



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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*Parshas Mishpatim-Shabbas Mevorchim Adar Alef 26 Shevat 5768*

*February 2, 2008*

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>4:57PM</b>
<b>Mincha &amp; Kabbalas Shabbos:</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45 &amp; 9:00 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:39AM</b>
<b>Early Mincha:</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 4:05 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>4:50 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Gershon Klavan</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b><u>Weekday Shacharis:</u></b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon.:</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05, 8 AM</b>
<b>Tue. &amp; Fri.:</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Wed.&amp;Thurs. (RH):</b>	<b>6:10, 7:05 &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv:</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Monday. TOPIC: Heter Mechira Part 2</i>	
<b><u>WINTER DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</u></b>	
<b>Monday – Thur: After 7:30 Maariv, Fri: After Maariv, Shabbos: 8:15 AM or after Hashkama</b>	
<b>Minyan, Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis</b>	

### PHONETREE UPDATE

Phonetree, the system which powers the OT calls to your homes for funeral announcements, important shul and community announcements etc. now has EMAIL capability. Conventional calling can take 4 or more hours to go thru the entire shul list. If you wish to get messages more quickly by email in addition to the usual phone message, please send your email address to [phonetree@ohrtorah.net](mailto:phonetree@ohrtorah.net). Please **include** your name in the body of the email with your email address. **Without your name**, your email address **cannot** be added to the system. The deadline is February 15th. All attempts will be made to send announcements via email, however, we cannot commit that every phone message will have a corresponding email.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Susan & Leibe Haller on the engagement of their son Eli to Kimmie Tau, daughter of Sandy & Jay Tau, Woodmere, NY. Mazel Tov to the Grandparents: Bernard Haller and to Marsha Malin and the entire mishpacha.

... to Mel Barenholtz on the Bris of his grandson Nativ Lev Avraham Yitzhak in Boca Raton last week. Mazel Tov to the parents Elan and Jen Barenholtz.

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Karen & Jay Reinhard and Iris & Elie Berger as Hakarat Hatov for the wives completing the Half and Full Marathon in Miami and collectively raising \$55,000 for Chai Lifeline.

### OHR TORAH SHABBOS DINNER

Congregation Ohr Torah invites you to our Chazakah! The third annual family Shabbos dinner... A night created to share Shabbos with our Shul family, make new friends and join together in Achdus. The dinner will take place on Friday, February 22, 2008 (following Ma'ariv). There will be food, drink, zmiros, and programming for children. Please watch for your invitation this week and remember to register early!

### TORAH TAPE LIBRARY UPDATE

The massive task of reorganizing and updating the tape [cd] library is coming to a close. While the final stages are being completed, there are still opportunities for dedicating NEW sets of cd's from well known speakers such as Rabbi Frand, Rabbi Wein etc. The dedication of the multi cd sets varies from between \$30-\$60 per set. Please contact Larry Greenspan at 732-828-5642 home, or 732-501-5455 cell, for details on how to make your dedication.

### ELON MOREH

The medical clinic in Elon Moreh needs our help. It turns out they have a doctor that comes to them

twice a week. At other times the nurse in the clinic has to triage patients. When patients come with chest pain or other heart related symptoms they have to make a decision whether to send them to a hospital over an hour away. At night this becomes particularly dangerous going thru Arab areas. They would like to get an interpretive EKG machine that would help them with evaluating cardiac problems and deciding whether to send the patient urgently by ambulance to the nearest hospital.

The cost of the interpretive EKG machine is about \$3000. It would be great if the members of OT could donate the machine. It would provide additional info in making a life or death decision to determine if there is an emergency worth the risk of transferring the patient at night to the hospital. If we can get 30 families to donate \$100 dollars each we cover the cost. Families donating will be listed on a plaque in the Elon Moreh clinic. Checks can be made out to Cong. Ohr Torah or Amer. Friends of Elon Moreh and given to Rabbi Luban or Marc Hanfling.

### ELECTION DAY

This Tuesday is National Primary Election Day. Please go out and vote!

