



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Chaye Sarah

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ANNUAL OHR TORAH DINNER

This year's Shul Dinner will take place on Sunday December 14, 2008. Mazel Tov to Fay and David Moskovic, the Guests of Honor, and Shelley Schoenfeld and Matthew Holland, this year's Service Awardees. Invitations have been mailed. Please return your response cards and ads by November 30, 2008

MAZEL TOV

...to Larry and Mina Tiefenbrunn on the birth of a grand-daughter, Rachel Gopin, to their children, Chana and Josh Gopin. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Yudi and Sharon Gopin and to all the aunts, uncles and cousins.

...to Sima Milgraum on the aufruf and forthcoming marriage of Elchanan to Rena Nussbaum. Mazel Tov as well to the entire Milgraum and Nussbam families as well as to grandfather Henry Chesner.

...to Eric and Jeanne Lankin on the marriage of their daughter Shira to Scott Sheps and their Shabbat Sheva Brachot. Mazel Tov to Ronald and Marcie Sheps, grandparents Marion Achtentuch, Micki Lankin, Eleanor Fishman and Theodore and Delores Sheps.

... to Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin on the birth of a daughter to their children Rina and Rabbi Hillel Zinkin in Jerusalem.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush in the hashkama minyan is sponsored by Sima Milgraum in honor of the aufruf of Elchanan.

SEUDOS SHALOSH

Seudat Shelishit is jointly sponsored by Sima Milgraum in honor of the yartzeit of Esther Chesner and Elchanan's aufruf, as well as Marc and Ruth Kalton in honor of the Yahrtzeit of Marc's mother Alice Kalton, Feiga Chana Bas Rav Menachem Mendel. A Siyum on Seder Moed will be made at the Shalosh Seudas in her honor.

SHABBAT CHEVRON

WITH RAV SIMCHA HOCHBAUM

On Shabbos morning, December 6, Rav Simcha Hochbaum will be a scholar in-residence at OT. Rav Simcha Hochbaum was a long time student and *musmach* of Reb Shlomo Carlebach, z"l. Before making aliya, he was the Rabbi of The Eldridge Street Synagogue in New York City and a Judaic Studies instructor at Bi-Cultural Day School in Stamford CT. Rav Simcha now resides in the Avraham Avinu neighborhood of Chevron

and teaches at Reishit Yeshiva in Beit Shemesh and the Tiferet Center in Ramat Beit Shemesh. In addition to his educational activities, he is the Director of Tourism for the Hebron Fund, and gives spiritual and insightful tours of Chevron, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Kotel Tunnels as well as neighborhoods throughout Yehuda and Shomron. In addition, please join Rav Simcha Motzai Shabbos for a very inspiring Melavah Malaka with divreh torah, stories and singing in the main shul starting at 7:00 pm.

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENT

Calling all sports enthusiasts! Come to Ohr Torah at 6 PM sharp on Saturday night December 20th as we head via coach bus to the NJ Nets state of the art practice training facility for one hour of playing time followed by the NJ Nets vs Miami Heat basketball game. All tickets for this event are \$45. Snacks and drinks will be provided. This evening has been designated by the NJ Nets as Jewish Family night and there will be a kosher stand available at the Izod center. There are only 50 seats available. First come first serve! You can sign up at our Shul website ohrtorah.net or by calling Mayer Berg @ (732) 572-3429.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN'S FUND

The Children's Fund, established in memory of Dina Eisner, A'H, will be hosting a film presentation for women and girls of A Light for Greytowers, at Cong Ohav Emeth, **this Sunday night**, Nov 23rd, at 8pm. The widely acclaimed musical tells the powerful story of a young Jewish girl whose faith is challenged in an orphanage in 19th century England. Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 each, maximum \$50 per family. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. Sponsorships are available for \$100. All profits from the evening will be distributed to local children in need of supplementary financial assistance. For more info or to place ticket reservations, please contact Tova Josefovitz (732) 572-9432 tjosefovitz@gmail.com, Shoshana Diskind (732) 572-7755, Minah Kamin (732) 819-9738 or Janice Lustiger (732) 819-4919.

