



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Allen Kessel - President**

*Parshas Bechukotai*

19 Iyar 5768

May 24, 2008

**Candlelighting:** 7:57PM  
**PLAG MINCHA:** 6:00PM  
**Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos:** 7:00 & 8:05 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45 & 9:00 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:14AM  
**Early Mincha:** 1:45 PM  
**Kollel Learning Seder** 4-6 PM  
**Kollel Mincha** 6 PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 7:05 PM*  
**Mincha:** 7:50 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi S. Silverberg*  
**Maariv:** 9:00 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun & Mon (Memorial Day)** 7:15, 8 & 9AM  
**Thu** 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM  
**Tues., Wed, & Fri.** 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 8:05PM  
**Weekday Maariv:** 10:10 PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur : 9:10 PM Monday*  
*Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM*  
**DAF YOMI SUMMER SCHEDULE**  
**Monday–Thur:** starting at 7:30 and stopping for Mincha and Maariv and finishing after Maariv.  
**Fri:** After 1<sup>st</sup> Minyan,  
**Shabbos:** 1 hour before Mincha  
**Sunday:** After 8 AM Shacharis  
*The Gabbaim request that all those saying Kaddish gather around the Bimah. This will allow Kaddish to be said out loud and answered in unison as befits the sanctity of Kaddish. Thank you for your cooperation .*

### 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 June 7<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 these Announcements, please email [info@ohrtorah.net](mailto:info@ohrtorah.net) and request to be added to the distribution.

### BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at [mschneider19@yahoo.com](mailto:mschneider19@yahoo.com)

### 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 adetailed 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.

### SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

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

### HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeu@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeu@gmail.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.

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Eli and Chaya Reinitz in honor of their daughter Layla.

### TORAH TAPE LIBRARY GOING LIVE

The newly reorganized Torah Tape Library is ready to go live. The planned startup date is before Shavuos. To browse the 1900+ titles and register for a bar coded library card [required to use library] go to <http://rvttl.compugene.com> Please note there is NO www in the web site address.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the forthcoming marriage of Rena to Elazar Nadelbach. Mazel Tov to the entire Nadelbach, Hanfling, Schochet and Slepoy families.

...to Sima Milgraum on her son Koby receiving Semicha.

### UPCOMING SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE - SAVE THE DATE

Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom of Los Angeles will be Ohr Torah Scholar in Residence on Shabbat, June 27/28. Rabbi Etshalom has been a dynamic and exciting educator in the Los Angeles community since his return in 1985. His ability to reach out to today's youth and share with them his passion for Jewish learning and Jewish life has enriched many young lives. His talents, however, are not confined to the classroom - he is an accomplished storyteller, radio host and songwriter and has produced tapes of both his own stories and music. Rabbi Etshalom, whose first book "Between the Lines of the Bible" was published by Yashar Books in March, 2006, serves on the faculties of the Yeshiva of Los Angeles and the Simon Wiesenthal Center as Associate Director of Project Next Step, along with serving as chair of the Bible Department at the prestigious Yeshiva University High Schools of Los Angeles. Don't miss this fascinating thinker and speaker! Details to follow.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NIGHTLY TEHILIM BY PHONE

You can join the women and girls of Edison/ HP in a nightly tehillim gathering and a halacha on Shemiras Halashon 8:45-8:55 PM punctually, as a zechus for a refua sheleimah for a member of our

community. Dial 401-694-1602 followed by PIN # 18, and press the mute button on your phone.

### EFRAAT CRIB

Mr. Tzi Binn, Asst. Director of Efrat Crib, Committee to rescue Israeli babies will make a short presentation at Ahavas Achim on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> after maariv. He will speak about the accomplishments and aims of Efrat Crib in Israel.

### SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

Join our local Federation at the Salute to Israel Parade on Sunday, June 1. There is still room for more spectators on the bus leaving from the Federation parking lot. The fee is \$20.00 per person and includes a tee shirt. Please call Carolyn at the Federation (732-432-7711 x20) to register. The designated viewing area for our community is East 71 Street, on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. If you have already registered, you can pick up your T-shirts beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Federation office in South River. Please call Andrea at the Federation (732-432-7711 x18) with the pick-up date/time, sizes, and number of t-shirts you require. If you are interested in marching, please contact Abby Hochhauser (732-572-5241 or [abby.hochhauser@gmail.com](mailto:abby.hochhauser@gmail.com)). Among those marching with our Federation will be MAYHS, RPRY, Young Israel of E. Brunswick, Solomon Schechter of E. Brunswick, and the East Brunswick Jewish Center.

