



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Metzora

7 Nisan 5768

April 12, 2008

Candlelighting: 7:15PM
Mincha & Kabbalos Shabbos: 7:25 PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:40AM
Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur cancelled this week
Mincha: 6:45 PM
FOLLOWED BY RABBI LUBAN'S DRASHA
Maariv: 8:20 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue., Wed, Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Thurs. (Tanis Bech.) 6:15, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
NOTE ADDED 9AM SHACHARIS STARTING TUESDAY
Weekday Mincha/Maariv: 7:25 PM
Weekday Maariv: 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur Monday 9:10 PM Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
Monday – Thur: After Maariv, Fri: After 1st Minyan, Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha
Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis
The Gabbaim request that all Kaddish sayers 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 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 May 17th & 24th. 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 siegeldad@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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Tzippy and Josh rapps on the engagement of Ricki to Moshe Mindick of North Miami Beach. Mazel Tov to the Rapps and Bomzer families.

...to Rifky and Jack Atkin on the birth of a son to their children Sharona and Steven Bresler. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Hanna and Alan Bresler, and to the great-grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Roth.

...to Ricki and Moish Nat on the engagement of their daughter Keren to Brian Weinberger of Brooklyn, NY. Mazel Tov to Brian's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joel Weinberger, siblings Batya and Ophie Nat and family, brothers Elan and Eitan, to grandparents Sara and Shmuel Kadry of Benei Brak and to the entire Nat, Weinberger and Kadry families.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Bella and Henry Lerner and Rebbecca and Israel Rivkin in memory of the Yahrzeit of their parents, Pearl Kurz, Lilian Lerner, Rebbetzin Yehudis Bulka and Ida Rivkin Z"L.

SELLING CHOMETZ

Rabbi Luban is available to sell chometz.

PREPARING FOR PESACH

As part of preparations for Pesach, please remember to clean out your Talis bags and storage areas under your seats from all Chometz.

BURNING OF CHOMETZ

On Friday April 18th Chometz should preferably be burned before 11:38AM.

WOMEN'S HAGGADAH SHIUR & TEA

Congregation Ohr Torah Sisterhood cordially invites you to a Women's Haggadah Shiur and Tea. Barbara Kessel, Riki Kreitman, and others from our community will share Haggadah insights that can be retold at your own Seder! Please join us on Shabbos, April 12 at the home of Penny Kaplan, 6 Opatut Court. Edison, 4:30 PM Please RSVP by Tues., April 8 via email to Shelley.Schoenfeld@CMPMedica.com or call 732-572-5808.

PESACH WINE ORDER

You should have received the Ohr Torah Pesach wine order list. Please order all your Pesach and all year around wine needs through this service. All orders benefit Congregation Ohr Torah. For further information, please see Terry Walzman.

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

-The Ohr Torah Youth Program is having their annual fundraiser for Kids Opening Weekend at Shea featuring the NY Mets vs Milwaukee Brewers baseball game on Sunday April 13th. Game time is at 1:10 PM. All tickets are \$10 for Upper Reserved seats! You will need to provide your own transportation. Please contact Lyndon Goldsmith or Mayer Berg if you are interested in purchasing tickets. Please register by emailing Mayer Berg at mgberg@optonline.net or by phone at (732) 572-3429.

SPECIAL CHOMETZ GARBAGE DISPOSAL

HIGHLAND PARK: On Friday April 18th, the Borough of Highland Park will have a garbage truck available from 6:45 AM -1:30 PM at the Highland Park Public Works garage at 444 Valentine St. (corner of South Fifth Ave. and Valentine St.) for residents to dispose of their garbage. Bins will also be available for recycling bottles, cans and cardboard-however-recyclable items MUST be separated from garbage. Residents on the North side and in the Triangle will have their regular collection on Friday, as well. If you have questions, feel free to contact the Highland Park Department of Public Works weekdays between 8 AM and 3 PM at 732 247 9379.

EDISON: Friday April 18th from 7am to noon edison will provide at the end of north 8th ave a garbage truck and a truck to accept recycling for bottles, cans, etc.

