



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Beha'alotecha

11 Sivan 5768

June 14, 2008

Candlelighting:	8:11PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00PM
Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos:	7:00 & 8:20PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur – after Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:12AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
Kollel Learning Seder	4-6 PM
Kollel Mincha	6 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 7:20 PM</i>	
Mincha:	8:05 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Akiva Lustiger</i>	
Maariv:	9:15 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon. & Thur.	6:20, 7:05 & 8AM
Tue, Wed & Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	8:20PM
Weekday Maariv:	10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur cancelled for the summer</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:45</i>	
DAF YOMI SUMMER SCHEDULE	
Monday–Thur: starting at 7:30 and stopping for Mincha and Maariv and finishing after Maariv.	
Fri: After 1st Minyan,	
Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha	
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 June 28th and July 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 these Announcements, please email 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

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.

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 luddeju@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.

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ohr Torah is having a current membership drive. We would like to invite all those who

attend the Shul often, to become full or associate members and to officially join Ohr Torah in partnership. Likewise, if you are an associate member and would like to become a full member, please consider upgrading. Please contact Brian Allen, Allen Kessel, or Yoel Schwartz.

MAZEL TOV

...to Smadar & Jerry Parness on the marriage of their daughter, Elior, to David Coleman of Baltimore, this Sunday.

...to Lois and Lyndon Goldsmith on their son, Sammy's Bar Mitzvah.

...to Bracha and Mayer Berg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Shani, this Sunday. Mazel Tov to Shani's brothers, Eli, Yoni and Eytan, and to the grandparents, Anna and Charles Plittman, Evelyn and Jeffrey Berg.

...to Eileen and Mel Wagshul on the birth of a great granddaughter, Elisheva, to their grandchildren, Devorah Leah and Avremil Wagshul.

...to Ettie & Paul Bloom on the engagement of their daughter Tova to Daniel Schaffer of Stamford, CT. Mazel Tov to the Bloom, Rapps, Bomzer, and Schaffer families and also to Mr. Joseph Macy.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Lois and Lyndon Goldsmith in honor of Sammy's Bar Mitzvah.

YASHER KOACH

Ohr Torah would like to thank Moshe Wiesel, Meyer Berg and Barry Siegel for preparing & serving the Shavous night refreshments. Tizku L'mitzvot.

PEREK ON THE LAWN

Ohr Torah's Perek on the Lawn series continues this Shabbos, June 14, 2008, at the home of Robert & Riki Kreitman, 22 Marshall Drive. The shiur, led by Henry Schanzer, will begin promptly at 5:30pm and is open to all men and women. The shiur will be followed by a light snack. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE – SAVE THE DATE

Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom of Los Angeles will be Scholar in Residence at congregation Ohr Torah on Shabbat June 27/28.

Rabbi Etshalom, whose first book, "Between the Lines of the Bible" was published by Yashar Books in 2006, chairs the Bible Dept at Yeshiva University HS of Los Angeles (YULA). His ability to reach out to all ages and share his passion for Jewish learning has enriched many lives. He is also an accomplished storyteller, radio host and songwriter.

You have four opportunities to hear this fascinating thinker and speaker:

- a FRIDAY NIGHT tish at the Kessel HOME (18 Harrison St)
- Shabbos morning drasha at Ohr Torah,
- OT's Perek on the Lawn at the home of the Mondrows, 25 Marshall Drive.
- Seudah shlishit between (early) Mincha and Maariv.

Don't miss this fascinating speaker!

CONDOLENCES

...to Mrs. Arlene Pianko and Judy Tanenbaum on the passing of Mrs. Pianko's brother. Shiva will take place at the Tanenbaum home on 21 Harrison until Wednesday morning.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a General Membership Meeting Tuesday June 24th at 8:30PM. Agendas have been mailed.

THANK YOU FROM THE TORAH TAPE LIBRARY

With the imminent reopening of the Torah Tape Library, there are some thank you's in order. First the donations:

- Anonymous, who bankrolled a majority of the infrastructure costs.
- Dadi Greenspan
- Eli and Chaya Reinitz
- Jerald and Rochelle Blum
- Josh and Tzippy Rapps
- Jack and Rivky Atkin
- Moshe and Debbie Schneider
- Evan and Rivka Abrahams
- Danny Pitinsky
- Rafi Miller
- Moish and Susan Wiesel

Gene Wasserman for his technical and computer expertise, Larry Greenspan the brains and leadership behind this effort.

If you want to use this library you need a bar coded library card. Donations of CD's or dollars to purchase of CD's please contact Larry Greenspan 732-828-5642 or 732-501-5455. To browse the 1900+ titles and register for a bar coded library card [required to use library] go to [HTTP://RVTTL.COMPUGENE.com](http://RVTTL.COMPUGENE.com). Please note there is NO www in the web site address.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NIGHTLY TEHILIM BY PHONE

You can join the women and girls of Edison/ HP in a nightly tehilim 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.

