



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Naso

4 Sivan 5768

June 7, 2008

Candlelighting:	8:07PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00PM
Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos:	7:00 & 8:15PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur – after Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:12AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
Kollel Learning Seder	4-6 PM
Kollel Mincha	6 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 7:15 PM</i>	
Mincha:	8:00 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Billowitz</i>	
Maariv:	9:10 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon. & Tues.	See Shavuos Schedule
Wes., & Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Thurs	6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	8:15PM
Weekday Maariv:	10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur : cancelled until after Shavuos</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim cancelled this week</i>	
DAF YOMI SHAVUOS SCHEDULE	
Sunday night/erev Shavuos: 45 minutes before shiurim begin	
Monday night-Jun 9th:	½ hour before Mincha
Tuesday night-June 10th:	TBD
DAF YOMI SUMMER SCHEDULE	
Monday–Thur: starting at 7:30 and stopping for Mincha and Maariv and finishing after Maariv.	
Fri: After 1 st Minyan,	
Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha	
Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis	

SHAVUOS SCHEDULE	
First Day	
Candlelighting	8:08 PM
Mincha	8:15 PM
Tikun Leyl Shavuos Shacharis	4:45 AM
- Sunrise/ Shemoneh Esrei	5:27 AM
Regular Shacharis	9 AM
Mincha First Day	8:10 PM
Candlelighting not before 9:17PM	
Second Day	
Shacharis	7:45 & 9 AM
Yizkor Not Before 10:30	
Mincha	8:10 PM
Maariv	9:15 PM

SHAVUOS NIGHT LEARNING FOR MEN	
12 AM	Rabbi Kaufman
1 AM	Rabbi Bassous
2 AM	Rabbi Drucker
3 AM	Rabbi Hoffman
4 AM	Rabbi Luban

SHAVUOS BOYS LEARNING PROGRAM	
As in past years the Ohr Torah Youth Department has an exciting evening of learning for our Teens. All youth activities for the boys will be downstairs in the Kiddush Room beginning at Midnight. The speakers will be (in no particular order) :	
	Rabbi Noach Sauber
	Rabbi Motti Miller
	Rabbi Avi Bodlander
	Mr. Tzvi Atkin

In between speakers there will be raffles, pizza, ice cream, and much more!
On Tuesday morning, the 2nd day of Shavuos, the Teen Minyan will begin at 9:00am at Ohr Torah.
Also, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of Shavuos, there will be regular youth groups as well for all ages.
The Youth Department requests that Sunday night, the first night of Shavuos anyone going downstairs for snacks to please enter the Kiddush Room from **THE BACK ONLY**, as it is very disturbing to the speakers and audience when people enter. The Youth Department also requests that if you are in the back of the Kiddush Room for a snack to please keep the talking quiet as to also not disturb the speakers and audience.
Thank you and Chag Samayach!
WOMEN'S & GIRLS SHAVUOS LEARNING PROGRAM
Join us in the RPRY Beis Medrash on Shavuos evening beginning at midnight for

an amazing night of learning and inspiration. All women and girls high school age and up are welcome to attend. Speakers will include Rabbi Motti Miller, Rabbi Avi Bodlander, Shuli Atkin, and Deet Berger. Chavrusa learning and seforim will also be available. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, please contact Rachel Wolf at 908-906-9799 or rachelwo@aol.com

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Rebecca and Israel Rivkin in honor of the birth of their newest grand daughter Hadar Yehudit, born to their children Shira and Sammie Markowitz.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Mel Barenholtz in honor of the Yahrzeit (on the second day of Shavuos) of his father, Yehuda Zev B"R Levi Yitzhak Hacohen, A"H.

YASHER KOACH

Thanks to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin for providing the Shavuos flowers that will decorate the Shul in honor of their children and grand children.

PEREK ON THE LAWN

Ohr Torah's Perek on the Lawn series continues this Shabbos, June 7, 2008, at the home of David Matthew and Didi Deitcher, 9 Olden Rd. The shiur will be led by Philip Pfeffer, will begin promptly at 5:30pm and is open to all men and women. The shiur will be followed by a light snack. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE – SAVE THE DATE

RABBI YITZCHAK ETSHALOM OF LOS ANGELES WILL BE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE AT CONGREGATION OHR TORAH ON SHABBAT JUNE 27/28.

RABBI ETSHALOM, WHOSE FIRST BOOK, "BETWEEN THE LINES OF THE BIBLE" WAS PUBLISHED BY YASHER BOOKS IN 2006, CHAIRS THE BIBLE DEPT AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HS OF LOS ANGELES (YULA). HIS ABILITY TO REACH OUT TO ALL AGES AND SHARE HIS PASSION FOR JEWISH LEARNING HAS ENRICHED MANY LIVES. HE IS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED STORYTELLER, RADIO HOST AND SONGWRITER. You have four opportunities to hear this fascinating thinker and speaker:

- a FRIDAY NIGHT tish at the Kessel HOME (18 Harrison St)
- Shabbos morning drasha at Ohr Torah,
- OT's Perek on the Lawn (location TBA),
- Seudah shlishit between (early) Mincha and Maariv.

Don't miss this fascinating speaker!

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 June 28th and July 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. 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.

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a General Membership Meeting Tuesday June 24th at 8:30PM. Agendas have been mailed.

THANK YOU FROM THE TORAH TAPE

LIBRARY

With the imminent reopening of the Torah Tape Library [ok so it will be after Shavuot], there are some thank you's in order.

First the donations:

- Anonymous, who bankrolled a majority of the infrastructure costs.
- Dadi Greenspan
- Eli and Chaya Reinitz
- Jerald and Rochelle Blum
- Josh and Tzippy Rapps
- Jack and Rivky Atkin
- Moshe and Debbie Schneider

Gene Wasserman for his technical and computer expertise, Larry Greenspan the brains and leadership behind this effort.

