



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Nitzavim

27 Elul 5768

Sept. 27, 2008

Candlelighting: 6:26PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:35PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur – after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:30AM
Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Megillah shiur: 5:35 PM
Mincha 6:20 PM
 Shalosh Seudos Speaker – Gershon Klavan
Maariv 7:30 PM

For times next week, see adjacent schedule

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha. Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

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 Hamoed 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 mcschneider19@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 Hayley Gerszberg and Seth Gerszberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Yakira. Mazel Tov to aunt and uncle Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg, and the entire Gerszberg family.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by the parents of Yakira Gerszberg in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

YOM TOV / NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Sept. 28:

- Slichos/ Shacharis: 6:45, 7:30 & 8:30 AM
- Mincha/ Maariv: 6:25 PM
- Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah (Monday, September 29)

- Slichos 1:00, 5:00, 5:40, 6:30, 7:30 AM followed by *hatarat nedarim*
- Candlelighting: 6:24 PM
- Mincha: 6:30 PM

First Day Rosh Hashana (Tuesday, September 30)

- Shacharis 6:45, 8:15 AM
- **Shofar: Not before 9, 10:30 AM**
- Mincha: 5:30 PM followed by *Tashlich*
- Candlelighting: Not before 7:31 PM

Second Day Rosh Hashanah (Wed. October 1)

- Shacharis: 6:45, 8:15 AM
- **Shofar: Not before 9, 10:30 AM**
- Mincha: 6:15 PM
- Maariv 7:25 PM

Tzom Gedalia (Thursday, October 2)

- Fast begins: 5:44 AM
- Slichos: 5:40, 6:25, 7:20 AM
- Mincha: 6:10 PM
- Fast ends: 7:27 PM

Friday October 3:

- Slichos: 5:50, 6:35 & 7:25 AM
- Mincha: 6:25 PM

LAST SUNDAY FOR 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 Hashana. I will be available this Sunday 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.

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.

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. 30th and Oct 1st, babysitting will begin at 11:30AM and last until the end of davening. On Erev Yom Kippur, Oct. 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 mqberg@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.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Sam Federman's mother Faiga Federman Z"L.
 -Terry & Rose Walzman in memory of Terry's mother Freda Walzman Z"L.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EREV YOM TOV MIKVEH HOURS

The RJJ men's mikveh will be open at all times on erev Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur except between the hours of 11 AM and 1PM.

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

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.

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 needs volunteers to help with Sunday morning's garage sale right after Shacharis

(proceeds to help Israel). Volunteers, please contact Sue Redlich.

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

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, Nov 8th at Ohr Torah at 8PM. 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, and can be arranged with Arnold Lustiger, Henry Lerner, Daniel Wildman, and Joel H. Paul. Sponsors reception will follow this event.

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.

SHALOSH SEUDOS FOR GIRLS

A shalosh seudos for post seminary girls will be held this Shabbos, with featured guest speaker, Rabbi Motti Miller of Highland Park and Ohr Naava, 6:30 PM at the Agudah Shul. For more information, please call 732-979-5491.

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 - ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not have classes this week, September 28, 29. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com

MRS. MIRI COHEN'S WOMENS PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's class will not meet 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 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.

ISRAEL MISSION

Ahavas Achim invites you to join the Cohen, Goldberg, Goldman, Kessel, Mann, Shapiro, Schilowitz, Schwartz, and Stern families on our 7th annual Israel Mission, from Jan 14-26, 2009. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$2169 plus airport tax and fuel surcharge currently \$496.30). Registration has already begun, and is available on a first come, first serve basis with a non-refundable deposit of \$350 per person ASAP. To register, visit the mission website at www.arieltours.com/aamission. Questions can be directed to aamission@arieltours.com.

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 Vayelech

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| • Candlelighting | 6:17 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 6:25 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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