Please come and show your support and be counted – participants are counted by our legislators and others

### YESHIVA TIFERES NAFTOLI ANNUAL DINNER

The Third Annual Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli Dinner will be held June 15 honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Wasser and Warren and Lisa Fink. Please support Torah in the Central New Jersey Jewish community and respond generously to the Yeshiva's major fundraising event of the year. For information about the Yeshiva or this campaign, please contact Russell N. Adler, Esq. Epstein, Becker & Green, P. C. 250 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10177-1211 212-351-4783 Two Gateway Center, 12th Floor Newark, NJ 07102-5003 973-639-8543 [radler@ebglaw.com](mailto:radler@ebglaw.com)

### BIKUR CHOLIM EVENT

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley invites the entire community to a lecture given by Rabbi Dr. Abraham J. Twerski on the topic of Family Wellness (Child-Raising, Teens at Risk, Spousal Relationships). June 1, 2008, 7PM at Cong. Ohav Emeth. Admission is free; Suggested Donation \$10.00. For Sponsorships or more info, please call Marla Rottenstreich 732-317-2784 or Mira Septimus 732-514-9154. All proceeds to be donated to SPARKS - Serving Pre & Post natal women and families with Awareness, Relief, Knowledge, and Support

### EMUNAH EVENT

Emunah is proud to present a very special speaker. Liesel Appel was born in Klingenberg,

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Germany in 1941 to Hitler's Minister of Education. She graduated from teachers college in Limburg to become a nursery school teacher. Then she fled her past and left her native Germany. In 1990 Liesel converted to Judaism. A lecturer, Liesel has traveled the U.S. to tell her story, to educate and promote peace. A philanthropist, she has raised several millions of dollars for charities, many of them Jewish causes. She continues to search for her "neighbor's son", the title of her current book. Liesel is currently finishing her second book, "Third Generation." June 12, 8pm at the Orani home – 292 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Donation: \$5.00 Questions: Sharon Hirt 732-777-0462

#### **KEREN KOL KALLAH**

Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Keren Kol Kallah has one main fund-raiser, a gala Sheitel Sale. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. Last year's sale raised over \$60,000!! Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. For more info, please see the web site:

www.geocities.com/kerenkolkallah or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)

#### **RPRY RAFFLE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION**

RPRY announces its first annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. Drawing is scheduled for 5/29. Tickets are \$36 apiece or 3 for \$100. Please see the flyer for more details. For tickets please see OT contacts Josh Caplan, Leoor Jerushalmy, Russell Adler, Brian Dube or Barry Siegel. Thank you for your support.

#### **JR. NCSY ACTIVITIES**

Mazal Tov to the Highland Park Jr. NCSY Chapter by Sustaining Chapter Excellence in being Chapter

of the Year 2007-2008 for the SECOND YEAR IN A ROW.

Congratulations to the following 8th Graders on the awards they won this past weekend.

Shayna Schwarzberg - Keser Shem Tov Award  
Josh Lankin - Shalhevet Award  
Aron Teitz, Johnny Kluger, Ricki Silber, Noa Rabin, Kira Goldring - Distinguished Service Award  
Tziona Breitbart, Rachel Krieger, Jackie Schluskel - Regional Citation Award  
Daniel Blau, Alana Engel, Noah Lerner, Rebecca Reich, Gavriel Reichman, Alisa Tajfel, Shaje Weiss - Meritorious Chapter Service

#### **REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES**

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, May 25 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, May 26 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more info, 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)

#### **MRS. MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASSES**

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, May 27 at 9:15 AM at the home of Azriella Jaffe, 1601 Drier Place, Highland Park (corner of Washington and Drier). For more info, please call Azriella 732-985-7613. Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will also meet on Wednesday morning, May 28 at 9AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more info, please call Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471.

#### **ACTT WEB SITE**

The ACTT web-site contains the audio of the 12 shiurim from the first 2 years of the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org), see the ACTT web-site: [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), or 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.

#### **WOMEN & GIRLS DANCE CLASSES**

A new session of Israeli and Simcha dance classes is starting. Separate classes for women & girls. For info, please call Rikki Samel at 732-249-5116.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

Edison/Highland Park Mikvah hours are Sun-Thurs 9-11pm. Friday night by appt only. SATURDAY NIGHTS in MAY, the mikvah will be open for 1 1/2 hours after opening which is: May 24th: 9:45pm. May 31st: 10pm. YOU MUST ARRIVE AND LEAVE DURING REGULAR MIKVAH HOURS. Fee \$15. Out of Hours: an additional \$20 fee. Call 732-249-2411.

#### **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 Bamidbar**

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| • Candlelighting          | 8:02 PM     |
| • Plag Mincha             | 6:00 PM     |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 7 & 8:10 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.

#### **Sof davar...**

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff, research by Rachel Wolf

#### **Tannaim and Amoraim: Rav Ada bar Ahavah**

Rav Ada bar Ahava, the first of our *amoraim* to be featured on *sof davar*, was an *amora* who overlapped the first and second generations of *amoraim* shortly after the year 200. He was born, interestingly, on the very day that R. Yehudah haNassi died. He was a student of Rav and his strength lay in *halacha*, not in *aggada*. Rav Ada was a very pious and humble individual and became widely-known as a *chasid* (not in present day terms). More interesting was the fact that he was considered a *baal mofeis* for whom miracles often were performed. It was said that Rav Huna had quite a large number of barrels of wine that were being stored in a building that was on the verge of collapse. Everyone was afraid to enter the building to get the wine for fear that it would collapse upon them. Rav Huna then devised a plan and called Rav Ada bar Ahava to come and "discuss learning" with him. Confident that the building would not collapse on Rav Ada, Rav Huna engaged him in learning in the shaky structure, all the while his workers were removing all the barrels of wine. The task completed they exited the building and no sooner did they leave the building that it collapsed. On another occasion a fast was declared because of a severe drought. Rav Ada came to join in the fast and when he took off his first shoe drops of rain began to fall. By the time he took off his second shoe it began to pour. Truly a *baal mofeis* was Rav Ada bar Ahavah,