If you want to use this library you need a bar coded library card. Donations of CD's or dollars to purchase of CD's please contact Larry Greenspan 732-828-5642 or 732-501-5455. To browse the 1900+ titles and register for a bar coded library card [required to use library] go to <http://rvttl.compugene.com>. Please note there is NO www in the web site address. Moshe Schneider for Larry Greenspan

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NIGHTLY TEHILIM BY PHONE

You can join the women and girls of Edison/ HP in a nightly tehillim gathering and a halacha on Shemiras Halashon 8:45-8:55 PM punctually, as a zechus for a refua sheleimah for a member of our community. Dial 401-694-1602 followed by PIN # 18, and press the mute button on your phone.

SHAVUOS LEARNING FOR LADIES AT O.E.

On the second day of Shavuot, Tuesday afternoon June 10th from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. OE will be holding its annual Shavuot Ladies Learning Program. The speakers will be Barbara Kessel (Her title is "Converts We Have Known & Loved"), Heidi Rosen, (Her title is "The Secrets & Beauty of Melave Malka") and Esther Twerski "Two Gifts of Har Sinai"... All women are invited. There will be refreshments.

FEDERATION DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

Sunday, June 15th (Father's Day) is the official launch date for the Greater Middlesex Jewish Community Study, facilitated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County. Dr. Ira Sheskin, a nationally renowned demographer, has designed and customized the study for our community.

This analysis will identify unmet needs, anticipate trends and help our service providers strategically meet the needs of Jewish residents. Synagogues and Jewish organizations can strategically recruit membership and plan for the future.

Calls to 20,000 residents of Middlesex County will be anonymous and randomly selected. A strategic long-range plan will implement key points of the

study. While the study is spearheaded and funded by Federation, synagogues, agencies and Jewish organizations will have access to all results (all 800 slides will be available online).

Local residents have been hired to make the calls. **Please answer the phone if called!!!! The demographer estimates that every hang-up costs our community \$50. Your response will direct future services.**

Feel free to contact the Federation with any questions or comments at (732) 432-7711 ext. 24 or [_lsafran@jf-gmc.org](mailto:lsafran@jf-gmc.org)

YESHIVA TIFERES NAFTOLI ANNUAL DINNER

The Third Annual Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli Dinner will be held June 15 honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Wasser and Warren and Lisa Fink. Please support Torah in the Central New Jersey Jewish community and respond generously to the Yeshiva's major fundraising event of the year. For information about the Yeshiva or this campaign, please contact Russell N. Adler, Esq.

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JEWISH FEDERATION ANNOUNCES JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE TRENTON THUNDER

The Trenton Thunder is hosting a Jewish Heritage Night on Thursday, July 10. This event celebrates the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. Prior to the game, at 6PM, there will be a concert by the Jewish rock band Blue Fringe. The game starts at 7:05 PM and will be followed by fireworks. There will be a section of the ball park for the Middlesex County Jewish Community. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased by contacting the Federation office at 732-432-7711. Order forms are also available. Info is also available on the Federation's website, JewishMiddlesex.org.

EMUNAH EVENT

EMUNAH is proud to present a very special speaker. Liesel Appel was born in Klingenberg, Germany in 1941 to Hitler's Minister of Education. She graduated from teachers college in Limburg to become a nursery school teacher. Then she fled her past and left her native Germany. In 1990 Liesel converted to Judaism. A lecturer, Liesel has traveled the U.S. to tell her story, to educate and promote peace. A philanthropist, she has raised several millions of dollars for charities, many of them Jewish causes. She continues to search for her "neighbor's son", the title of her current book. Liesel is currently finishing her second book, "Third Generation." Men, women and children are invited. June 12, 8 pm at the Orani home – 292 North 5th Avenue. Sponsorships available: \$180, \$100, \$72, \$54, \$36, \$18, \$5. More information call: Sharon Hirt 732-777-0462

PARLOR MEETING

Please hold the evening of June 18, 2008 for a parlor meeting on the behalf of Yeshiva Shalom Rav, located in Tsfat, Israel. The Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Rafael Weingot (who will be at the Parlor meeting) has created a Makom Torah for talmidim seeking a meaningful learning experience

combined with the spirituality found in Tsfat. The event will take place on 6/18/08 at the home of Pesach & Celia Minkin – 13 Brookfall Road, Edison; Mincha at 8 PM. Artwork from Tsfat artisans will be available for sale. Please call 732 261 3666 for more information.

REBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not have classes Sunday, June 8 and Monday, June 9. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com

MRS. MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASSES

Mrs. Miri Cohen will not have classes on Tuesday, June 10 and Wednesday, June 11. Parsha classes will be held on June 17 and June 18. Classes will then resume in the fall. For more info, please call Azriela 732-985-7613 or Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471.

JR NCSY EVENTS & NEWS

On Wednesday June 11, We will be having our annual closing event at Ahavas Achim (A.A.) from 6:30-8:00 PM. All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are invited. We would also like to invite our next class of NCSY'ers from the 5th grade to join us. Come out for some pizza, win some prizes and have a great time. The cost is \$5. 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 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

PARK MIKVAH

Park Mikvah Hours are Sun-Thurs 9-11pm. Friday night by appointment only. SATURDAY NIGHTS through June the mikvah will be open from 10pm until 11:30 P.M. Shavuot June 8h-9th 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 BEHA/ALOTECHA

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| • Candlelighting | 8:11 PM |
| • Plag Mincha | 6:00 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 7 & 8:20 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 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)

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