



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Ki Tavo

20 Elul 5768

Sept. 20, 2008

Candlelighting: 6:41PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:50PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur – after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:47AM
Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Megillah shiur: 5:40 PM
Mincha 6:30 PM
 Shalosh Seudos Speaker – Moshe Ornstein
Maariv 7:40 PM
SELICHOS 1:00 AM
Weekday Shacharis:
 Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
 Sun. Selichos (Beis Medrash) 7:30AM
 Mon & Thur. 5:50, 6:40 & 7:35AM
 Tue, Wed & Fri 6:00, 6:45, & 7:35 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:35 PM
Weekday Maariv: 10:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Monday–Fri: after Maariv. Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha. Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis
There will be an extra session of Daf Yomi this week, one half hour before the Aliyah Auction, before selichos, motzei shabbos.

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 October 11th, first two days of Sukkos and Shabbos Chol Hamoad and Shemini Atzeres. 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 siegelad@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 EVEN TS

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

MAZEL TOV

... to Lilly & Bruce Jacobi on the recent engagement of their daughter Chevi to Raimy Rubin. Mazel Tov and welcome to Sharyn & Larry Rubin of Pittsburgh who are also here with us this Shabbos, and to the entire Jacobi / Nasielski family.

...Rena and Jeff Klein on the birth of a son. Mazel tov to siblings Zevi and Chani and to the entire Klein and Goldsmith families. *Shalom Zochor will be Friday evening, 9pm, at 14 Harrison Street, Edison.*

...Rona and Seymour Kessel on the Shabbos Sheva Brochos for their children Elana and Jeremy Erez. Mazel Tov to Jeremy's parents Joyann and Mendy Erez, to grandparents Sima Kessel and Bennet Koppelman, and the entire Kessel, Erez and Koppelman families. ...Sharon and Rabbi Yisroel Hoffman on the birth of a daughter to their children Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Klein.

**A MESSAGE FROM RABBI LUBAN
 RE: PRUZBOL**

The Torah states that at the end of the shmittah year, all debts are cancelled. However, for various reasons, Hillel the Elder instituted a legal loophole known as pruzbol, whereby the debt is transferred to a beth din. The beth din is not a person, and is therefore not subject to the laws of debt cancellation. This year is a shmittah year. Unless one writes a pruzbol, all debts will be cancelled this Rosh Hashona. I will be available to prepare pruzbols for the next few Sundays after 7:15, 8:00 and 9:00 minyan (the minyanim end approximately 7:45, 8:35 and 9:35). If you cannot personally come to shul at these times, please contact me and I will act as your agent to execute a pruzbol for you. Please note that both men and women should perform a pruzbol if they have outstanding debts which they wish to collect.

**WELCOME TO THE
 GRAND ALIYAH AUCTION**

The auction for kibbudim [aliyahs and other honors] for Yomim Noraim is scheduled to take place this Motzai Shabbos at 12:15AM in the main shul. Selichos follows at 1AM.

Come to bid for and buy that aliyah or other kibbud that you always wanted for yourself, your relative, or friend.

Please to come on time! There is a new auction process this year * which may shorten the bidding process. If you miss even the first few minutes, you may miss your chance at the kibbud you really wanted.

* This year's opening bids will be closer to the normal selling range for that particular kibbud.

SEUDOS SHLISHIS

Seudat Shlishis is sponsored this week by Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin in honor of the Yartzheit of Shelly's father Chaim Tzvi Dov ben Yekutiel Yehudah a"h and Aryeh's completion of Mesechta Brachos. Speaker will be Moshe Ornstein.