ACTT

Come hear *Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe, Moreh D'Asra, Congregation Ahavas Yisrael of Edison*, speak about "Judging Others Favorably: A mirror for the soul" on Saturday night, Nov 22, 2008 at 9:00 PM at Cong Ohav Emeth. This community-wide event is sponsored by the ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) org. Admission is free. 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,

Candlelighting:	4:17PM
Mincha:	4:25PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:18AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah at 3:20PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:10 PM
Shalosh Seudos speakers: Marc Kalton siyum followed by R. Chaim Cohen	
Maariv:	5:20 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon.	
Tues., Wed.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Thurs. (Thanksgiving)	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Fri (Rosh Chodesh)	6:10, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:20 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 PM and 10:10 PM
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
WINTER SCHEDULE FOR DAF YOMI	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30pm maariv	
Friday-after maariv	
Shabbos-After Hashkama and also at 8:15am	
Sunday-after 8am shacharis.	

BARUCH HABA

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 November 29th and December 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: 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 Natby 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 siegelad@optonline.net or 732-572-4408.

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at ludcej@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.

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

or Aviva Siegel 732-572-4408. Web-site:
www.act613.org, e-mail: info@act613.org.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIURIM

Rabbi Yisroel Hoffman's Choshen Mishpat Hilchos Dayanim shiur Takes place Wednesday nights at the Agudah at 8:30 pm. To download previous shiurim, please visit <http://csisol.com/shiurim.aspx>

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

HACHNASAT KALLAH

Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira (Mordechai Gottlieb) is currently seriously ill. It is important to do whatever we can to provide him with merit for a refuah shelaimah. Although there are no guarantees of which particular mitzvah is the one that may provide the merit, hachnasat kallah is a very powerful mitzvah and can be a special merit for a choleh. I am specifically collecting money for hachnasat kallah as a merit for a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. Simchat Zion was formed to cover the cost of weddings for needy orphans in Eretz Yisroel. The cost of sponsoring an entire wedding is \$3600. The goal is to raise money to sponsor an orphan's wedding on Nov 24, 2008. To partake in this great mitzvah, please send a donation as soon as possible. For more info, please see www.Simchattzion.com. Tax deductible checks payable to Simchat Zion should be sent to Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ 08817. Thank you, Aviva Siegel siegelmom@optonline.net 732-572-4408.

ERUV VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Looking for a volunteer to check the eruv in the Donaldson Park area - see Israel Rivkin or call at 732-572-0184

BLOOD DRIVE

The Rosen family is pleased to announce that our next blood drive will be held on Sunday, Nov 30 from 9:30AM to 3PM. The Bloodmobile will be at our home, 120 Highland Ave., HP. Hot cookies will be served, babysitting is available, and each donor should be receiving 2 Nets tickets. Please contact Heidi, Ira or Natasha for further info, or to schedule a donation slot (walk-ins welcome too).

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

AA University and the Torah Conferencing Network present Rabbi Yissocher Frand, every Thursday at 9pm, live via satellite from Baltimore. Join the most popular shiur in the country, broadcast to the AA Beis Medrash every week, for halachik insights into the parsha and a meaningful dvar Torah at the end. After the Yomim Tovim, Rabbi Yisroel Reisman's Saturday Night Navi shiur resumes. Admission: \$5.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Active Zionist Orthodox cong seeks same dynamic individual or couple for part time youth director position. Must be college grad with previous youth exp. Supervisory position requires strong organizational skills; Shabbat and holiday attendance in Highland Park. Competitive salary. Fax resume to (732)-247-6739 or email imalevenst@verizon.net attention Debra L.

