



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Terumah

Candlelighting: 5:05PM
 Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos: 5:15PM
 Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama
 Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:35AM
 Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: Cancelled
Rabbi Luban will be away for Shabbos
 Mincha: 5:00 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Dr. Bill Gewirtz
 Maariv: 6:10 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
 Mon. & Thurs.: 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
 Tue., Wed, & Fri.: 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
 Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:15 PM
 Weekday Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM
Monday. TOPIC: The Bracha of Go'al Yisrael – aloud or silent?

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: Feb. 23rd, March 1st & 22nd. 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.

OHRTORAH 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.

OHRTORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

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TEEN KIDDUSH

The Teen Kiddush this week is sponsored by Brian and Shoshana Allen & Family in honor of Ami Avraham, Mayer Berg and the Ohr Torah Youth Program.

KIDDUSH & SHALOSH SEUDOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Harvey and Charyn Atlas in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Harvey's father, Moshe Yehudah ben Sholom Atlas, z"l.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi Shlomo & Miriam Ziegler on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Akiva Aryeh Ziegler this coming Wednesday.

BOARD MEETING

There will be a Board Meeting on Tuesday February 19th @ 8:00 PM

CONDOLENCES

...to Heshy Granek on the passing of his father, Dov Granek. Heshy will be sitting shiva at his home, 495 Harrison Avenue in Highland Park.

OHRTORAH SHABBOS DINNER

CONGREGATION OHRTORAH INVITES YOU TO OUR CHAZAKAH! THE THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY SHABBOS DINNER...A NIGHT CREATED TO SHARE SHABBOS WITH OUR SHUL FAMILY, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND JOIN TOGETHER IN ACHDUS.

The dinner will take place on Friday, Feb 22, 2008 (following Ma'ariv). There will be food, drink, zmiros, and programming for children. Please register by this Monday, February 11 to take advantage of the "early bird" price!

SHABBOS MORNING YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Youth Department asks all parents to make sure their children are attending the following Shabbos Morning Programs :
 Commencing @ 10:00 AM
 Children Grades 1 and below in appropriate classroom downstairs.
 Children Grades 2 through 6 with Mayer Berg at the Junior Congregation in the Beis Medrash.

Grades 7 and up through HS and College in the Teen Minyan at RPRY Beis Medrash @ 9:00 AM.

Adult Volunteers are also needed to help supervise. Please see Lyndon Goldsmith to volunteer.

CHILDRENS SHABBOS ARTS N CRAFTS

February 9, 2008

Ohr Torah will host a Shabbos Arts & Crafts Program on Sunday Feb 17th from 10 AM - 12PM. Children (Grades 1st thru 5th) will be creating and designing Kiddush Cups, Flip 'n Cut Challah Boards, Trivets and more. The childrens projects will be used by their families at a Community Dinner taking place at Ohr Torah on Friday night February 22nd. Snacks/drinks will be provided. Cost is \$15 with advance reservations or \$18 at the door.

Please register by emailing Mayer Berg at mgberg@optonline.net or by phone at (732) 572-3429.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Congregation Ohr Torah extends a warm welcome to new members:

Marcia and Paul Pfeffer

CHUMASH DEDICATION

OPPORTUNITY

The (teen minyan) has outgrown the OT Beis Medrash and now davens in the RPRY Beis Medrash on Shabbos. There is a great need to provide that minyan with proper Chumashim & Siddurim. OT has purchased 100 of the ArtScroll travel size combination Stone Chumash & Siddur. Dedications are available for \$30 per Chumash/siddur. Please let Barry Siegel (siegeldad@optonline.net), Mayer Berg or Harvey Atlas know if you would like to dedicate these. Thanks for your help

To date 60 of the new Teen Minyan Chumash/Siddur have been dedicated, just 40 more to go.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Susan & Morris Wiesel in memory of Debbie Schneider's father Emanuel Libin Z"L.
- Allen & Barbara Kessel in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L.
- Pam & David Avraham in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L.
- Moshe & Rachel Stern L'zecher Nishmas.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIKUR CHOLIM ANNUAL DINNER

The Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Dinner is Sunday March 2nd at 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Raritan Center. The guest speaker is Rabbi Dr. Aaron Glatt, a noted author and lecturer on medical halachik issues. He authored recently a sefer titled "Visiting the Sick: A Halachik and Medical Guide- With Down to Earth Advice." Couvert is \$36 per person. Please mail your reservations to Marcia Freedman 7 Marshall Drive Edison, NJ 08817.

PURIM CARDS AVAILABLE FROM CHILDREN'S FUND

Purim Mishloach Manot Cards are available for purchase for \$2.00 each from the Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale support a very worthy local charity. This year alone, we have been able to provide the necessary financial assistance for student-shadows, tutoring, after-school programs, and counseling. To obtain

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 PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHRTORAH INFORMATION**

the cards, please contact: Tova Josefovitz (732) 572-9432 or Janice Lustiger - (732) 819-4919, Shoshana Diskind - (732) 572-7755. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

ELON MOREH MEDICAL CLINIC

We have now collected enough money to buy an EKG machine for Elon Moreh. Any additional donations will be used to purchase other medical equipment such as a portable vital signs monitor.