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/ Highland Park is sponsoring Rabbi Elazar Meir Teitz and Esther Macner Esquire to discuss "The Agunah Crisis" Motzei Shabbat February 9, 2008 at 8 PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim. Session Chair is Deborah Teitz.

#### EMUNAH NEWS

Emanah-Achva Chapter will be selling beautiful Purim cards for \$2.00 each. You will be contacted again closer to Purim for orders, but for now we would like to get an idea of how many we should order. Please let Sharon Hirt know if you think you might be interested in ordering cards and approx. how many you would need. Contact Sharon Hirt at 732-77700462 or [sharon.hirt@pfizer.com](mailto:sharon.hirt@pfizer.com)

#### SENIOR NCSY

Our communities senior NCSY chapter is thriving. We have had over 40 kids at every oneg to date. Our shabbaton is Scheduled for February 22nd-23rd and we couldn't be more excited! Please sign up at njncsy.com as soon as possible, this event is going to be awesome! The shabbaton will be held at Ahavas Achim, and the price is \$45. For our Saturday night activity we will be having the comedy of Joel Chasnoff! Sign up today! (ok...maybe not today since it is Shabbos, but right after!)

#### SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

The Sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday, February 3rd. 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.

#### EMUNAH'S BOWLING NIGHT

Saturday night, February 2, 8:30 PM at Stelton Lanes, in Piscataway \$18.00 a person includes pizza, soda, 2 games and shoes. For reservations

### 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: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</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 at [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 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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408.

### RITUAL COMMITTEE

If you have any Ritual Committee issues or questions that need to be addressed, please E\_mail Rabbi Israel Poleyeff <[rspol@optonline.net](mailto:rspol@optonline.net)>

### HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [louis.w.smith@verizon.com](mailto:louis.w.smith@verizon.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.

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

contact Rena Klein at 732-317-3742 or [renalga@aol.com](mailto:renalga@aol.com) or Lisa Schanzer at 732-572-0559

### **WOMEN'S SHIUR**

Welcome to the third shiur of the Faigie Reinitz z"l Memorial Women's Study Group...Please join the women of the Highland Park and Edison communities for an insightful shiur..."Keeping it Real" Raising Children to Appreciate Judaism in an Enticing Secular World. Speaker: Rabbi Motti Miller on Feb 12, 2008, at 8:30 PM at the Heideman's 19 Ryan Road, Edison. Admission is free but we want to make sure you have a seat! Please email [sschoenfeld@physicianspractice.com](mailto:sschoenfeld@physicianspractice.com) with your name to register. We will be collecting names for a refuah shelaimah list that will be read at the beginning of the shiur, and it will be for the healthy recovery of those individuals that we learn this evening. If you have anyone you would like added to this list, please email their names along with your registration. This program is funded through an endowment by the Pfeffer and Reinitz families in memory of Faigie Reinitz, z"l.

### **ACHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY**

Ahavas Achim University presents a scholar-in-residence program featuring Dr. Shnayer Leiman, noted scholar, lecturer and author, on February 15-16, 2008.

On Friday night at 6:00 p.m., there will be a catered seudah in the Axelrad Social Hall (by reservation only: \$18/adult, \$10/child 3-11) followed by Dr. Leiman's first lecture: "Did the Maharal of Prague Create a Golem?" An Oneg Shabbat will follow, and all are invited. On Shabbat day, Dr. Leiman will speak before Mussaf in the Main Sanctuary on "Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook on Ahavat Yisrael." Mincha will be at 5:05 p.m., and at Seudah Shlishit, Dr. Leiman will discuss "The Ban on Secular Study in Jerusalem." The Shabbaton concludes with a Melave Malke at 8 p.m. on Saturday Night. Dr. Leiman will talk about "The Bible & The Talmud In Light of Modern Archaeological Discovery" followed by a dessert reception. Admission: \$10/person. Please make your reservations for the Friday night dinner and/or the Melave Malke with the shul office at 216 S. First Ave., Highland Park, (732)247-0532, or by E-mailing [secretary@ahavasachim.org](mailto:secretary@ahavasachim.org).