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL BUDGET

Interested in Learning More About the Highland Park Public Schools Budget? Please join members of the Board of Education
When: Monday Dec 1, 2008 @7:30PM
Location: Regular Board Meeting

When: Middle School Cafeteria
Here you will have the opportunity to learn more about state mandates, the role of the local board, the state board, and the state in setting school curriculum and budget. Regular Board meetings are advertised at <http://www.highlandpark.k12.nj.us/board/0809monthlycalendar.html>

When: December 11, 2008 @7:30PM and January 15, 2009 @7:30PM What: Budget Task Force Meeting Place: PF's Coffee House. Please join the Highland Park Public Schools Budget Task Force in its regular meetings. Its agenda includes outreach and education on the challenges of the school budget. In these meetings you will have the opportunity not only to voice your opinions and create a voice to the board, but also to participate in a community wide effort to keep our community engaged in our public schools. <http://sites.google.com/site/hpbudgettaskforce>

CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE

Ahavas Yisrael will be having a Chanukah Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec 6th, starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be vendors selling hand-crafted decorative accessories & Judaica, Lia Sophia jewelry, Discovery toys, Tupperware, etc. The event will be at Ahavas Yisrael 1587 Rt. 27, Edison. For more info, call Mara Margolin 732-777-1589.

WEEKLY WOMENS GROUP: AMEN

There is a weekly women's tehillim and tefillah ("Amen") group which meets on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10 AM at the home of E.J. Berman, 26 Celler Road, Edison. All women and girls are invited to start the week off with this special half hour of prayer, which should be in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. For more info please contact E.J. at EJPartyworks@aol.com or call 732-985-2118.

ANNUAL CHAI LIFELINE CHANUKAH TOY DRIVE

Tues Nov. 25 thru Mon. Dec. 8, 2008
Only New, Unwrapped Gifts are acceptable See Flyers for Gift suggestions @ local stores, schools & Synagogues Drop Off in RPRY School Lobby
Questions Contact Bobbi Engel 732-819-7842

WOMEN'S GROUP FORMING

Looking for women to be a part of a group of 40 saying Shir Hashirim Friday night after licht bentchen and/or baking challah on Thursday nights or Fridays in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. If you would like to be included in either one or both of these segullahs, please contact E.J. Berman at EJPartyworks@aol.com or call 732-985-2118.

ISRAEL MISSION

Ahavas Achim invites you to join the Chanowitz, Cohen, Friedenber, Goldberg, Goldman, Gottlieb, Kessel, Mann, Shapiro, Schilowitz, Schwartz, Shulman, and Stern families on our 7th annual Israel Mission, from Jan 14-26, 2009. The mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the Prima Kings Hotel, 2 nights at Kibbutz Lavi in the Galilee, 3 days of touring with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, dinners at Kibbutz Lavi, Friday night and Shabbat lunch on both Shabbat, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$2169 plus airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$496.30). Registration has already begun, and is available on a first come, first serve basis with a non-refundable deposit of \$350 per person ASAP. To register, visit the mission website at www.arieltours.com/aamission. Questions can be directed to aamission@arieltours.com

CLOTHING DRIVE

In order to arrange a date with Yad Leah for clothes collection, they require assurance that we can cover the cost

of packing, shipping & trucking the clothing. To that end we are looking for a few individuals to cover the trucking costs of \$300 and will request donations of atleast \$18 with each clothing donation. If you can assist with the cost of trucking, please contact Mordy Brill (mordb@msn.com).

MRS. MIRI COHENS

WOMEN'S PARSHA CLASSES

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, November 26 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St., Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

SHAAREI TZION BEAUTY FUNDRAISER

Special fundraiser for Shaarei Tzion: Facials, Microdermabrasion, chemical peels & Waxing!!! It is all happening right here in Highland Park/Edison this week - starting Sunday Nov. 23rd till Wednesday November 26th. Great prices with wonderful results! For women only. Please call Nechama for more information at 619-379-2808.

RPRY COOKBOOK DEBUTS

The RPRY PTA is excited to announce the upcoming arrival of their extraordinary cookbook, Culinary Temptations. Culinary Temptations is a unique collection of kosher recipes that will surely tempt your palate. This cookbook will make a perfect Chanukkah gift for grandmothers, mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters and all balabustas and chefs. For more information contact Michele Meiner (732) 819-8292 or Ida Scheiner (732)247-3063.