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY

Has your child grown? Do you have leftover diapers that are too small? Did you know that Food Stamps don't cover diapers? Highland Park/East Brunswick girls from Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School in Teaneck are collecting diapers for the Highland Park Community Food Pantry, to benefit families in our community. Any kid's diapers in good condition can be brought to Reena Rothman or Devora Hornstein. For more information call Devora Hornstein at 732-214-9631. Your donation will really help these families.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/ Highland Park is sponsoring Rabbi Elazar Meir Teitz and Esther Macner Esquire to discuss "The Agunah Crisis" Motzei Shabbat February 9, 2008 at 8 PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim. Session Chair is Deborah Teitz.

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

SENIOR NCSY

Our communities senior NCSY chapter is thriving. We have had over 40 kids at every oneg to date. Our shabbaton is Scheduled for February 22nd-23rd and we couldn't be more excited! Please sign up at njncsy.com as soon as possible, this event is going to be awesome! The shabbaton will be held at Ahavas Achim, and the price is \$45. For our Saturday night activity we will be having the comedy of Joel Chasnoff! Sign up today! (ok...maybe not today since it is Shabbos, but right after!)

EMUNAH 'S BOWLING NIGHT

Saturday night, February 2, 8:30 PM at Stelton Lanes, in Piscataway \$18.00 a person includes pizza, soda, 2 games and shoes. For reservations contact Rena Klein at 732-317-3742 or renalg@aol.com or Lisa Schanzer at 732-572-0559

WOMENS STUDY GROUP

Welcome to the third shiur of the Faigie Reinitz z"l Memorial Women's Study Group...Please join the women of the Highland Park and Edison communities for an insightful shiur..."Keeping it Real" Raising Children to Appreciate Judaism in an Enticing Secular World. Speaker: Rabbi Motti Miller on Feb 12, 2008, at 8:30 PM at the Heideman's 19 Ryan Road, Edison. Admission is free but we want to make sure you have a seat! Please email sschoenfeld@physicianspractice.com with your name to register. We will be collecting names for a refuah shelaimah list that will be read at the beginning of the shiur, and it will be for the healthy recovery of those individuals that we learn this evening. If you have anyone you would like

added to this list, please email their names along with your registration. This program is funded through an endowment by the Pfeffer and Reinitz families in memory of Faigie Reinitz, z"l.

ACHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

Ahavas Achim University presents a scholar-in-residence program featuring Dr. Shnayer Leiman, noted scholar, lecturer and author, on February 15-16, 2008. On Friday night at 6:00 p.m., there will be a catered seudah in the Axelrad Social Hall (by reservation only: \$18/adult, \$10/child 3-11) followed by Dr. Leiman's first lecture: "Did the Maharal of Prague Create a Golem. On Shabbat day, Dr. Leiman will speak before Mussaf in the Main Sanctuary on "Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook on Ahavat Yisrael." Mincha will be at 5:05 p.m., and at Seudah Shlishit, Dr. Leiman will discuss "The Ban on Secular Study in Jerusalem." The Shabbaton concludes with a Melave Malke at 8 p.m. on Saturday Night. Dr. Leiman will talk about "The Bible & The Talmud In Light of Modern Archaeological Discovery" followed by a dessert reception. Please make your reservations with the shul office at 216 S. First Ave., Highland Park, (732)247-0532, or by E-mailing secretary@ahavasachim.org.

ACTT ORGANIZATION

The ACTT organization (Achieving Change through Torah) is sponsoring an inspirational evening for the Bitachon 1 Kickoff event on Saturday night, March 1, 2008 at 9:15 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. Guest speaker: Rabbi Jay Yaacov Schwartz. Admission is free and the entire community is encouraged to attend. Sponsors at \$36, \$50, and \$100 are needed. Please write your check to "Congregation Ohr Torah Rabbi's Discretionary Fund", earmarked "ACTT sponsor", and mail to ACTT; 48 Edgemount Road; Edison, NJ 08817. Thank you. For more info, 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. Web-site: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org.

ROSEN FAMILY ORGANIZES BLOOD DRIVE

The Rosen family is pleased to announce our next blood drive on Sunday, February 24 at 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. 120 Highland Ave., HP. Babysitting and hot chocolate chip cookies will be available. Please contact Heidi or Ira at 732-393-1018 for more info or to reserve a donation slot (preferred, but not required).

NORPAC UPDATE

Reserve the date-- May 21 NORPAC Mission to Washington.

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.

JR NCSY EVENTS

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

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, Feb 10 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel (the new building). Class will not be held on Monday evening, Feb 11. 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 Rebbetzin Eichenstein will be speaking on "Mother, Mother-in-law - Is It Really the Same?" on Sunday night, February 10, 8:30 PM, at the home of Sheri Degani, 10 Cleveland Ave., Highland Park. All women are invited. For more information, please call Sheri Degani (732) 937-6823.

MRS. MIRI COHEN'S LADIES PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, February 12 at 9:15 AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. For more information, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613. Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will also meet on Wednesday morning, February 14 at 9:00 AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more information, please 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

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

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For info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansley at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

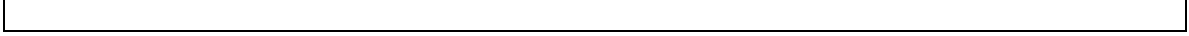
Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Tetzaveh

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| • Candlelighting | 5:14 PM |
| • Mincha | 5:20 PM |

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AFTER DAVENING.