Snacks will be provided. Advance reservations are required. Children can register for these events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

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.

CONDOLENCES

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Emanuel H. Libin the father of Debbie Schneider. The funeral took place on Thursday. Debbie will attend the burial in Israel, will return to the US on Sunday, and sit shiva at 600 Cedarhurst Avenue in Cedarhurst, NY. The phone number there is 516-295-4640. Debbie's cell phone number is 732-618-7943.

2008 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We are currently preparing the 2008 Ohr Torah Membership Directory.

1. Please send name, address, and phone number updates to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net.
2. We will be publishing email addresses and children's names this year. Please send this information to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK ALL SPELLINGS BEFORE SUBMITTING.

ANNOUNCING OT BEIS MEDRASH PROGRAM

We would like to open the Shul and the Beis Medrash each evening of the week, and invite the members of the congregation and general community (Olam) to come and learn there so the "Kol Torah" will be heard emanating from the Shul's Beis Medrash on a nightly basis. There is a special beauty and kedusha in learning with a group in a Beis Medrash. Currently, the Beis Medrash is accessible from the 7:30 Maariv through the learning of Daf Yomi on Monday through Thursday evenings, and this is a wonderful thing, but we would like to expand the hours. Many of us are koveiah itim latorah in our homes, yet if the Beis Medrash were accessible each evening for learning from 8:15 to 10:10, more members would begin to make use of the Beis Medrash. This will in turn hopefully inspire others to avail themselves of the wonderful array of Sefarim in the Beis Medrash and create a

Candlelighting: 4:13PM

Mincha & Kabbal Shabbos: 4:20PM

Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama

Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:33AM

Early Mincha: 1:30 PM

Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur 3:20 PM

Mincha: 4:05 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Henry Schanzer

Maariv: 5:15PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Mon & Thur: 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9AM

Tues, Fri: 6:30, 7:05 & 8AM

Weds. (10 Teves) 6:15, 7:05 & 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:20 PM

Weekday Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM on Monday.

WINTER DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Monday – Thur: After 7:30 Maariv, Fri: After Maariv, Shabbos: 8:15 AM or after Hashkama Minyan, Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

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. 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 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>

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

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

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at louis.w.smith@verizon.com or 732-572-5633.

TEEN KIDDUSH

The Ohr Torah Teen Minyan tries to have a Teen Kiddush every week. However, sponsors are

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powerful learning environment throughout the evening.

To get this project off the ground, we'll need volunteers to commit to learn in the Beis Midrash for one hour, on one night each week so that we will be able to promote to the entire membership that the Shul is open for learning each evening from the Daf Yomi straight through until the Late Maariv at 10:10. We would also like open the Beis Midrash from 8-10:10 on Sunday evenings, so Sunday evening volunteers will be necessary as well. To volunteer to commit to one hour of learning in the Beis Midrash, please speak with Larry Greenman or contact him at 732-306-4850 or at lgreenman@njop.org Tizku L'Mitzvos.

OHR TORAH ELECTION RESULTS

President: Allen Kessel
Vice Presidents: Brian Allen, Lyndon Goldsmith, Hesh Granek, Leslie Ney
Recording Secty: David Moss
Corresp. Secty: Evan Orgel
Treasurer: Jeff Slepoy
Financial Secty: Yoel Schwartz
Gabbaim: Joel Adler, Russell Adler, Robert Kreitman
Sisterhood: Penny Kaplan, Lani Kaye, Shelley Schoenfeld
Members at Large: William Bogner, Neer Evenhen, Charles Gershbaum, Fran Leitman, Arnold Lustiger, Phil Pfeffer, Joshua Rapps, Phil Rosen, Barry Schanzer, Moshe Schneider, Moshe Sherman, Lou Smith

CHUMASH/SIDDUR OPPORTUNITY

The teen minyun has outgrown the OT Beis Medrash and now davens in the RPRY Beis Medrash on Shabbos. There is a great need to provide that minyan with proper Chumashim & Siddurim. OT has purchased 100 of the ArtScroll travel size combination Stone Chumash & Siddur. Dedications are available for \$30 per Chumash/siddur. Please let Barry Siegel (siegeldad@optonline.net), Meir Berg or Harvey Atlas know if you would like to dedicate these. Thanks for your help! **47 of the 100 Chumashim have already been dedicated.**

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.

ACTT SPONSORS EVENING

ACTT is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring a community-wide inspirational evening on Shmiras HaLashon at Congregation Ohav Emeth on Saturday night, January 5, 2008 at 8:30 PM. The featured speaker will be Rabbi Yaakov Wasser, Moreh D'Asra of Young Israel of East

Brunswick. 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.

EMUNAH NIGHT OUT

Saturday night, December 22, 2007, At the George Street Playhouse - 9 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick Come see the play-"Doubt" \$50 a person - includes refreshments afterwards at premises contact- Sue Redlich at 732-846-8990 (Please order seats by December 14.)

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park will be having its second event of the 5768 series at OE **this Motzei Shabbat**, at 8:00 PM. 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?" Dr. Marc Hanfling will chair the evening.

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 WEIGHT PROBLEMS

Learn tools that will end, once and for all, your constant struggle with dieting and body image. 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

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. If you would like to sponsor an event or drop-in-zone, please contact Moshe or Phili. 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.

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.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK

Cheryl Gunsher will be giving a talk about her new book DAYS OF PURPOSE, DAYS OF FULFILLMENT at Congregation Ohav Emeth on Motzei Shabbos, December 29 at 8:30. Refreshments will be served.

Women's Yom Iyun

Ahavas Achim University and Women's Torah Institute present a Women's Yom Iyun with the Stern College Graduate Program for Women in Advanced Talmudic Studies (Sponsored by Ahavas Achim Sisterhood). All women, including high-school and college-age students, are invited to the Yom Iyun on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The theme will be: JUDAISM AND GENTILES. Enjoy breakfast and lunch, and open your eyes to a new generation of Torah scholars. Admission is \$15/person, paid at the door. Please reserve your spot by December 21 by calling (732)247-0532 or E-mailing secretary@ahavasachim.org.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES **WOMENS PARSHA CLASS**

Due to the RJJ luncheon, Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not be having class this Sunday, December 16. Parsha class will be held on Monday, December 17. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com
MRS. MIRI COHEN'S LADIES PARSHA CLASS
Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, December 18 at 9:15AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. 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.

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 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, or contact Bob Lansley at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Veyechi

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| • Candlelighting | 4:16 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 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.



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