



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Allen Kessel - President**

Parshas Kedoshim

Nisan 5768

May 3, 2008

**Candlelighting:** 7:36PM  
**PLAG MINCHA:** 6:00PM  
**Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos:** 7:00 & 7:45 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45 & 9:00 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:24AM  
**Early Mincha:** 1:45 PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 6:45 PM*  
**Mincha:** 7:30 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Israel Rivkin*  
**Maariv:** 8:40 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
**Mon., Tues (Rosh Chodesh)**  
**6:10, 7:05, 8 AM**  
**Wed, Fri.** 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM  
**Thu** 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 7:45PM  
**Weekday Maariv:** 10:10 PM

*Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM*

*Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur  
Cancelled this week*

**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 May 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & June 7<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 [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 [siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

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

**MAZEL TOV**

... to Rachel and Mendy Lerner, on the bar Mitzvah of their son Ethan, this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Bella and Henry Lerner, aunt and uncle Debbie and Avi Teitz.

...to Debbie and Avi Teitz on the engagement of Mori to Avi Anouchi of Givat Shmuel. Mazel Tov to grandparents Bella and Henry Lerner, and aunt and uncle Rachel and Mendy Lerner.

...to Moshe and Susan Wiesel on the birth of a boy to their children, Eli and Chanie Wiesel. Mazel Tov to the great grandparents Rachel and Imre Lefkovits and to the entire, Wiesel, Posner and Finkelstein families.

...to Martha and Moish Greenblatt on the birth of a daughter to their children Julie and Rabbi David Waldman in Israel.

...to Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin on the engagement of their daughter Adina to Moshe Ornstein of StonyBrook/ Har Nof. Mazel Tov to the entire Zinkin, Ornstein and Gerszberg families.

...to Phyllis and Gedalia Reiss on the engagement of their son Donny Hochberg to Dena Goldfinger of Queens. Mazel Tov to the entire Reiss, Kaminetsky, Hochberg, Goldfinger and Newmark families.

...to Drora and Sheldon Waltuch on the birth of a daughter to their children Amanda and Alon Waltuch. Mazel Tov to the entire Waltuch family.

**KIDDUSH**

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Rachel and Mendy Lerner in honor of Ethan's Bar Mitzvah.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Shelly's mother, Sylvia Dershowitz, A"H.

**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](mailto:phonetree@ohrtorah.net) to get your name on the email distribution list.

**CONDOLENCES**

Congregation Ohr Torah expresses sincere condolences to Bella Lerner and family on the passing of her brother Nosson Tzvi Kurtz. Shiva will be at the Lerner home, 1 Cellar Rd. through Tuesday morning. Schacharis will be at 8 AM on Sunday, 7 AM on Monday and Tuesday. Mincha and Maariv on Sunday and Monday will be at 7:45 PM. Remainder of Shiva will be in Far Rockaway, at 584 Cedar Hill Ave. through Thursday morning.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

**SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Ira Sobel in honor of his wife Susan Sobel.
- Elliot and Adrienne Bienenstock in memory of Rochelle Kassai's father Moshe Neuman Z"L.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Abe & Sara Grunspan.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Ricki & Moshe Nat on the occasion of the engagement of Keren Nat
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Leib & Susan Haller on the occasion of the engagement of Eli Haller.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Shimon & Shaena Jakubovic.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Marc & Ruth Kalton on the occasion of the engagement of Ari Kalton.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Myron & Rachel Gurell.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Heshy & Ophira Gottlieb.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of David & Miriam Hanfling.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of William & Gail Bogner on the occasion on the marriage of Dina and Daniel Heiss.
- David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Hillel & Susan Raymon on the occasion on the marriage of Yael and Shai Stahl.

**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"

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

- Dr. Andrew Freedman, "Medical Challenges and Concerns"

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

#### **REENAS BAIS YAAKOV EVENT**

Rabbi Shimon Russell, LCSW, a psychotherapist practicing in Brooklyn and Lakewood and a sought after lecturer will discuss "What's so Apparent about being a Parent?" on Sunday May 4 at 7PM. Admission is \$10.

#### **THE FRUIT TREE BRACHA**

The bracha recited upon seeing flowering fruit trees is posted on the apple tree at 401 North Eighth Ave.

#### **BAIS YAAKOV SPEAKER**

A parenting seminar will be held at Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion's boy school with speaker Rabbi Shimon Russell at 7:30PM on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. It is sponsored by Bais Yaakov School.

