



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Tetzaveh

10 Adar I 5768

February 16, 2008

Candlelighting: 5:14PM
 Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos: 5:20PM
 Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama
 Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:31AM
 Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 4:25PM
 Mincha: 5:10 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Refoel Schneider
 Maariv: 6:20 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
 Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
 Mon.: 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
 Tue., Wed, & Fri.: 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
 Thurs.: 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:25 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

MAZEL TOV
 ...to Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Mykoff on the birth of a granddaughter to son David in Israel.
 ...to Glenda and Moshe Sherman on the occasion of Leora's bat mitzvah. Welcome to their extended family and out of town guests.
 ...to Shoshana and Ted Diskind on the birth of grandson to their children Shoshana Chava and Mordechai Diskind.
 ...to Marsha and Jay Shulman on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Shanna and Jeffrey Taub.
 ...to Sharon and Rabbi Yisroel Hoffman on the birth of a granddaughter, Baila, to their children Shulamis and Daniel Hoffman.

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
 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.

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 73 of the new Teen Minyan Chumash/Siddur have been dedicated, just 27 more to go.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION EDISON RESIDENTS IN DISTRICT 27

This Tuesday night 7 pm at RPRY Mayor Choi and other town officials will conduct a meeting to hear first hand their concerns.

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 the cards, please contact: Tova Josefovitz (732)

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.

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.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Glenda and Moshe Sherman in honor of Leora's Bat Mitzvah.

BOARD MEETING

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

OHR TORAH SHABBOS DINNER

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH 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 next Friday, February 22, 2008 (following Ma'ariv). There will be food, drink, zmiros, and groups/programming for children. Registration deadline is Monday, Feb 18. Please call Shelley Schoenfeld at 732-572-5808 with any questions or to register.

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.

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

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

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.

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!)

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

Come hear Rabbi Jay Yaacov Schwartz, M.A., LMSW, Rabbinical Liaison at Metropolitan Jewish Health System and South Nassau Communities Hospital, speak about Building Bitachon – Insights and Inspiration on Saturday night, March 1, 2008 at 9:15 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. This

community-wide event is sponsored by the ACTT organization (Achieving Change through Torah). Admission is free. *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

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. 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. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner 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, or Marc Hanfling (docdad@aol.com).

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat, This week @ 7:30. 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

Highland Park Jr. NCSY will be having an Oneg on Shabbos Parshat Ki Sisa, February 23, from 3:00 - 4:00 PM at Ahavas Achim. 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. Cost is \$22 for Sweatshirts & \$18 for Sweat pants the deadline to order is February 29th. If you have not received an order form please email RFS424@aol.com (mailto:RFS424@aol.com) & we will be glad to

send you one. The next Jr. NCSY Shabbaton will take place February 29 - March 1 in Cherry Hill. Registration is now open online at www.njncsy.com to sign up. We will be providing transportation which departs from RPRY on Friday afternoon and return to RPRY on Saturday night. If you would like to sponsor an event or drop-in-zone, please contact Moshe or Phili.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, February 17 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, Feb 18 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 is cancelled this Tuesday morning. For more info, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613. Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet on Wednesday morning, Feb 20 at 9AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more info, 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 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 Ki Tisa

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| • Candlelighting | 5:22 PM |
| • Mincha | 5:30PM |

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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.