



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Vayakhel

24 Adar I 5768

March 1, 2008

Candlelighting:	5:30PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos:	5:40PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:20AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 4:40PM</i>	
Mincha:	5:25 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Shlomo Ziegler</i>	
Maariv:	6:35 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs.:	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue., Wed,	6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Friday (Rosh Chodesh)	6:10, 7:05 & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	5:40 PM
Weekday Maariv:	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM Monday.</i>	
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 Mel Barenholtz on the Bris of his grandson Shlomo Zalman in Lakewood this past Monday. Mazel Tov to the parents Levi Yitzhak and Yocheved Barenholtz and to the great uncle Shelly Goldstein.

...Ruchi and Yossi Stern on the Aufruf of their son Zev this Shabbos at Agudath Israel, and his forthcoming marriage to Rachele Lapin of Seattle. Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Lapin and the entire Stern, Lapin, Weiss and Blumenfrucht families.

...to Moish and Leah Levy on the engagement of their grandson, Tzvi Hersh Spaeth and on the birth of a great grandson, born to Fraidel and Binyomin Sholler.

PLEASE NOTE

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

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Tamima and Simcha Klerer.

REQUEST OF THE GABBAIM-KADDISH

The Gabbaim request that all those who recite Kaddish gather around the Bimah to recite each kaddish. This will allow kaddish to be said and answered in unison as befits the sanctity of this most important and meaningful tefillah. Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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 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.

CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS

The Board has approved the following Committee Chairpersons for the next two years. Please contact them to make suggestions, answer questions or, better yet, join a Committee and improve our collective Shul experience.

Standing Committees

House Committee – Leslie Ney
 Membership Committee – Brian Allen
 Activities Comm. – Harold (Heshy) Granek
 Youth Committee – Lyndon Goldsmith

Food Committee – Moish Wiesel
 Ritual Committee – Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Special Committees

O.T. Website – Evan Orgel
 Fundraising – Moshe Schneider
 Adult Education – Moshe Sherman and Barbara Kessel
 Cemetery – Alan (Boomie) Chopp
 Davening – Robert Kreitman and Avi Tobias

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISHMAR PROGRAM

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

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

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.

ORTHODOX FORUM

On Motzei Shabbat March 8, the Orthodx 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.

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.

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

Admission is free, and the event is chaired by Dr. Ira Krumholtz.

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 recently authored 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.

RABBI URI ZOHAR

The Edison - Highland Park Community Warmly Welcomes World Renowned Leader of the Baal T'shuvah Movement HoRav Uri Zohar Shlit"a Member of the Presidium of Lev L'achim in Eretz Yisroel. Lecturer & Author of the Best-Selling Autobiography 'Waking up Jewish' and 'My Friends, We were robbed'. An Oneg Shabbos will take place in his honor at the home of Moshe & Zehava Feuer 332 North 8th Avenue - Edison This Friday Evening, Parshas VaYakhel 24 Adar Aleph, February 29th beginning at 9:15pm. Men & Women are welcome

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

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. 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.

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).

AHAVAS ACHIM INFORMATION

WEDNESDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. - FREE LECTURES YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!

1. The world was created in a Purposeful Way Rambam Maimonides Great codifier and Philosopher.....March 5
 2. The Creation of Light according to a novel explanation of the Midrash.....March 12
- Dr. Meir Buzaglo is a lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at the Hebrew University. He received a B.S. in Mathematics, Physics and Philosophy of Science ("Cum Laude") an M.S. in Mathematics ("Cum Laude") and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Hebrew University.

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.

WOMEN'S 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
When: Tuesday, March 4, 2008
Time: 8:30 PM
Where: 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. Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested...we are in the

process of building our email database. This program is made possible through an endowment by the Pfeffer and Reinitz families in memory of Faigie Reinitz, z"l.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, March 2 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, March 3 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, March 4 at 9:15AM 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, March 5 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

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 Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Pekude

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| • Candlelighting | 5:38 PM |
| • Mincha | 5:45PM |

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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.
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