### **HAKORAS HATOV TO ISRAELI SOLDIERS**

Standing Together an Israeli organization that provides food and other important personal needs to front line soldiers, wounded soldiers, and front

line civilians as in Sderot, will hold a short meeting in Edison this Sunday. Miriam Gottlieb, Director of Development for Standing Together, will be at the home of Tzippy and Josh Rapps, 11 Edgemount Rd. in Edison on Sunday Feb. 3rd at 10:00 AM.

Their web site is [www.stogether.org](http://www.stogether.org). The email address is [info@stogether.org](mailto:info@stogether.org). For more info. call Reena or Larry Greenspan at 732-828-5642 or 732-277-9234. Checks can be made out to Central Fund for Israel with Standing Together on the memo line and given to the Greenspans.

### **ROSEN FAMILY ORGANIZES BLOOD DRIVE**

The Rosen family is pleased to announce our next blood drive on Sunday, February 24 at 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. 120 Highland Ave., HP. Babysitting and hot chocolate chip cookies will be available. Please contact Heidi or Ira at 732-393-1018 for more info or to reserve a donation slot (preferred, but not required).

### **NORPAC UPDATE**

Reserve the date-- May 21 NORPAC Mission to Washington.

### **RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat, This week @ 7:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

### **RJJ HALACHA SERIES**

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

### **JR NCSY EVENTS**

Due to popular demand we will be making a second order for Chapter Sweatshirts & Sweat pants. Order forms recently went out in the mail again. The cost is \$22 for Sweatshirts & \$18 for Sweat pants the deadline to order is February 8th. If you have not received an order form please email [RFS424@aol.com](mailto:RFS424@aol.com) & we will be glad to send you one. 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 at [www.njncsy.com](http://www.njncsy.com) Membership is mandatory to attend any shabbaton but not an event. For more information please call Phili Hernandez at 609-647-6842 or Moshe Stern at 732-777-1325 or check us out online at [www.njncsy.com](http://www.njncsy.com)

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

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, February 3 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha

class, Monday evening, February 4 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com)

Rebbetzin Eichenstein will be speaking on "Mother, Mother-in-law - Is It Really the Same?" on Sunday night, February 10, 8:30 PM, at the home of Sheri Degani, 10 Cleveland Ave., Highland Park. All women are invited. For more info, please call Sheri Degani (732) 937-6823.

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

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, Feb 5 at 9:15 AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. For more info, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613. Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will also meet on Wednesday morning, Feb 6 at 9AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more info, please contact Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471.

### **PARK MIKVAH**

Highland Park/Edison Mikvah hours are Saturday-Thursday, 8:30-10:30pm. Friday nights are by appointment only (732-249-2411). Fee is \$15. Out of hours: an ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

### **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 Terumah**

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| • Candlelighting | 5:05 PM |
| • Mincha         | 5:15 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.

### **Sof davar...**

**by Rabbni Israel Poleyeff  
Research by Alizah Poleyeff**

### **Jewish Communities: Berditchev**

Everyone is surely familiar with Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev. He is most widely known for his spirited defense of the Jews before G-d even in the face of their wrongdoing. His most famous defense was when he saw a Jew (according to one version) smoking on Yom Kippur. After ascertaining that the Jew knew full well that it was Yom Kippur and knew as well that you were not permitted to smoke on the holiest day of the year but smoked anyway, R. Levi Yitzchak turned to the heavens and said to G-d, "look how great your people are. Even when they are *mechallel yom tov* they will not lie". R. Levi Yitzchak may have been Berditchev's most famous son but this town in Volhynia, Ukraine, was no tiny *shtetl*. Though the first Jew arrived in 1593 it was not until 1732 that a significant number of Jews had settled there and a charter was issued to a Jewish guild of tailors. By 1847 Jews made up more than 50% of the total population of Berditchev when there were 40,000 Jews living there. The Jewish currents and movements that swept the Jewish world in the next century and even earlier swept through Berditchev as well. Chassidism took hold in Berditchev in the last quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Haskala found a home there in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Yiddishist philosophy took root in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries to the extent that court procedures were conducted in Yiddish. But the city also suffered the usual slings and arrows of the outside world. In 1919 they were the victims of a pogrom, and in the '40s the Nazis arrived...

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.