IN ADDITION, edison will provide at the above location a barrel for burning chametz for edison residents. this will be supervised by township personnel. Our thanks and appreciation to Mayor Jun Choi and Mr. Jeff Roderman, director of public works for accommodating our community.

VASIKIN MINYAN

OT will be hosting a Vasikin minyan the first and last days of Yom Tov. If there is interest in extending this to Shabbos erev pesach and/or chol hamoed please notify Israel Rivkin rivsja@aol.com or 732-735-4862.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Office.

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

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 office.

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 - 2 weeks after Pesach! 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.

CHARITY FOOD COLLECTION

Looking for a place to give your leftover shaloch manos? Are you trying to get rid of your chametz? We will gladly collect the food to distribute to needy families. Closed packages only; no homemade goods. Drop off location: Bodlander home, 134 North 10th Avenue. For more information, please call Nitza Bodlander (732) 339-0908 or Rikki Samel (732) 249-5116.

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 or 732-819-9298.

Sof davar...

If there is anything that you know about Newport it is that it is the location of the oldest synagogue in the U.S., the Touro synagogue. Yet Jews were involved in Newport life as far back as 1677. But it was not until 1763 that 20 families formed and built a *shul* they called Yeshuat Yisroel. They hired a *chazzan* from Amsterdam by the name of Isaac Touro. It was not for him that the *shul* was named but rather for a New Orleans businessman and philanthropist, Judah Touro, who in 1854, contributed \$100,000 for the upkeep of the *shul*. It was constructed with the famous trap door under the *bima* leading to an underground passage that led to the outside of the synagogue. It reflected a lingering fear of the inquisition. There was a period of prosperity for Newport but the Revolutionary War devastated both Newport and the Jewish community. The British torched all of Newport but left standing only one public building, the Touro Synagogue. Some accounts suggest that the reason for sparing the synagogue was the fact that above the *aron kodesh* there were depicted three crowns, the crown of Torah, the crown of *kehuna* and the crown of *malchus*. The British took the last part to mean that the Jews were loyal to the crown. After the war the Rhode Island supreme court met in the synagogue building for five years. Washington made his famous visit to the Touro synagogue in 1790. This was followed by his equally famous letter to the congregation declaring that this country will give "to bigotry no sanction". In the 1880s the Jewish community of Newport went into decline and for about 30 years beginning in 1820 there were no Jews in the city. After the rebirth of the Jewish community the synagogue adopted the ashkenazic *nusach*. The ultimate honor was accorded the *shul* in 1946 when it was designated a national historic site. A well deserved honor.

PESACH FOOD DRIVE

JFVS (Jewish Family & Vocational Services of Middlesex County) Pantry Needs Your Help- Each week JFVS provides needy families throughout the community with non-perishable food from the JFVS Emer4gency Food Pantry. With the holidays upon us, the pantry shelves are almost bare. A list of the needed items are in the magazine rack. Please bring your donations to JFVS, 200 Metroplex Drive, suite 200, Edison NJ. For more information, please don't hesitate to call JFVS at 732-777-1940.

SENIOR NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Shabbos April 12th we will be having an oneg at Ohav Emeth from 3:00 PM until 4:30 PM. We hope to see everyone there! Come get in your last bits of chametz before pesach!

- Hey Everyone! That's right people its SIX FLAGS TIME!! We will be leaving on April 22nd at 9AM from RPRY, and returning to RPRY by 8PM. The cost for this trip is \$45 if signed up and paid by April 14th, and \$50 after April 14th. Unfortunately, because almost 100 people signed up for Hershey, we will need to know who is coming before the morning we leave.

- Also, 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 Zahava 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 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

The NCSY Pesach Spectacular at Great Adventure is Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Information on tickets for NCSY'ers recently went out in the mail. The cost for tickets are \$30 if purchased by April 14. \$36 from April 15 - April 22. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.njncsy.com>. We will be providing a bus for Jr. NCSY'ers ONLY. The bus will be leaving from RPRY at 9:00 am and returning at 7:00 PM. The cost for the JR. bus is \$15. 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/>

RJJ HALACHA SERIES

Halachos of Shabbos by Rabbi Zvi Goldman on 9:15 AM Sundays at RJJ, 1 Plainfield Ave.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzin Eichenstein's Navi and Parsha classes will resume after Pesach. 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 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.

