



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Vayishlach

14 Kislev 5768

November 24, 2007

Candlelighting:	4:16PM
Mincha & Kabbol Shabbos:	4:25PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – cancelled this week</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:19AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur 3:25 PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:10 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Mel Barenholtz</i>	
Maariv:	5:20PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon & Thu:	6:20, 7:05 & 8AM
Tues. Wed. & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:20 PM
Weekday Maariv:	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM on Monday. TOPIC -</i>	
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	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Luban in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Pessie, to Shollie & Sara Luban, and by Charlie and Mimi Gershbaum in memory of the Yahrzeit of Charlie's father, Dr. Joseph Gershbaum.

SHALOS SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Joel and Rivka Adler in memory of Joel's mother, Rose Adler, A"H, and by Mel Barenholtz in memory of the first Yahrzeit of his mother, Lillie Barenholtz, A"H.

MAZEL TOV

...to Miriam and Danny Ravitz on the engagement of Leale to Adam Small of Cleveland
 ...to Mina and Larry Tiefenbrunn on the birth of a son to Avi and Naomi Tiefenbrunn

OHR TORAH ELECTIONS

Shul elections are scheduled for Wednesday night, December 12th, between 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM at the Shul. You should 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 should be available for printing on the OT web site.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS

On Sunday morning December 2nd Ohr Torah will head to New Jersey Paintball in Butler, NJ (Grades 8, High School, College and Dads) for an exciting half day of paintball. This event, for boys only, will meet at Ohr Torah at 6:15 AM for Shacharit followed by a 6:45 AM departure for the paintball facility. The cost of \$60 per attendee includes the following: R/T Bus transportation from the Shul, 4 hours of playing time on private courses w/350 paintballs per participant, all safety equipment provided and a BBQ lunch afterwards. We will return to the Shul at approximately 1:45 PM. Advance reservations are required.
 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 5:20 PM...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.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

Congregation Ohr Torah's annual dinner this year will be honoring Rabbi Israel and Mrs. Alizah Poleyeff & Mr. Yosef and Dr. Marsha Schreiber. The dinner will take place at the Somerset Marriott Hotel on December 16, at 5:00 PM. Please return your response cards with your Journal ads by November 30.

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 Gershbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Meir Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

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.

SHAATNEZ TESTING

Mr. Moshe Eisner will be handling Shaatnez testing for our community. In the near future there will be a fixed schedule. Clothing may be brought to the Agudah this Sunday morning, November 25, from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The clothing will be available for pick up at the Agudah, Monday evening, Dec 3, from 8:30pm. to 9:30 pm. All hanging garments should be in a plastic covering or garment bags, and any loose clothing should be in a shopping bag.

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.

ACTT

The ACTT organization (Achieving Change Through Torah) is sponsoring an inspirational evening, Saturday night, Nov 17, 2007 at 8:30 PM at Cong. Etz Chaim for the Judging Favorably Module 2 Kickoff event. Rabbi Steven Miodownik, Moreh D'Asra, Congregation Ahavas Achim, will be

BARUCH HABA

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!

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for: Dec 8th & 22nd and January 5th, 12th, 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 inquiries and 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 & Inquiries contact Louis Smith at louis.w.smith@verizon.com or 732-572-5633

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

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.

PREVENTING AND DEALING WITH WEIGHT PROBLEMS AND EATING ISSUES WITHIN OUR FAMILIES.

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

Highland Park Jr. NCSY'S "Drop-in- Zone" #2 "PIZZA DAY" will be held Sunday Nov 25, 2007 at Jerusalem Pizza, 231 Raritan Ave from 10:00 AM to 11AM. We will make and enjoy our own Pizza, come for a good time and bring your friends. The cost is \$6.

We are in the process of ordering "REALLY COOL" Chapter Sweatshirts & Sweatpants. Order forms recently went out in the mail. The cost is \$22 for Sweatshirts & \$18 for Sweatpants the deadline to order is November 29. If you have not received an order form please email RFS424@aol.com & we will be glad to send you one.