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SENIOR NCSY EVENTS

In preparation for the greatest Winter Regional ever, we will be having banner night this motzei shabbos from 8:00- 9:30 PM at OE. We hope to see everyone there! If you are one of the few people who have still not signed up for regional, and would like to come, please speak to Avi Eserner or Jordana Goldberg as soon as possible. This year, regional will be held from December 4th-7th at the newly renovated Berkley Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park. Latte and learning is back!! Come to Starbucks on Rt. 18 (Mid-State mall) every Wednesday night at 7:30 for good conversation, great friends, oh yeah, and FREE coffee! We hope to see everyone there each week! Avi Eserner (732) 718-4786
Jordana Goldberg (718) 926-8195

JR NCSY ONEG

Can you say Oneg five times fast??? Jr NCSY is having their first Oneg of the year. This shabbat at Chana Lustiger's house 8 Price Drive All Jr. NCSYers welcome. Bring your friends and their friends and their imaginary friends. We would also like to announce the Regional Lock In at Fun Time America, a night filled with fun, friends, and plenty of food. Did I mention lazer tag?? Motzie shabbat December 20 until Sunday the 21. For more info please contact Tzvi Hametz or Chana Lustiger. We are also looking for sponsors or partial sponsors for our Chanukah Chaggiah if anyone would like to be involved please contact us.

VISITING SOFER

The Sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday August 31st. Those who need to check their mezuzot and tefillin should come down. If you know you are coming, please call to let us know, at 732-828-7722. Store hours are 10am to 5pm.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, November 23 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, Nov 24 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

SEFER TOMER DEVORAH CLASS

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having a class on Sefer Tomer Devorah on Monday evening, November 24 at 9:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for post-seminary girls only. For more information, please contact Atara Degani 732-306-5727 or 732-937-6823

MAZAL SHIDDUCH GROUP

The next Mazal shidduch group meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 25th at 8PM. Please email Sharon at ShCL18@aol.com to find out location and to request a form.

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

The OT Keylim Mikvah will be open Sunday Mornings from 9AM to 12 Noon. Please make sure to leave the area clean and neat.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open from 8:30 to 10:30. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT

ONLY. Call 7332-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS-ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rabbi Jacob Joseph School Seeks experienced Full Time secretary. Computer knowledge essential. Call 732-985-6533 or fax 732-985-6553

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for a job because you are concerned about job security or you are out of work? Attend our job networking session on Wednesday, Dec 10th at Cong Ahavas Achim in Highland Park. This free session is an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear about job leads, and share ideas, resources and information. Be prepared to present a 20-30 second elevator pitch summary and bring about 15 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30 pm; the program begins at 8pm and ends at 10 pm. For more info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Toldot

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| • Candlelighting | 4:14 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabbalas Shabbos | 4:20PM |

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.

Sof davar...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim and Amoraim: Issi ben Yehudah

The *medrash* says that Moshe Rabbeinu had seven different names. Issi ben Yehuda a fifth century *tanna*, comes close with six different names. (Keep in mind that the name Issi is often synonymous with Yosi or Yosef). Issi came from the town of Hutzal, so it is no surprise that he would be known as (1) Yosef Ish Hutzal. Now the town of Hutzal was located in Bavel. So it was quite natural for him to also be called (2) Yosef haBavli. The name by which he was most popularly known was (3) Issi ben Yehudah, and since in Yaakov's *berachot* to his children recorded in *parshat Vayechi* Yaakov refers to Yehudah as "*gur aryeh Yehudah*", Issi's fourth name was, guess... (4) Issi ben Gur Aryeh. Not finished yet. In the Yerushalmi he is referred to as (5) Yossi Katantah. (Could he have been small in physical stature?) So after all that what was his real name? That would be his sixth name and it was (6) Issi ben Akaviah. But by whatever name he was known he was acknowledged as a superior *talmid chacham* whose pronouncements, though not found in the *Mishna* itself, is found extensively in the *braitot* and in the *gemara*. Although he was born in Bavel he went to study in Eretz Yisroel where he was one of the top students of Elazar ben Shamua. One of his most well-known statements is in the *gemara* Yoma where he states that five passages in the Torah have no *hechra*. That is, they cannot be grammatically structured; we cannot establish for a certainty, exactly how these passages are divided. So well respected was Issi ben Yehudah that when he passed away it was said that "*posku chassidim*", the era of *chassidim* had come to an end. You don't say something like that about an ordinary scholar, and Issi was no ordinary *talmid chacham*. He was among the best.