



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Lech Lecha

10 Cheshvan 5769

November 8, 2008

Candlelighting: 4:29PM
Mincha: 4:35PM
Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:08AM
Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah at 3:10PM
Mincha: 4:00 PM
Please note: Mincha is earlier to accommodate Scholar-in-Residence Dr. David Shatz
Maariv: 5:30 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

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

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:30 PM

Weekday Maariv 7:30 PM and 10:10 PM

Monday evening, 9:10 in Beis Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa) Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

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 15th, 22nd & 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:

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 siegeldad@optonline.net or 732-572-4408.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

WELCOME

Congregation Ohr Torah welcomes the following new members:

- Rabbi & Mrs. Dani and Chaya Davis
- Rabbi & Mrs. Shraga and Fraidi Silberberg

BOARD MEETING

There will be a Meeting of the Board on Tuesday November 18th @ 8:00 PM

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. Details and Invitations will follow.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr. David Shatz, Professor of Philosophy, Yeshiva University

Program

Friday Oneg Shabbat -- 8pm

The Jew in the Modern World:

Reflections of Rav Soloveitchik zt"l

Mincha -- 4pm followed by Shalosh Seudos and Dr. Shatz speaking in shul:

Rav Soloveitchik's Approach to the Problem of Evil

FILM SHOWING THIS MOTZEI

SHABBAT: THE LONELY MAN OF FAITH

The Orthodox Forum of Highland Park/Edison University in conjunction with Ahavas Achim University is pleased to present *Lonely Man of Faith* on the life and teachings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik this Motzei Shabbat, 8:00P.M at Ohr Torah.

The entire community is invited to attend this opening event for the current season of the Orthodox Forum. There will be no admission charge but sponsorships are welcome and encouraged. Orthodox Forum season sponsorship for 5769 is \$200.00 per family. We urge you to join us as sponsor(s) and invite you to join our sponsors' reception which will follow the event, which will include a 10 minute video taken from a lecture by the Rav.

KARNEI SHOMRON FOUNDATION

I want to thank all of you for your gracious hospitality and warm reception of me on behalf of Karnei Shomron last week. Thank you to all those who donated generously to Friends of Israeli Communities to help Karnei Shomron. If you have not yet had the chance to donate and would like to, you can bring your check to the Kessels and they will

forward it on to us. I look forward to reciprocating your hospitality on your next trip to Israel and hope to see you all in you all in Karnei Shomron in the near future. Kol Tuv. Sondra Oster Baras.

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Ira Smith and his mother, Rita Smith, on the loss of his father, Leon Smith, z"l. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

Cong. Ohr Torah invites you to our 4th Community Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Nov 14 (following ma'ariv). The evening includes dinner, drinks, zmiros, and programming for children, and has been created to share shabbos with our Shul family, make new friends, and join together in achdus. Reservation deadline: Nov 7. Please check your mail for your invitation and response form. Please contact Shelley Schoenfeld with all questions at 732-572-5808, or via email at shelley.schoenfeld@cmpmedica.com.

YOUTH EVENTS

Ohr Torah is heading to United Skates of America for a fun night of roller skating on Saturday night November 15th at 8 PM. We will return to the Shul at 11:15 PM. This event is for children in Grades 3-8 and includes round trip bus transportation to/from the facility plus admission, skate rental, 2 hours of skating time and snacks on the bus. The cost is \$20 per participant. Please contact Mayer Berg at mjberg@optonline.net to register.

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 Congregation Ohav Emeth, on Sunday, November 23rd, at 8:00 pm. 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.

MTJ ANNUAL MELAVE MALKA

The annual Mesivta Tifereth Jerusalem will be held motzei Shabbat, Nov. 15th at 8PM, at Ohav Emeth.

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

Guest of Honor is Rafie Miller, who will receive the distinguished Alumnus Award. HaGaon Ha'Rav Reuven Feinstein, shlita will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for info and reservations at 732 246-1037.

BIKUR CHOLIM

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley will be having its annual Eli and Frieda Stern Memorial Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, Nov 16 from 9:30-11AM at Cong. Ohav Emeth. Everyone in the community is invited to join us in honoring Marcia Freedman. Admission is free. Reservations are not required. For more info, please call Diana Hakakian (732-393-0506) or Irene Siegelman (732-819-9371).

SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT PLANNING PRESENTATION

Reserve next Wednesday evening, November 12th, at 6:30 PM for a dinner and presentation by an attorney and a financial planner, on how to prepare for a successful retirement down the road. The dinner and program is \$15 per person. It will be held at Cong. Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Avenue, HP. Reservation required by Friday, Nov 7th. RSVP: Ruth at 732-247-7631. The cost for presentation only is \$10 at door - 7:30PM.. Look for flyer displays with all details This program is open to the community.

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, November 22, 2008 at 9:00 PM at Congregation Ohav Emeth. This community-wide event is sponsored by the ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) organization. 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, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408. Web-site: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org

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 Tzion 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 November 24, 2008. To partake in this great mitzvah, please send a donation as soon as possible. For more information, please see www.Simchattzion.com. Tax deductible checks payable to Simchat Tzion should be sent to Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemoor Road, Edison, NJ 08817. Thank you, Aviva Siegel siegelmom@optonline.net 732-572-4408.

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 halakhic 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.

BONE MARROW DRIVE FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY

Emily Kaufman 732-757-8536, junior at Rutgers is having a registry drive thru the Jewish Org, A Gift for Life. It will be held at 93 College Ave., New Brunswick NJ on Nov. 12 from 9-5PM.

MAYHS OPEN HOUSE

Boys Division – Wednesday Nov 10th at 7:30PM
Girls Division – Wednesday Nov 12th at 7:30PM
The open house for MAYHS in South River. Questions or RSVP's can be sent to 732-6137460 or info at MAYHS.Org.

MRS. MIRI COHENS WOMEN'S PARSHA CLASSES

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, Nov 12 at 9:15 AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613. Park, NJ. Please RSVP machhach@bneiakiva.org or 212-465-9536 .

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having a class on Sefer Tomer Devorah on Monday evening, November 10 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.

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having Parsha class, Monday evening, Nov 10 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Class will not be held on Sunday, Nov 9.

Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com

YAHARZEIT EVENT

The 6th annual Worldwide Event for the Yahrzeit of Rochel Imeinu presents a video of inspiration: "The Lifegiving Power of Prayer" with shiurim by Rebbitzen Tehila Jaeger and Rebbitzen Tziporah Heller on Sunday, Nov 9, 8:15 PM at the Agudah. For women only. Minimum suggested donation: \$5. Sponsorships welcome. All proceeds will go to Aniyei Eretz Yisrael. For more info, please call Miri Cohen 732-777-1456.

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 Lansley at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Vayera

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| • Candlelighting | 4:22 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 4:30PM |

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: Ilfah

Everyone knows the famous R. Yochanon whose myriad incisive and authoritative pronouncements are found throughout *shas*. But Ilfah? What is he doing here? As it turns out R. Yochanan and Ilfah, a second generation *amora*, were boyhood friends, and as such shared boyhood dreams. Both decided early on that since their economic situations were poor that they would not go into public service, but rather into business. Those plans did not last long as R. Yochanan changed his mind, returned to the yeshiva and eventually became a *rosh yeshiva*. Ilfah also returned to the yeshiva and became a *talmid chacham* of note on his own. When R. Yochanan's appointment became known, Ilfah was chided by his colleagues, saying that had he returned to the yeshiva earlier he might have become a *rosh yeshiva*. Ilfah felt his *lomdus* was being questioned so he tied himself to the mast of a ship and declared that if anyone would quote a statement in the *braitot* of R. Chiya and R. Oshia he would find its source in the *Mishna* of R. Yehuda haNassi. If not he would jump into the sea. Many asked but he answered them all. Ilfah is quoted numerous times in the *gemara* in particular in the area of *agada*. The *gemara* relates the story that R. Yehudah haNassi (some suggest it was R. Yehudah Nesiah who lived some time later) once declared a public fast because rain had not fallen for some time. Ilfah was chosen to be the *shaliach tzibbur* and it was said that his *tefilos* were so effective that when he said *mashiv haruach* the wind began to blow with great power, and when he said *umorid hageshem* the heavens opened up and it began to pour. You can't take Ilfah lightly.