CONDOLENCES

It is with profound and great sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Jack Krul, the father of Marsha Shulman. Shiva will be at the Krul home, 401 Montgomery St (corner of North 4th) in Highland Park, starting Sunday morning. Since they are flying home from Israel Saturday night, they will be unable to say Selichot on Saturday night. They will say Selichot at 7:30 A.M. on Sunday with Shacharit at 8:00 A.M. Selichot and Shacharit will be at 6:05 A.M. on Monday and Thursday and 6:15 A.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Micha-Maariv from Sunday to Wednesday is at 6:35 P.M. May Hashem provide comfort to the family among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

PHONE SQUAD VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Shul is seeking a volunteer to take over the phone squad message machine. Even if you work regular business hours you can easily take on this important Community Chesed. Please contact Moshe or Debbie Schneider for the specifics.

EVENING OF INSPIRATION

On Sunday, September 21, 2008 You Are Invited To Discover Yourself! Yad Eliezer And Congregation Ohr Torah Proudly Present An Unforgettable Leil Iyun/Evening Of Inspiration 7:30 PM Rabbi Dovid Orlofsky, Distinguished Lecturer, Yeshiva Ohr Someach & Darchei Binah Seminary "The Joy of Judgment: Finding your Inner Greatness" 8:30 PM Rabbi Akiva Tatz, M.D. Renowned Lecturer, Gateways and Yeshiva Ohr Someach Founder and Director London Jewish Medical Ethics Forum "Teshuvah: Recreating Ourselves". This evening is dedicated to the memory of I. David Goldstein z"l whose ninth yahrzeit will be observed Sunday evening and Monday the 29th of Elul 5768 and in memory of his beloved wife Miriam Goldstein, z"l.

SEFORIM ANNOUNCEMENT

Ohr Torah has bought for shul use 20 Artscroll Rosh Hashanah & 20 Yom Kippur

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a General Membership Meeting Tuesday September 23rd @ 8:00 PM. Agendas have been mailed.

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

Machzor Harav Joseph B. Soloveitchik edited by Arnie Lustiger. Thanks to the Kehal all 40 Machzorim have been dedicated. These as well as Artscroll Machzorim will be available for usage.

HAT SHOW

There will be a hat show on September 23rd, 8pm at the home of Shelly Zinkin, 471 Harrison Ave, HP. Hats by Linda Teicher.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration forms and absentee ballots are available in the bins outside of the back entrance to the sanctuary. It is each persons civic duty to vote. Please use these forms as necessary, to facilitate your civic duty.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Allan & Lani Kaye in memory of Sharon Lowinger's father Meir Cooperberg Z"L.
- Gedalia and Phyllis Reiss in memory of Gedalia's father Rabbi Phillip Reiss Z'L.
- Gedalia and Phyllis Reiss in honor of Arnie Lustiger.
- Fay & David Moskovic in memory of Susan Raymon's Mother Judit Gottdiner Z"L.
- Fay & David Moskovic in honor of Seymour & Rhona Kessel on the marriage of Elana to Jeremy Erez.
- Fay & David Moskovic in honor of William & Gail Bogner on the engagement of Ezra to Bess Berger.
- Fay & David Moskovic in honor of Sandy & Debbie Alter on the engagement of Chaim to Melissa Zelkowitz.
- Fay & David Moskovic in honor of Rabbi and Mrs Yaakov Luban.
- Pauline & Rabbi Mykoff for a Shana Tovah and a year of Shalom Al Yisroel for all.

YOMIM NORAIM BABYSITTING

Once again, Ohr Torah is providing complimentary babysitting for the Yomim Noraim for children ages one year and up. No exceptions, please! The schedule is as follows:

On both days of Rosh Hashana, Sept. r 30th and October 1st, babysitting will begin at 11:30AM and last until the end of davening. On Erev Yom Kippur, Oct. r 8th, babysitting will take place starting from 6PM until 9PM. On Yom Kippur, babysitting will take place from 9:30AM until 3PM and continue from 5:30PM until 7:15PM.

No reg. is required. Any questions, please email Mayer at mgberg@optonline.net.

OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD

SUCCAH DECORATING CONTEST

There's still time to purchase Sisterhood raffle tickets for a chance to have your succah professionally decorated by Robert's Flowers. Only 50 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held Sunday, October 5th. You can purchase tickets from Penny Kaplan, Lani Kaye or Shelley Schoenfeld.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING

Please confirm the accuracy of your High Holiday Seat reservations as posted in the back of the Shul. Corrections or adjustments to reservations can be called in to Jonas Waizer (732-572-51192), David Waizer (777-9591) or Arthur Atlas (937-5021). New applications must be first submitted in writing through the mail, accompanied by payment. The remaining seats will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Chasiva V'chasimna Tova.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALLY ON RARITAN

This Thursday, September 25, at 7:30 pm, come rally in front of the Ten Thousand Villages store on Raritan Ave (between 3rd and 4th Avenues) in Highland Park to protest the Mennonite Central Committee's hosting of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmedinijad for dinner that night. (The store is a franchise of the Mennonite Central Committee.) Bring your signs and your voices. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Yosef (Jeff) Schreiber (c) 732-236-0237, (h) 732-220-9781, js@msf-law.com

National Rally to Stop Iran this Monday, September 22 at 11:45 am at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (2nd Ave at 47th St - across from the United Nations). Speakers include: Elie Weisel and Dalia Itzik.

Join thousands of people outside the United Nations on September 22nd at 11:45 a.m. to send a clear message to world leaders - particularly in advance of Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's General Assembly address the next day - that we oppose Iran's nuclear program and supporting global terrorism. We condemn Ahmadinejad's Holocaust denial and his threats to "wipe the US and Israel off the map", and his blatant abuse of human rights.

SENIOR NCSY FUNDRAISER

Senior NCSY will be running their annual Succah Building fundraiser this year, on October 5th and 12th. The cost is \$55 dollars for 2 hours.

CHARITY FUND FOR THE BLIND

For the past 6 years our community has been assisting destitute blind families residing in Jerusalem to be able to celebrate the holidays with an extra measure of happiness and dignity. Every dollar collected goes directly to the families being assisted as there are zero overhead costs. Aliza Goldstein, a Jerusalem resident and a frequent visitor to Highland Park-Edison, founded the Fund 36 years ago with her personal funds and money collected from family and friends. She works directly with the families of the blind throughout the year. She purchases groceries and stocks their refrigerators with food staples and assists in the purchase of needed medicines.

If you wish to contribute to this very worthwhile fund, please make your check out to the OT Gemach Fund (write Charity Fund for Blind on the memo line) and send it to Bella Lerner; 1 Celler Road; Edison, NJ 08817 or Ruth Bickhardt, 37 Magnolia Street, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

ACHVA CHAPTER OF

EMUNAH OF AMERICA PRESENTS

Noach's Petting Zoo

Animals, crafts, sukkah decorations, snacks, raffles and more! Sunday, October 5th (No Rain Date). 10am to Noon at 9 Olden Road in Edison (the Deitcher-Matthew home) Cost: \$8 per child; \$25 per family or a \$36 donation to include 2 raffle tickets

Appropriate for children 2 to 8 years of age.

For additional info please call: Linda Moed Cohen (732) 393-0899 Didi Deitcher (732) 393-0211.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will buy school supplies for disadvantaged children in Israel.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Life and Teaching of Beloved Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik:

The Orthodox Forum of Highland Park/Edison and Congregation Achavas Achim is pleased to present an outstanding film saluting the Life and Teachings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik on Motzoi Shabbat Saturday night, November 8th at Ohr Torah at 8:00PM.

The forum chair is Dr. Arnold Lustiger. The entire community is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge. Sponsorships are welcome and appreciated. Sponsorship can be arranged with Arnold Lustiger, Henry Lerner, Daniel Wildman, and Joel H. Paul. Sponsors reception will follow November 8 event.

NEW DIRECTORY

Danny Ravitz is planning to produce a directory of local Shomer Shabbos businesses and professionals. This would include doctors, dentists, lawyers, service providers and merchants. The directory will also include home businesses such as babysitters, sheitel makers, cooks, tutors, bar mitzvah lessons, musicians, etc.

