



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Passover 7th Day

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**Friday - Shabbos Seventh Day Pesach
(April 25-26)**

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

Eighth Day Yom Tov: Sunday April 27

- Shacharis – 7:45 and 9:00 AM
(Yizkor not before 10:30 for 9AM minyan)
- Mincha – 1:45 & 7:35 PM
- Maariv – 8:35 PM
- Yom Tov ends – 8:40 PM

**Do not use chometz that you sold
before 10:00 PM**

Weekday Shacharis:

Mon., Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM

Tue., Wed, Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:40 PM

Weekday Maariv: 10:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

**Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur Monday
9:10 PM**

DAF YOMI PESACH SCHEDULE

Friday night: After Maariv

Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha

**Sunday 8th day of Pesach: 45 minutes before
Mincha**

*The Gabbaim request that all those saying
Kaddish 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 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 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 Helena and Stanley Benzel on the birth of a son to their children Judy and Noty of Highland Park.

... to Esther and Yechiel Posen on the engagement of their son Menachem, to Chana Sarah Whitman of Queens.

GET YOUR OT PHONETREE E-MAILS

The OT email announcement system is running successfully. Many have signed up and are getting the phonetree announcements by phone and email. [No more scrambling for pen and paper to write down the details]. However many have not signed up for the program. Send your email address to phonetree@ohrtorah.net to get your name on the email distribution list.

EARLY SHABBOS NEXT WEEK

**NOTE: PLAG MINCHA (6 PM) AND
EARLY KABOLAS SHABBOS (7 PM)
START NEXT WEEK**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FRUIT TREE BRACHA

The bracha recited upon seeing flowering fruit trees is posted on the apple tree at 401 North Eighth Ave.

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. 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

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.

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.

RPRY RAFFLE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

RPRY announces its first annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2nd & 3rd place prizes. Drawing is scheduled for 5/29. Tickets are \$36 apiece or 3 for \$100. Please see the flyer for more details. For tickets please see OT contacts Josh Caplan, Leoor Jerushalmy, Russell Adler, Brian Dube or Barry Siegel. Thank you for your support.

SENIOR NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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/>

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S

WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzen 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 26th -Pesach-by appointment only. April 27th - 9:15pm 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 Lansley at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Kedoshim

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| • Candlelighting | 7:36 PM |
| • Plag Mincha | 6:00 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 7 & 7:45 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)

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.

**Vaad HaRabbonim of Raritan Valley
Purchasing Chometz After Pesach**

One may not eat or derive benefit from chometz which was owned by a Jew during Pesach. The following is a partial list of local stores and their status regarding the purchase of Chometz.

1. All stores under VAAD supervision are acceptable for the purchase of Chometz. (Note: Baked items from Dunkin' Donuts may not be eaten until 9:50 PM on Tuesday, April 27, because they are baked on Yom Tov. In general, Motza'ei Shabbos throughout the year, one should wait one hour after the end of Shabbos before eating their products.) The Vaad encourages the community to patronize local kosher establishments whenever possible.
2. ACME is the preferred store for the purchase of Chometz, since the store and its distributor are completely owned by non-Jews.
3. SHOP RITE on Route 1 South, Route 18 in East Brunswick, Bound Brook, Oak Tree Road and any other SHOP RITE with a Kosher Experience are all owned by non-Jews. (Note: other stores under the Shop Rite name may be owned by Jews.) However, the distributor which supplies these stores (Wakefern) has partial Jewish ownership. Since the majority ownership in Wakefern is non-Jewish, SHOP RITE is also acceptable.
4. The majority ownership of RITE AID Pharmacy is non-Jewish and acceptable for the purchase of Chometz.
5. PATHMARK, A&P and STOP & SHOP are owned by non-Jews. However, their distributor, C & S (Cohen & Siegel), is Jewish. Therefore, one should wait until Lag Bo'omer, Friday, May 23, to purchase overt Chometz from them. (Overt Chometz includes cereal, cookies, crackers, pretzels, grains, and flour. Products which contain vinegar such as mayonnaise, ketchup, and mustard may be purchased since it is possible the vinegar is not chometz.)
6. C&S does not supply fresh bread. Therefore, fresh bread under Hashgocha may be bought at any non-Jewish owned store, including PATHMARK, A&P and STOP & SHOP, immediately after Pesach.
7. Non-chometz items may be purchased from any store (e.g., vegetables, cooking oil, etc.)