#### **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 events, in honor of Israel's 60th anniversary: On Thursday, May 8 at 8PM - a lecture by Prof. Alan Dershowitz at the Nicholas Music Center in New Brunswick. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available in the OE office, as well as Trio Gifts on Raritan Avenue, and the Federation.

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 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.

#### **EMUNAH NEWS**

Have you ordered your Mother's Day gift? Mother's Day is May 11th! Achva Chapter of EMUNAH will be offering a delicious assortment of non-perishable breakfast items and gifts for local

delivery on Mother's Day morning...or surprise your out-of-town loved ones with a beautiful gift basket. Chalav Yisrael available upon request. Please call Pauline Mykoff at 732-572-0457 for further details and to place your order. Your generosity and support will bring joy to your loved ones and make a much-needed contribution to EMUNAH.

#### **CHUG IVRIT**

The next Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Speaking Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will meet on Sunday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m. at a Highland Park area home. They chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. They sometimes play Hebrew scrabble or do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. Hadassah membership is not required in order to attend. For location and more info. contact Rachel Weintraub [atrachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:atrachel@weintraubworld.net) or 732-819-9298.

#### **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.

#### **SENIOR NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As the school year comes to a close please get SPRING REGIONAL on your minds! Registration will start before you know it. We need EVERYONE there since this year, there is no doubt we will win CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!!! For more info please call: Avi Eserner (732)718-4786 Shira Lankin (732)-406-3844 Zohava Singer (732)-421-4559

#### **NORPAC UPDATE**

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](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Elie Berger, or Marc Hanfling ([docdad@aol.com](mailto: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.njncsy.com/>

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

Rebbitzen Eichenstein's Navi and Parsha classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rckistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rckistern@yahoo.com)

#### **MRS. MIRI COHEN'S LADIES PARSHA CLASS**

Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha classes will resume after Pesach. Please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613 or Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471.

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

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

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

While the plagues 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.

#### **VISITING SOFER**

The Sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday May 4th. 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 but drop-ins are welcome.

#### **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](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 Emor**

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| • Candlelighting          | 7:44 PM     |
| • Plag Mincha             | 6:00 PM     |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 7 & 7:50 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.

# The 100<sup>th</sup> Issue of Sof Davar

## Mei-ah sofei davar

1. Meharsha
2. Kaifeng-Fu
3. Rabbeinu Chananel
4. Cochin
5. Yom Tov Lippman Heller
6. Afghanistan
7. Ritva
8. Surinam
9. Taranda
10. Goa
11. Ramban
12. Djerba
13. Meiri
14. Singapore
15. Rabbeinu Tam
16. Crete
17. Moshe Babad
18. Bene Israel
19. Aharon b. Yosef Halevi
20. Gerona
21. Rashba
22. Aden
23. Taghestan
25. Grisha
26. Tarragona
27. Yechezkel Landau
28. Math: A round succah
29. Math: Bikur Cholim
30. Math: A round succah (2)
31. Verona
32. Moshe b. Chanoch
33. Shuls: Ahavas Achim
34. Shuls: Ohav Emeth
35. Shuls: Etz Ahaim
36. Salonika
37. Shuls: Poile Zedek
38. Shuls: Agudah
39. Shuls: Ohr Torah
40. Ran
41. Baghdad
42. Sforno
43. Bologna
44. Rabbeinu Bachya
45. Baia-Mare
46. 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Jews in U.S.
47. Arrival of Jews (2)
48. Arrival of Jews (3)
49. Don Yitzchak Abravanel
50. Orleans

## Comments and greetings:

**Rabbi Luban:** Rabbi Poleyeff, a lifelong lover of the sport of baseball, has hit a grand slam with his magical formula of spinning scholarship, wisdom and wit into the Sof Davar, brilliantly nestled in the end of the most unlikely of places, the bastion of humdrum, the shul announcements. Rabbi Poleyeff, we look forward to your next hundred.

**Allen Kessel, president OT:** The shul expresses its congratulations on the occasion of the 100th Sof Davar column. This profile of Jewish communities and rabbinic personalities has been a painless, delicious way of inserting an educational piece of inspiration into our weekly announcements - much like a Flintstone vitamin. May the column never live up to its title, "The End of the Matter," On the contrary, may it continue from chayil to chayil.