Winter Regional in Fair Lawn is scheduled for Nov 30 - Dec 1. All 7th & 8th Graders are invited to attend. Applications have been sent in the mail. If you have not signed up or received an application yet, you can still sign up at www.njncsy.com. We will provide transportation to Winter Regional - details to follow.

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 or www.hpconcert.com. This concert will sell out so please buy your tickets early. Receipts for your donation will be available at the concert.

SCHLOK 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. Tickets can also be purchased at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave. Highland Park NJ.

RABBI TWERSKI TO SPEAK

On Sunday, December 2, 2007, Khal Chasidim of Highland Park will present an evening with

acclaimed scholar and author, Dr. Abraham J. Twerski. Dr. Twerski will be discussing his most recent publication "Happiness and the Human Spirit." The lecture will take place at 7:30 pm in the RPRY Bais Medrish. The lecture is provided as a community service and is free of charge.

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. His areas of professional experience include religious freedom, church-state relations, civil rights, private education and medical ethics. Rabbi Zwiebel has authored numerous amicus curiae briefs in a variety of judicial settings including the U.S. Supreme Court; testified before various legislative bodies including the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives; and published widely in the fields of religion, law and public policy. For more information on this event, or to sponsor the Orthodox Forum, contact Joel Paul at JHPaul@earthlink.net.

SENIOR NCSY EVENT

We will be going to see the New York Rangers play the Dallas Stars on Sunday November 25th. The cost is \$40 which includes the game ticket and the train ticket. (A REALLY GREAT DEAL) We will meet at the train Edison Train Station at 10:40am and returning around 8:00pm. We hope to see you there! Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on coming, because there are limited spots. For more info please call, Avi Eserner 732 718 4786 Shira Lankin 732 406 3844 Zahava Singer 732 421 4559.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Welcome to the second shiur of the Faigie Reinitz z"l Memorial Women's Study Group... Please join the women of the Highland Park and Edison communities for an insightful shiur... "Positive Tfillot: Building a Broadband Connection with G-d" Speaker: Rabbi Motti Miller November 27, 2007 Time: 8:30PM at The Heideman's 19 Ryan Road Edison. Admission is free, but we want to make sure you have a seat! Please email sschoenfeld@physicianspractice.com with your name, email, and phone number to register. We will be collecting names for a refuah shelaimah list that will be read at the beginning of the shiur. This program is funded through an endowment by the Pfeffer and Reinitz families in memory of Faigie Reinitz, z"l.

BIKUR CHOLIM FORMING MINYAN

Bikur Cholim is attempting to compile a list of men who may be available to participate in minyanim at the local area hospitals on an "as needed" basis. A list such as this would make it easier to put together a minyan quickly when the need arises. In addition, it could also be helpful for minyanim at a shiva home, rachmana letzlan, especially on

short days during the winter months. Anyone who can be available for tefillos either during the week (winter or summer seasons) or who may be available to walk to RWJ Hospital on a Shabbos or Yom Tov to make a minyan should either contact Larry Greenspan at 732-828-5642 (home) or 732-501-5455 (cell) or Mordy Brill either by e-mail (mordb@msn.com) or by phone at 732-819-8351.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Esther, Sunday morning, November 25 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, November 26 at 8:00 PM 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

WOMENS PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, November 28 at 9:15 AM at the home of Mrs. Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St., Highland Park. For more information, 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.

MESIVTHA TIFERETH JERUSALEM

MELAVE MALKA

The annual Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem Melave Malka will be held on Motzei Shabbat, December 1, 2007, 8:45 PM at Ohav Emeth. The Guest of Honor is Rabbi Joshua Rapps who will receive the Kesser Shem Tov Award. Hagaon Harav Reuven Feinstein, Shlit'a, will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for information and reservations at (732) 246-1037.

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 Vayeshev

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| • Candlelighting | 4:12 PM |
| • Mincha | 4:20 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 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.

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