If you wish to be included in the directory, send an email including your name, type of business, address, phone number, hours of operation and a one-sentence slogan or description of what you do. When finished, this directory will be distributed free of charge to the local community. The goal is to complete the project by Rosh Hashanah. Why support outsiders when you could and should support our local residents? My email address is danny1836@aol.com.

ACTT

Save the date: Motzai Shabbos, Nov 22, 2008 - Community Wide gathering and Judging Favorably Module 3 kickoff event. More details to follow. To volunteer or for more info on ACTT, e-mail info@actt613.org, see the ACTT web-site: www.actt613.org.

EMUNAH EVENTS

Emunah is joining Highland Park for their annual township wide garage sale on Sunday Sept 28, from 8 AM to 5PM at 117 North 8th Avenue. Please look through your home and feel free to donate ANYTHING and EVERYTHING to make this event a success. We are looking for all sorts of items including furniture, bikes, glassware, picture frames, book, etc. NOW IS THE TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR HOME of all those unwanted gifts and used items. For info call Sue Redlich at 732-558-4917 or 732-846-8990.

Emunah's Cake and Kugel Sale. Bakers needed to make our 1st annual Yom Tov Sale a success. To Be Held on Sunday October 12 At - to be announced. For more info call Sue Redlich at 732-558-4917 or 732-846-8990

CHUG IVRIT

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew speaking club) for intermediate to advanced speakers will be on Sunday, Sept 21, at 10am, at the home of Cheryl Amdur, Cheryl Amdur, 89 Lexington Ave., Edison. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew article or story. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. You do not have to be a member of Hadassah to join us. For location and more info, contact: Rachel Weintraub at rachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298.

DANCE CLASSES

Once again, Rikki Samel will be starting Israeli and Simcha dance classes for women. For more information, please call Rikki at 732-249-5116.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open from 9pm to 11pm, including Saturday nights, until the clock changes. YOM TOV and FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS AN ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, Sept 21 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, Sept 22 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

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having a class on Sefer Tomer Devorah on Monday evening, Sept 22 at 9PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for post-seminary girls only. For more info, please contact Atara Degani 732-306-5727 or 732-937-6823

MRS. MIRI COHEN'S WOMENS PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, Sept 24 at 9:15 AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. This will be the last class until after Sukkos. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

Ahavas Achim 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 halachic 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.

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.

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
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 Nitzavim

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| • Candlelighting | 6:26 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabbolas Shabbos | 6:35 PM |

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Sof davar...

**by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff
Research by Moshe Poleyeff**

Tannaim and Amoraim: R. Oshia

Very often the gemara will use a "nickname" in identifying a tanna or an amora. So if you come across the title "Oshia zeira d'min chevraya" know that they are referring to the famous R. Oshia, a third century amora, whom we meet so often. He was the brother of Chanina and the two of them were inseparable throughout their lives. R. Oshua was born in Bavel/Iraq (year unknown) where he was the student of Rav Huna. He did not remain in Bavel very long leaving with his brother for Eretz Yisroel where he remained the rest of his life. The two brothers settled in Yerushalayim where R. Oshia earned his living as a shoemaker (sometimes to some disreputable people). This did not prevent him from mixing with the leading scholars of the day. Some of his colleagues were R. Ami, R. Assi and R. Zayro. R. Yochanan was the leading scholar of that era in Israel and he felt that R. Oshia and R. Chanina both deserved to receive *semicha*. For some reason this did not work out and R. Yochanan was very much upset at this circumstance. R. Oshia comforted him by telling him that he and his bother are descendants of the house of Eli HaKohen. It was Eli whose sons, as recorded in *tanach*, were so wicked that a curse was placed on the family: "*Lo yihiyeh zaken bevaisecho kol hayamim*", a curse that declared that no descendant of the house Eli will live till an old age. Not having received *semicha* R. Oshia was given the prestigious title of "*chaver*", a term acclaiming them as great scholars. As for me a *gadol* like R. Oshia can be my *chaver* (in the literal sense, friend) any time.