



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Shabbat Shirah

12 Shevat 5768

January 19, 2008

Candlelighting: 4:40PM
 Mincha & Kabbalos Shabbos: 4:50PM
 Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama

Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:41AM
 Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: Cancelled (Rabbi Luban will be away at a family Simcha.)

Mincha: 4:35 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Meir Kornfeld
 Maariv: 5:45 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
 Mon. & Thur: 6:17, 7:05, 8 AM
Talis & Tefilin: 6:19 Mon & 6:18 Thur.

Tue, Wed & Fri: 6:30, 7:05 & 8AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:50 PM

Weekday Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

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

WINTER DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Monday – Thur: After 7:30 Maariv, Fri: After Maariv, Shabbos: 8:15 AM or after Hashkama
 Minyan, 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: Jan. 26th and Feb. 2nd, & 23rd. 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 732-618-4072 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 Poleyef <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 Mel Barenholtz on the birth of a baby boy to Jen and Elan Barenholtz of Boca Raton on Thursday. Mazel Tov to Elan's uncle Shelly Godstein.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Hedy and Lou Smith to commemorate the Yahrzeit this Shabbos of Hedy's parents, Blanche and Sol Strobel, Z"L.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalos Seudos this week is sponsored by Marion and David Kornfeld in memory of his mothers Yahrzeit, Ita bas Dovid Zvi, Z"L.

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. 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.

ELON MOREH MEDICAL CLINIC

The medical clinic in Elon Moreh needs our help. It turns out they have a doctor who 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.

SIDDUR STICKERS

The Gabbaim have recommended to place separate stick-on-labels for the Prayer for Israel Soldiers, Zahal & US Government on the back cover of every Siddur within OT. To accomplish this please:
 1) Return all siddurim to the back bookcase. This includes Siddurim in the bench wells and under the seats.
 2) The label placement is scheduled for Monday morning after the 8:00 AM Minyan. If you can help place the stickers, please volunteer with Barry Siegel or Harvey Atlas. This includes children on vacation eligible for Chessed hours. Thanks for helping with this volunteer effort.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

YIEB HOSTS SPECIAL SHABBAT

The YIEB adult education program invites you to attend a special Shabbat in support of the Jewish Community of Hebron, Parshat Mishpatim, February 2nd 2008 at the Young Israel of East Brunswick, featuring Yossi Baumol, Executive Director of the Hebron Fund, at a community Shabbat lunch (by RSVP only, please) and a dessert reception& audi-visual program at 8PM. The cost of the lunch is \$18.00 a person, \$12 a child, and not to exceed \$72.00 maximum per family. For further info please call Leah Weinberger at (732) 613-8797 or Esther Kosoffsky at (732) 238-9827.

EMUNAH NEWS

Emunah-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 approximately how many you would need. Contact Sharon Hirt at 732-77700462 or sharon.hirt@pfizer.com

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.

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

JR NCSY EVENTS

Highland Park Jr. NCSY'S "Drop-in- Zone" #3 will be "BINGO & ICE CREAM NIGHT" to be held Monday Night, Jan 21, 2008 from 7:00 -8:15 PM At Ahavas Achim (A.A.). All kids in grades 6-8 who are home for Winter Break with nothing to do, come and join us for a good time. Make your own Ice Cream Sundae and win some great prizes (Like an I-Tunes Gift Card). The cost is \$7. 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 & 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 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

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, January 20 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, Jan 21 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. 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, January 22 at 9:15AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. For more info, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613. Class will not be held on Wednesday, January 23. 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, 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 Yitro

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| • Candlelighting | 4:48 PM |
| • Mincha | 4:55 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.

New Brunswick Cemetery Restoration

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County stands with the community in expressing shock and sadness at the desecration and vandalism at the Poile Zedek Cemetery in New Brunswick.

Federation has teamed with Congregation Poile Zedek, Congregation Etz Ahaim, Rabbis, cemetery officials and the organized Jewish community to assess the damage and provide the support necessary to begin to heal and rebuild. We have approached law enforcement officials, the Mayor of New Brunswick, and the county prosecutor's office in an effort to maintain open lines of communication. Federation, representing a united Jewish community, is in pursuit of a full-scale, rigorous investigation into this heinous crime, which is an affront to us all.

As we examine all avenues of effectively providing aid and comfort to those impacted and concentrate on putting together a formal plan of action, we are confident that we can count on your support during this trying time for our community. In that vein, we have established a fund for the repair and restoration of the cemetery. Donations can be sent to the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, noted "Cemetery Restoration Fund" on the memo line. *100% of your donation will be directed toward this fund.* Our address is 230 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ 08882. If you need more information, contact us (732) 432-7711 or info@jf-gmc.org. You may also donate on line by logging onto our website at JewishMiddlesex.org.