



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Shemot

20 Tevet 5768

December 29, 2007

Candlelighting: 4:20PM
 Mincha & Kabbalos Shabbos: 4:30PM
 Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama
 Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:40AM
 Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 3:30 PM
 Mincha: 4:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Larry Greenman
 Maariv: 5:25 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
 Mon & Thur: 6:17, 7:05, 8 & 9AM
Note earlier Mon & Thu Shacharis
Talis & Tefillin: 6:22 AM Mon, 6:23 Thu
 Tues (Sunday Schedule): 7:15, 8 & 9AM
 Wed. & Fri: 6:30, 7:05 & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:30 PM
Weekday Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM
Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM
 Monday. Topic: *Secular dates – are they kosher?*
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.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for: Jan. 5th, 19th & 26th and Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd. 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 these Announcements, please email info@ohrtorah.net and request to be added to the distribution.

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, 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.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS

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

MAZEL TOV

...to Elise and Sam Berlin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Britt this Sunday.

...to Helena and Stanley Benzel on the marriage of their son Irwin to Melissa this past Sunday, and on the celebration of Sheva Brochos this Shabbos.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Mira and Mark Epstein in commemoration of the Yahrzeits of Mark's parents, R' Nachman b'r Yitzchak HaLevi z'l and M' Tzippa Hana bas R' Moshe a'h.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by the Greenman family in memory of Larry's father, Gershon Mordechai Ben Yehoshua Menachem.

ORTHODOX UNION PRESIDENT TO DELIVER

DRASHA NEXT WEEK

Mr. Steven Savitsky will be visiting our community next Shabbos, as part of a ten-city tour to discuss major issues facing contemporary Jewry. He will deliver the drasha in shul, and will be available for further discussion after davening. He will also be speaking at an Oneg Shabbos Friday night at Ohav Emeth, and Shalosh Seudos at Ahavas Achim.

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 DOUBLE CHECK ALL SPELLINGS BEFORE SUBMITTING.

CONDOLENCES

...to Sima Milgraum and Hy Chesner (Sima's father) on the loss of her uncle and his brother, Izzy Chesner. He is sitting shiva at 147-33 70 Ave in Flushing, NY and he can be reached at 718 261-0241.

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 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.

TUESDAY TEHILLIM

The weekly recitation of Tehillim on Tuesday nights in the Beis Medrash was initiated five years ago as our response to the intifada, 9/11, as well as to the many people in our community who are seriously ill. Unfortunately, participation has dwindled in recent months, with often only 2 or 3 people participating. The needs of Klal Yisrael and our own community are as great as they ever were – please help us keep this worthy tradition alive in our shul - 9:50 PM on Tuesdays, followed by Maariv at 10:10 PM.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Leibe Haller's mother Madeline Haller Z"L.
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Susan Haller's father Abe Malin Z"L.
- Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L.
- Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Jay/Jerald Blum's mother Claire Blum Z"L.
- Eric and Jeanne Lankin in honor of Joshua Seth Lankin.
- Eric and Jeanne Lankin in honor of Benjamin Zev Lankin.
- Josh and Naomi Caplan in honor of Ami Avraham.
- Charles & Mimi Gershbaum in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L.
- Elliot and Adrienne Bienenstock in memory of Debbie Schneider's father Emanuel Libin Z"L.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMUNAH ART AUCTION

Jan. 12th Annual Emunah ART SHOW/AUCTION at Ohr Torah. Decorate your house with beautiful art as you support our brothers and sisters in Israel- and have an exciting evening to boot! It's a no-lose proposition. Save the date.

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

THE ORTHODOX FORUM OF EDISON/HP
 Announces the Winter 2008 Schedule
 Motzei Shabbat January 12, 2008 at 7:45pm
 Congregation Ohr Torah – 48 Edgemount Rd.
 Edison, NJ YOSEF PRAGER Session Chair: Rabbi
 David Moss "High Cost of Jewish Living"
 Motzei Shabbat February 9, 2008 at 8:00pm
 Cong. Ahavas Achim – 216 South First Ave. HP, NJ
 Rabbi Elazar Teitz/ Esther Mackner Session Chair:
 Debbie Teitz "The Agunah Crisis"
 The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts sponsorships
 of \$100-\$200. Please send your tax deductible
 check, made out to Congregation Ohr Torah
 Gemach Fund, to Henry Lerner, 1 Celler Rd.,
 Edison, NJ 08817 For more info contact Joel Paul
 at JHPaul@earthlink.net. The Orthodox Forum of
 Edison/Highland Park. Chairperson: Dr. Mark
 Kligman

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

The ACTT organization (Achieving Change
 Through Torah) is sponsoring a community-wide
 inspirational evening at Congregation Ohav Emeth
 on Saturday night, January 5, 2008 at 8:30 PM.
Rabbi Yaakov Wasser, Moreh D'Asra of Young
 Israel of East Brunswick and Vice President of the
 Rabbinical Council of America, will be discussing
*"The Art of Thinking Before Speaking - How to
 Control Your Tongue Before It Controls You"*.
 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.

RJJ HALACHA SERIES

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

JR NCSY EVENTS

If you have not signed up for membership yet, you
 can sign up online at www.njncsy.com
 Membership is mandatory to attend any shabbaton
 but not an event. For more info please call Phill
 Hernandez at 609-647-6842 or Moshe Stern at
 732-777-1325 or check us out online at
www.njncsy.com

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class
 on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, Dec 30 at
 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class,
 Monday evening, Dec 31 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr
 Torah. Classes are for women only. For more
 info, 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, January 1 at 9:15 AM at the
 home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. For
 more information, please contact Azriella Jaffe
 732-985-7613. Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha
 class will also meet on *Wednesday morning*,

January 2 at 9:00 AM at the *home of Mrs. Cohen*,
 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more
 information, please contact Chana Weinstein 732-
 572-0471.

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.

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.

<u>Parshas Va'era</u>	
• Candlelighting	4:25 PM
• Mincha	4:35 PM

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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
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 should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net
 Submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.
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 Newsletter option (spell all names)
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 there is a question regarding the item you wish to
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