



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Emor

5 Iyar 5768

May 10, 2008

Candlelighting: 7:44PM
PLAG MINCHA: 6:00PM
Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos: 7:00 & 7:50 PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:20AM
Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
KOLLEL LEARNING SEDER 4-6 PM
KOLLEL MINCHA 6 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 6:55 PM
Mincha: 7:40 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Leonard Staller
Maariv: 8:50 PM

Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon., & Thu 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues., Wed, & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:50PM
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 1ST 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 May 17th, 24th & June 7th. 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 Nal by sending 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 siegedad@optonline.net or 732-572-4408.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

KOLLEL SEDER AND EARLY MINCHA

The shul is privileged to once again host the Highland Park Kollel for Shabbos afternoon learning seder followed by mincha through the spring and summer. The seder will start at 4 PM with mincha at 6 PM.

MAZEL TOV

...to Shoshana and Brian Allen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Daniel this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to his sisters Talia, Shira and Gila and to the grandparents Ralph & Rochelle Dessau and Florence & Manny Allen. Mazel Tov as well to the Great-Grandmother Mrs. Sitta Dessau and to all of the aunts, uncles and cousins who are here to celebrate the Simcha.

... to Debbie and Bill Gewirtz on the birth of a granddaughter, Chava Daniella (Daniella Lola) to their children Lauren and Michael. ...to Lilly and Bruce Jacobi on the engagement of their son David to Esther Wolgel of Maale Adumim. Mazel Tov to David's grandparents Judy and Jack Nasielski, and the entire Jacobi and Wolgel families.

... to Jeanne and Eric Lankin on the engagement of their daughter Shira to Scott Sheps of Waterbury, CT. Mazel Tov to grand mother Marion Achtenutch.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Shoshana and Brian Allen in honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Jan and Leonard Staller in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Helaine Goodman, a"H.

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

There will be a Board Meeting on Tuesday May 20th @ 8:30 PM"

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Nachum Sorkin on the loss of his father, z"l. *Shiva will take place at 200 Central Avenue in Edison from Sunday late afternoon until Thursday morning. Shacharis will be 6:20 AM Monday & Thursday, 6:30 PM Tuesday & Wednesday, with mincha Sunday-Wednesday at 7:50 PM.* May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

GET YOUR OT PHONETREE E-MAILS

The OT email announcement system is running successfully. Many have signed up and are getting the phonetree announcements by phone and email. [No more scrambling for pen and paper to write down the details]. However many have not signed up for the program. Send your email address to phonetree@ohrtorah.net to get your name on the email distribution list.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OU/BIKUR CHOLIM EVENT

A panel discussion entitled "When Serious Illness Strikes" is scheduled for Sunday May 18 from 8-10 PM at OT. The speakers are:

- Rabbi Tzvi Flaum (Rabbi of Congregation Kneseth Israel and Mashgiach Ruchani, Lander College for Women), "Halachic Considerations"
- Batsheva Schreiber, "Care Management and Family Support Services"
- Russell Adler, "Legal and Financial Concerns"
- Dr. Andrew Freedman, "Medical Challenges and Concerns"

followed by Q&A. Contact Cindy Borell at 732-580-5055.

HIGHLAND PARK SHAATNEZ LAB

We are pleased to announce that the Highland Park Shaatnez Lab under the direction of Moshe Eisner operates at the following times:
 Wednesday evenings -- 8:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
 Sunday mornings -- 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
 The drop-off for clothing to be tested is at the Agudah 1st Floor (bear right in the lobby to the classroom past the elevator).

JEWISH FEDERATION

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County (our local Federation) is sponsoring the following event, in honor of Israel's 60th anniversary:

On Thursday, May 22 at 7:45 PM – a musical celebration at the State Theater in New Brunswick. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance. Contact Abby Hochhauser or the Jewish Federation

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

This year the Salute to Israel Parade is being conducted on Sunday June 1 and we need your support. As you know, our gesture of peace - giving up Gaza – has been met by gestures of war from the very locations provided in peace. I don't have to like Likud to like Israel as stated by one candidate, misses the point completely.

To show strength in numbers and have our voices resonate in kind, we will be marching in

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is in the Beis Medrash Chazzon's shulchan.
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a show of Achdus with other Shuls, Yeshivot and Institutions of the Middlesex County Jewish Federation. We urge you to join and be counted in our Salute to

Israel. For further information, please contact the following Shul members: Mark Kalton 732-393-9232, Audrey Mondrow 732-572-3449 or Michael Rabinowitz 732-819-4888.

RPRY RAFFLE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

RPRY announces its first annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2nd & 3rd 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.

SENIOR NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This shabbos afternoon, May 10th, we will be having an oneg at the home of Timi Wildman from 3:30- 5PM. We hope to see everyone there! Oh! And I hope you bring your A-game, because we are having a Taboo tournament!

Spring Regional is coming up this memorial day weekend (May 23rd-26th)! There is going to be paintball and all other kinds of cool stuff! If you have not done so yet, please sign up by going to www.njnscy.com to fill out an application. The early bird deadline has been extended to this Sunday night, May 11th, at midnight. (its also mother's day...so don't forget about that!) We really want everyone to be there, as our Avi, our advisor is honored, and we *potentially* win chapter of the year!

NORPAC UPDATE

Edison briefing and orientation:
May 11---- 8:30 pm (will last under an hour)
Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison
Corresponding to our buses leaving from both AA (Ahavas Achim) and OT(Ohr Torah) there will be a shachris minyan at both AA and OT on mission day starting at 5:45AM. In the days prior to the mission, NORPAC will notify you which bus your group will be on.

NORPAC Mission to Washington- Strengthen the American-Israel relationship in Congress. Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Wash DC, Wed. May 21st. Buses leave for Washington at 6:15 am from Edison and Highland Park, NJ. Buses return between 9-10 PM. There will be briefings on each bus. Register online at www.NORPAC.net or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Elie Borger, or Marc Hanfling (docdad@aol.com).

JR. NCSY ACTIVITIES

If you would like to sponsor an event or drop-in-zone, please contact Moshe or Phili. Also if you have not signed up for membership yet, you can sign up online. Membership is mandatory to attend any Shabbaton but not an event. For more info please call Phili Hernandez at 609-647-6842 or Moshe Stern at 732-777-1325 or check us out online at <http://www.njnscy.com/>

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, May 11 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, May 12 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, May 13 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 7 at 9AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more info, please call Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

While the plaques of blood and flies are still fresh in our minds, the Rosen family is pleased to announce our next blood drive, at which all donors will have the opportunity to be plagued by flies (fly balls, that is). The drive will be on Sunday, May 18 from 9:30-3:00, at our home. 120 Highland Ave., HP. All donors will receive a pair of Mets tickets. Please contact us at 732-393-1018 to secure a donation slot (preferred but not required). Baby sitting is available and fresh chocolate chip cookies will be served.

PARK MIKVAH

Park Mikvah Hours are Sun-Thurs 9-11pm. Friday night by appointment only. 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 Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Behar

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| • Candlelighting | 7:50 PM |
| • Plag Mincha | 6:00 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 7 & 8:00 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 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.