PARLOR MEETING PLANNED

This coming week on Wednesday June 18, 2008; please attend a parlor meeting for an important Yeshivah in Tsfat, Yeshivah Shalom Rav. Yeshiva Shalom Rav is a Makom Torah for talmidim seeking a meaningful learning experience combined with the unique spirituality found in the

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holy city of Tsfat. The program starts with Minchah at 8PM. Speakers will include Rav Reuven Drucker, Rav of Agudah and the Rosh HaYeshiva of Shalom Rav, Rabbi Rafael Weingot. The Yeshiva will have on sale beautiful artwork from some of Tsfat's artists. All proceeds or donations will benefit the Yeshiva. The event will take place at the home of Pesach & Celia Minkin – 13 Brookfall Road, Edison. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 732 261 3666 for more info.

FAIGIE REINITZ z"l

MEMORIAL WOMENS STUDY GROUP

Please join the women of the Highland Park and Edison communities for the fourth shiur of the Faigie Reinitz z"l Memorial Women's Study Group... "Fathers, Mothers...and Jugglers!

Balancing it All...and Doing it Well!"

Speaker: Rabbi Motti Miller

When: June 24, 2008

Time: 8:30 PM

Where: The Heideman's 19 Ryan Road Edison Admission is free, but we want to make sure you have a seat! Please email

shelley.schoenfeld@cmpmedica.com to register.

Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested...we are in the process of building our email database. This program is funded through an endowment by the Pfeffer and Reinitz families in memory of Faigie Reinitz, z"l.

ACTT

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, see the ACTT web-site: 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.

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

FEDERATION DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

This Sunday (Father's Day) is the official launch date for the Greater Middlesex Jewish Community Study, facilitated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County. This analysis will

identify unmet needs, anticipate trends and help our service providers strategically meet the needs of Jewish residents. Calls to 20,000 residents of Middlesex County will be anonymous and randomly selected. While the study is spearheaded and funded by Federation, synagogues, agencies and Jewish organizations will have access to all results (all 800 slides will be available online). Local residents have been hired to make the calls. **Please answer the phone if called!!!! The demographer estimates that every hang-up costs our community \$50. Your response will direct future services.**

Feel free to contact the Federation with any questions or comments at (732) 432-7711 ext. 24 or lsafra@jf-gmc.org

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Got Blood? Donate today! Give the gift of life! The Highland Park First Aid Squad will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, June 22nd 2008. Please join us between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM, at the Highland Park Senior / Youth Recreation Center 220 South Sixth Avenue. You must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds (or more), and be in general good health. All donors must have a photo ID to be eligible to donate. Appointments are strongly recommended!

JEWISH FEDERATION ANNOUNCES JEWISH

HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE TRENTON

THUNDER

The Trenton Thunder is hosting a Jewish Heritage Night on Thursday, July 10. Prior to the game, at 6PM, there will be a concert by the Jewish rock band Blue Fringe. The game starts at 7:05 PM and will be followed by fireworks. There will be a section of the ball park for the Middlesex County Jewish Community. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased by contacting the Federation office at 732-432-7711. Order forms are also available. Info is also available on the Federation's website, JewishMiddlesex.org.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, June 15 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, June 16 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 PARSHA CLASSES

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, June 17 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, June 18 at 9AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more info, please call Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471. These will be the last classes until next fall.

PARK MIKVAH

Hours are Sun-Thurs 9-11pm. Friday night by appointment only. SATURDAY NIGHTS through June, the mikvah will be open from 10pm until 11:30pm. 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, 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 Shelach

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| • Candlelighting | 8:13 PM |
| • Plag Mincha | 6:00 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabbalas Shabbos | 7 & 8:20 PM |

VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!

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TELEPHONE: Call 732-777-6840, press Newsletter option (spell all names)

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Sof davar...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim and Amoraim: Abayei

If you consider a "probeh" by a rabbi for a rabbinical position difficult consider the position of the four great scholars who were vying for the post as head of the world famous yeshiva in Pumpedissa. The officials decided that each candidate would present a *dvar halacha* and the one whose *dvar halacha* could not be challenged would be selected for that position. The *divrei* Torah of Rabbah, R. Zeira and Rabbah bar Masnah were successfully refuted. But not that of the fourth candidate, Abayei. His selection as head of the yeshiva of Pumpedissa was the culmination of a long and spectacular career as a *talmid chacham* of the first rank and as leader among his people. His life started on a tragic note as he never knew his parents. His father died when his mother was pregnant and his mother passed away at childbirth. His real name was Nachmeini and he was a descendant of Eili haKohen. He gave great honor to the woman who raised him, often quoting her in the *gemara* with the opening phrase "*amra li eim*" (my mother said). A student of Rabbah and Rav Yosef, Abayei became one of the most distinguished of the fourth generation *amoraim*. His respect for Rav Yosef was such that he declared that he would stand in his honor as soon as he saw the ears of Rav Yosef's donkey in the distance. Abayei's disputes with Rava, his good friend, are legendary. Unfortunately for Abayei his views were adopted as *halacha* only six times.