PARK MIKVAH

Park Mikvah Hours are Sun-Thurs 9-11pm. Friday night and Yom Tov by appointment only. April 12th the mikvah opens at 9pm. April 19-20, Pesach, 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 Acharei Mot

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| • Candlelighting | 7:22 PM |
| • Mincha | 7:30 PM |

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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.

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff, research by Henry Lerner Jewish Communities: Newport, RI

A Summary of Halachos for Erev Pesach Shechol B'Shabbos – 5768

Rabbi Yaakov Luban

This is one of those rare years when Erev Pesach occurs on Shabbos, and a number of unique halachos apply. The following is a brief summary. Needless to say, if you have any further questions please feel free to call me.

- 1 Ta'anis Bechorim (fast of the firstborn) occurs on Thursday, April 17. The traditional siyum will be Thursday morning after davening.
- 2 Bedikas Chometz is performed Thursday evening. A bracha is recited before the bedika, and bitul chametz (kol chamira) is recited after the bedika.
- 3 Although chometz can be eaten until Shabbos morning, all chometz remaining after the bedika should be placed in a secure and designated area. Chometz should be eaten with care, and all crumbs must be swept and discarded.
- 4 Biur Chometz (burning the chometz) is done Friday morning before 11:38AM (If one forgets, it can be burned until Shabbos.) Bitul Chametz (kol chamira) is **not** recited at this time.
- 5 I will sell chometz to a non-Jew by 11:00 AM Friday morning. Please appoint me as your agent beforehand.
- 6 Utensils can be kashered for Pesach all day Friday.
- 7 The challah used for hamotzi on Shabbos should be eaten at a non-Pesach table, or over the floor. It is best to eat over a wooden or tile floor, which can be swept. (Carpets may not be swept on Shabbos.)
- 8 One may eat chometz on Shabbos morning until 10:18 AM.
- 9 Ashkenazim, who do not eat kitniyos on Pesach, should preferably refrain from eating kitniyos on Shabbos after 10:18 AM.
- 10 Chometz must be removed from one's property by Shabbos morning, 11:38AM. Crumbs and small pieces of challah should be flushed down the toilet. Chometz in garbage bags must be removed from garbage pails and placed off one's property on the side of the curb before 11:38AM.
- 11 After cleaning up all chometz, bitul chometz (kol chamira) is recited before 11:38AM Shabbos morning.
- 12 After 11:38AM, chometz is muktzah and may not be moved. If by any chance chometz remains in the house, it must be covered and burned on chol hamoed. (Monday evening)
- 13 Regular matzoh (as opposed to egg matzoh) should not be eaten the entire Shabbos. Either challah or egg matzoh may be used for the Shabbos meal at night and in the morning. According to Ashkenazic custom, egg matzoh should not be eaten later than 10:18AM Shabbos morning. In addition, egg matzoh should not be eaten on Pesach plates or tablecloths. However, egg matzoh is not chometz and may be kept in the home.
- 14 At least a k'beitzah (volume of an egg) of bread or egg matzoh must be eaten at each meal.
- 15 One may eat challah outside in the yard and the remainder of the meal indoors, or the challah may be eaten indoors in one area and the meal

When finished, the tablecloth must be shaken out and put away with the chometz utensils. The floor should be swept and the broom should be shaken over a toilet.