**Jun Choi:** When will I be featured in a sof davar?

**Rabbi Bomzer:** I love the sof davar. It gives me something to do when the chazzan is stretching out the davening.

**Robert Kreitman:** Better you should read sof davar than talk during the davening.

**Pres. Bush:** I especially liked the sof davar about Baghdad.

## Do you remember? Test your knowledge of sof davar

1. Only one woman was featured on sof davar. Who was she?
2. Some time ago sof davar pulled a grand hoax by featuring a *gadol* who never existed. Do you remember the name of that fictitious individual?
3. One community was faced with the *she-eilah* of whether a rickshaw may be used on Shabbat. Do you remember which community that was?
4. One of the featured *gedolim* earned his great reputation while living in Krakow, Poland. Can you name him?
5. In sof davar 39 describing the history of Ohr Torah one present day member was singled out for having saved *sifrei torah* during a fire in the shul. Can you identify that hero?
6. In the Berditchev story R. Levi Yitzchak met a man who was violating *halacha* a. by eating on *tisha b'av* b. by smoking on Yom Kippur, c. by saying *hallel* on yom haatzmaut
7. In what year was the first sof davar published?
8. Only two sof ei davar highlighted a Jewish community located in the U.S. Which cities were they?
9. One of the *gedolim* described lived in Gerona, Spain. Can you identify him?
10. One small country was highlighted because it published a number of postage stamps on Jewish themes. Do you remember that country?

## Sofei davar, cont.

51. Rema
52. False moshiach: Abu Isa
53. False moshiach: David Alroy
54. False moshiach: David Reuveni
55. Aleppo
56. False Moshiach: Solomon Molcho
57. False moshiach: Lesser known
58. Maharam miRoutenberg
59. False moshiach: Shabbetai Zvi (1)
60. False moshiach: Shabbetai Zvi (2)
61. False moshiach: Shabbetai Zvi (3)
62. False moshiach: Jacob Frank
63. Moshe Rivkes
64. Ansbach
65. Meharashdam
66. Disputations (1)
67. Disputations (2)
68. Disputations (3)
69. Barcelona
70. Disputations (4)
71. Disputations (5)
72. Disputations (6)
73. Bari
74. Turin
75. Caleb el-Kentai
76. The rest of the story (1)
77. The rest of the story (2)
78. The rest of the story (3)
79. R. Akiva Eger
80. R. Meir Shapiro
81. R. Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin
82. R. A. I. Kook
83. R. Chaim Soloveitchik
84. R. Yisroel Lipkin
85. R. Shamshon Refael Hirsch
86. R. Azriel Hildesheimer
87. R. Yitzchak Elchanan
88. R. Jacob Joseph
89. Rosh Hashanah in Baghdad
90. Minhagim: Covered kiddush cup
91. Minhagim: Oxen in the cemetery
92. Minhagim: Kloppling hoshanos
93. Minhagim: Wedding customs
94. Charleston, SC
95. Berditchev
96. R. Meir baal haNess
97. Chelm
98. Donna Gracia
99. Newport, RI
100. R. Moshe Aharon

Copies of any sof davar are available by request.

Sof davar (100)...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

### Gedolim of the recent past: R. Moshe Aharon

The young men in the small town of Timkowitz often went swimming in a nearby stream during the summer months. One of them never joined his friends because of his fear of water. This one day, however, he could not resist the temptation and jumped into the stream. Almost instantly the current caught him and began to sweep him downstream. He lost all control and was sure he would drown. At that moment an arm grabbed him around his shoulders and pulled him to safety. His rescuer's name was Kanatopsky, one of his close *chaverim*. That close call was followed 15 years later, in 1920, by another close call when the Bolsheviks were overrunning most of Russia. The Bolsheviks were arresting all clergymen, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, and sending them off to Siberia. They were rapidly approaching Timkowitz. With not a moment to spare R. Moshe Aharon and his family left their home town forever just one day before the Bolsheviks arrived. R. Moshe fled first to Warsaw eventually boarding a ship for the United States. Three weeks after his arrival R. Moshe Aharon was appointed a rebbi at a yeshiva on the lower East Side. It was the beginning of a career as rosh yeshiva that was to last over 46 years, during which time he earned the reputation as one of the generation's true *gadolei hador*. He moved up the ranks till he gave one of the top *shiurim* at Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchak Elchanan. R. Moshe had extremely poor eyesight and for all intents and purposes gave his *shiurim* by heart. A classic photo of R. Moshe shows him giving a *shiur* with his *gemara* upside down. He was the author of several acclaimed *sifrei halacha*, and earned the enviable reputation of being one of the most beloved *rosheiu yeshiva* in Yeshiva history. Recognizing R. Moshe Aharon's contributions to Yeshiva and to the Torah world he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Yeshiva in 1962 and years later a room (307 Fursrt Hall) was dedicated in his memory. Thousands attended his *levaya* in 1966. You know him better as R. Moshe Aharon Poleyeff.