



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Pekudei

1 Adar II 5768

March 8, 2008

Candlelighting: 5:38PM
Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos: 5:45PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:14AM
Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 4:45PM
Mincha: 5:30 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Robert Kreitman
Maariv: 6:40 PM
Daylight Savings Time begins Motzei Shabbos – move clocks ahead one hour
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs.: 6:17, 7:05, 8 AM
NOTE EARLIER TIME: Earliest Talis and Tefillin 6:24 Monday, 6:19 Thursday
Tue., Wed, Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:45 PM
Weekday Maariv: 10:10 PM
NOTE END OF 7:30 MAARIV FOR SEASON
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM
Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM Monday.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
Monday – Thur: After Maariv, Fri: After 1ST Minyan, 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: March 22nd, April 5th & 12th. 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.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

If you have any Ritual Committee issues or questions that need to be addressed, please E_mail Rabbi Israel Poleyeff <rispol@optonline.net>

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Barbara and Allen Kessel on the birth of Sarah Rivkah and Moshe Aharon to their children Rachel and Jonathan Kessel and to big brother Yisroel Aryeh. Mazel tov to grandparents Malkie and Michael Karlin and great-grandmothers Helen Berger, Marion Baras and Sima Kessel.

...to Melissa and Leeor Jerushalmy on the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Avi this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to brothers Jake and Noah, grandparents Etta and Eddie Levine and Millie and Israel Jerushalmy and all of Avi's aunts, uncles and cousins.

...to Celia and Pesach Minkin on the engagement of their son, Shaul, to Moriah Yates of Tzefat, Israel.

...to Ruth and Marc Kalton on the birth of a boy to their children Aliza and Alex Markovich.

...to Tzippy and Josh Rapps on the birth of a daughter, Brach Esther, to their children Talia and Meshulam Rapps in Yerushalayim. Mazel Tov to grandparents Chagil and Yale Fishman, to great grandparents Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Rapps, and Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert Bomzer, and the entire Rapp/Bomzer and Fishman/Magzumoff families.

...to Rhona and Michael Eserner on the Aufruf of their son Avi, at Ohav Emeth this Shabbos, and his forthcoming marriage to Abby Mandel of Lakewood next Sunday. Mazel Tov to Abby's parents Karen and Larry Mandel, to grandmother Sylvia Leskowitz and the entire Eserner, Tuckman, Leskowitz, Mandel and Krupnik families.

KIDDUSH

Melissa and Leeor Jerushalmy invite the entire congregation to a kiddush in honor of their son Avi's Bar-Mitzvah.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a General Membership Meeting on Tuesday March 25, 2008 at 8:30 PM.

Agendas will be mailed out shortly.

OHR TORAH CHILDRENS PURIM PROGRAM

On Thursday night March 20th from 7:45 - 9:15 PM we will be celebrating Purim in style with children's entertainment in the classrooms downstairs featuring two clowns that will be face painting and creating balloon animals in addition to a caricaturist.

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah expresses sincere condolences to Ted Diskind and family on the loss of his mother, Miriam Diskind, z"l. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

Ted will be sitting shiva in Oceanside until Sunday morning and then will return to his home on 5 Opatut Court from Sunday afternoon until after Shacharit on Tuesday morning. Mincha-Maariv on Sunday and Monday evening will be at 6:45 P.M. Shacharit times Monday and Tuesday will be 7:20 PM.

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

-On Sunday evening April 6th Ohr Torah will take a NJ Transit train to New York City to the NY Knicks vs Orlando Magic basketball game (Grades 3 - 8). We will be meeting at the Edison Train Station starting at 5:20 PM...train departs at 5:38 PM! We will return back to the Edison Train Station at 10:45 PM. The cost is \$30 and ONLY 30 seats are available...first come first serve! Snacks will be provided. Advance reservations are required.

-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.

LIBRARY CARDS FOR THE RARITAN VALLEY TAPE LIBRARY

The grand reopening of the vastly upgraded tape/cd library is around the corner! If you or your family intends on using the library, they will need a Bar Coded library card.

Please call Larry Greenspan at 732-828-5642 or 732-501-5455 email him at:

genew@compugene.com

to have a laminated card produced for your family.

Tapes/cd's can only be borrowed if you have a valid Raritan Valley Tape Library card.

SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this years community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 16 from 9 AM to 6 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags.

Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. (coordinator/questions) Barry Siegel, siegeldad@optonline.net

SEFORIM SALE

There will be a used Seforim sale on Sunday, March 16 at Ohr Torah. Great Bargains!!! A huge Jewish book sale with Hebrew/English Seforim & books and Children's books

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

(mostly used & some new). You will find bargains galore. Hours 9-6. Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISHMAR PROGRAM

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat. This week @ 7:45 PM.

Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

ACTT ORGANIZATION

ACTT says THANK YOU! Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT March 1st event with Rabbi Jay Yaacov Schwartz so successful and meaningful! The Events page of the ACTT web site, www.actt613.org, contains the audio of the 12 shiurim from the first 2 years of the ACTT program and the Modules page contains the corresponding module packets. The 3rd year of the ACTT program is scheduled to begin in the June-July 2008 time frame. More details to follow. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer or for more info, e-mail info@actt613.org, see the ACTT web-site: www.actt613.org, or call Jonathan Abrahams (732) 220-2946, Wendy Bar (732) 220-8765, Joe Friedman (732) 732-985-8014, Michael Lafond (732) 432-9860, Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

ORTHODOX FORUM

This Motzei Shabbat March 8, at 8:30 PM, at Congregation Ohr Torah, the Orthodox Forum will sponsor "Kashrus in America: A behind the Scenes Overview" with lectures by Rabbi Luban and Rabi Avrohom Stone, field kashrus supervisor for the OU. Rabbi Stone supervises 100 food, chemical and pharmaceutical companies, and is an on the job expert in food process engineering, organic chemistry and company records auditing. Admission is free, and the event is chaired by Dr. Ira Krumholtz.

RJJ DINNER

Please Reserve **Sunday, April 6, 2008** Rabbi Jacob Joseph School Annual Dinner at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Edison. We will be paying tribute to Rav Yechiel Drillman and our honorees will be Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Lustiger.

MAYHS ANNUAL DINNER

On Sunday, **March 9, 2008**, MAYHS will be hosting its Annual Dinner at Shadowbrook, a stunning turn-of-the-century New Jersey landmark in Shrewsbury. Help us "**Celebrate the Spirit of Community Service**" on March 9th as we present our community service award to **Shayna & Craig Prupis and Dovid Wildman**. There is still time to RSVP and to place an ad in our Journal supplement. If you have questions, call the school at (732) 613-7460 or e-mail adjournal@mayhs.org

WOMEN'S NIGHT PLANNED

The N'shei Agudah of Edison / Highland Park invite the women of our community to an elegant evening of warmth, humor and inspiration. Guest speaker will be the enchanting Mrs. Ella Adler, renowned speaker, author, and performer. "Discover Joy Within the Juggle: Finding Simcha in Our Hectic Lives" Sunday, March 9, 7:45 PM, at the Agudath Israel, 1131 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. Browse a bountiful boutique of various community vendors. \$10 suggested donation; \$18

includes N'shei membership. For more info, please call Mrs. Raizy Krauss (732)819-8366.

JUDAICA GALLERY

JUDAICA GALLERY has made a special deal with ArtScroll and has brought our community, Passover By Design by Susie Fishbein, at an unprecedented price of \$17.57!!! They will be available till Pesach or while supplies last.

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.

CHUG IVRIT

The next Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Speaking Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will meet on Sunday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m. at a Highland Park area home. 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.

NORPAC UPDATE

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. Shachrit davening will be at 5:45 am in OT and AA. There will be a minyan for mincha and maariv on the way home. Three meals will be provided. Early registration discounts are offered for registration *completed* on or before Friday, March 14th - rates are \$75 for students and \$125 for adults. After March 14, rates will be \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Participants must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those **under 18** MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Full Refunds available, requests must be received *in writing* at mailing@norpac.net by May 5, 2008 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).

DISCOVERY SEMINAR

Come hear the renowned Discovery Seminar that has changed the lives of thousands of secular Jews around the world, bringing them to Torah and Mitzvos. Exclusively for the Highland Park-Edison Orthodox community on Shabbat March 15th at Congregation Ohav Emeth, in partnership with Project Inspire. Between 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM, presentations include Seven Wonders of Jewish History; ID Info Only the Author Could Have Known and G-d's Control of History as well as Mincha, Maariv and refreshments. On Motsei Shabbat at 9:20 PM, Alan Proctor, master marketer formerly of Partners in Torah and Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation presents Overcoming Our Fears in Reaching Out. For more info, call OE office (732-247-3038) or Project Inspire (212-391-6710, ext 23).

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY

Once again, Rachel Koenigson is combining physical fitness with Tzedakah. She will be participating in the Jerusalem half marathon in late March. All monies collected will go to the brave citizens of Sderot. You can sponsor her at <http://runforsderot.connectionsisrael.com>. Just click on her name, read her words and hit sponsor. Thank you, Rosanne Koenigson (732-577-1030)

RJJ HALACHA SERIES

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

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, March 9 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. Class will not be held on Monday evening, March 10. Classes are for women only. 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 ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, March 11 at 9:15AM 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, March 12 at 9AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Ave, Highland Park. For more info, contact 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

For Daylight Savings Time Beginning Sunday Night March 9th Sunday-Thursday Evenings: 9pm-11pm Friday nights and Yom Tov by appointment only. Call 732-249-2411. Saturday nights one hour and forty-five minutes after candle lighting. YOU MUST ARRIVE AND LEAVE DURING REGULAR MIKVAH HOURS. Fee \$15. Out of Hours: an additional \$20 fee.

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 Vayikra

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| • Candlelighting | 6:45 PM |
| • Mincha | 6:55PM |

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.
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