- completed in another area. If the two areas are not in sight of one another, kiddush and birkas hamazon must be recited where the challah was eaten.
- 16 It is preferable to eat three Shabbos meals with bread. Therefore, the morning meal should be divided into two parts. One should make kiddush, hamotzi, eat one course and recite birchas hamazon. After a distinct interruption (such as taking a walk or learning or a 20 minute break) one washes again for hamotzi and completes the third meal. The morning meals must be completed by 10:18AM.
- 17 For a variety of reasons, it is preferable to cook and eat the Shabbos meal in Pesach utensils. Obviously, with the exception of the challah, the food would be kosher for Pesach.
- 18 After eating challah or egg matzoh, one should wash his hands and rinse his mouth in a bathroom sink before eating the remainder of the meal with Pesach utensils. One may also use a dry toothbrush without water.
19. After 1:31 PM, one should eat meat, fish or fruit to fulfill the mitzvah of shalosh seudos, since it is a matter of dispute if shalosh seudos can be fulfilled in the morning. However, one should not eat a large meal that would diminish his appetite at the seder.
20. During Shabbos, matzoh and baked foods containing matzoh, such as Pesach cake and cookies may not be eaten. Those who eat gebрукts may eat knaidlach (which are cooked in liquid) the entire Shabbos until 4:19 PM.
21. Preparations for the Seder may not be done on Shabbos. Even setting the table for the Seder is not permissible.
22. It is permissible to sleep on Shabbos to be more alert for the Seder, but one should not say that this is the purpose of his sleeping.
23. The zeroah (shank bone) and roasted egg should be prepared before Shabbos. If one forgot, they may be prepared Motzei Shabbos provided that they are eaten on Sunday during the daytime (they cannot be eaten at the seder since we do not eat roasted food at the seder). One cannot prepare a zeroah or roasted egg on Motzei Shabbos for the second Seder. Rather, a second set is prepared Sunday night and eaten Monday.
24. Charoses should be prepared before Shabbos. If one forgot, it may be prepared on Motzei Shabbos, but the grinding and chopping must be done with a shinui (done in a different manner than usual, such as the grater being turned upside down, or the pieces allowed to fall on a table rather than a plate). One may not prepare Motzei Shabbos for the second Seder.
25. Some rabbinic authorities recommend grating horseradish before Shabbos, and storing it in a sealed container. The Vilna Gaon on the other hand required its preparation on Motzei Shabbos. The grating must be done with a shinui (see 23 above). One may only prepare enough for that Seder.
26. It is preferable to prepare salt water before Shabbos, but if not, it can be made Motzei Shabbos.

Pesach Schedule 5768/ 2008

Friday April 18

- Shacharis - 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
- *Burn chometz preferably before 11:38 AM*
- Candlelighting – 7:22 PM
- Mincha - 7:30 PM

Shabbos April 19: Erev Pesach

- Shacharis -5:33 & 7:00 AM (one minyan)
- *Latest time for eating chometz – 10:18 AM*
- *Latest time for removing chometz - 11:38 AM*
- Rabbi Luban's Yoma Shiur - 6:35 PM
- Mincha – 1:45 & 7:15 PM
- Candlelighting/ Preparation for seder not before 8:31 PM
- Afikoman before 12:57 AM

Sunday April 20: First Day Pesach

- Shacharis – 5:33, 8 & 9 AM
- Mincha – 1:45 & 7:30 PM
- Candlelighting/ Preparation for seder not before 8:32 PM
- Afikoman before 12:57 AM

Monday April 21: Second Day Pesach

- Shacharis – 5:33, 8 & 9 AM
- Mincha – 1:45 & 7:30 PM
- Maariv – 8:30 PM

Tuesday- Friday April 22-25: 1st/ 2nd days Chol Hamoed

- Shacharis - 6:10, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
- Mincha - 7:35PM

Friday - Shabbos Seventh Day

Pesach (April 25-26)

- Candlelighting - 7:29 PM
- Mincha - 7:40 PM
- Shacharis – 5:22, 7:45, 9:00AM
- Rabbi Luban's Yoma Shiur - 6:40 PM
- Mincha - 7:30 PM
- Candlelighting not before 8:39 PM

Eighth Day Yom Tov: Sunday April 27

- Shacharis – 5:22, 7:45 and 9:00 AM
- Mincha – 1:45 & 7:35 PM
- Maariv – 8:35 PM
- Yom Tov ends – 8:40 PM

Do not use chometz that you sold before 10:20 PM