



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Bo

5 Shevat 5768

January 12, 2008

Candlelighting:	4:32PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos:	4:40PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:42AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 3:40 PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:25 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Josh Rapps</i>	
Maariv:	5:35 PM
<u>Weekday Shacharis:</u>	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thur:	6:17, 7:05, 8 AM
<i>Talis & Tefilin: 6:22 Mon & 6:21 Thur.</i>	
Tue, Wed & Fri:	6:30, 7:05 & 8AM
<u>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</u>	4:40 PM
<u>Weekday Maariv:</u>	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM Monday.</i>	
<u>WINTER DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</u>	
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, 16th & 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.

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.

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>

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available by contacting Barry Siegel at siegeldad@optonline.net or 732-572-4408.

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 Shayna and Craig Prupis on the aufruf this Shabbos (Hashkoma), and marriage this Sunday, of their son Yaacov to Hila Cassel of Great Neck. Mazel Tov to Hila's parents, Reuven Cassel and Drora Cassel and to the grandparents, Robert and Marion Freeman and Robert and Gloria Prupis.

...to Honey and Max Wisotsky on the birth of a grandson to their children Susan and Dan Wisotsky in Clifton, N.J.

...to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the birth of their granddaughter Sara Tehillah to their children Aviva and Don Shiman.

...to Susie and Hillel Raymon on the engagement of their daughter Yael to Shai Stahl of Brooklyn. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rebbitzin Hannah Raymon and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gottdiener, to Shai's parents, Debbie and Lenny Stahl and to both families.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the Gerszberg Family to commemorate the 20TH Yahrzeit of their father Shep Gerszberg, Z"L.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Miriam and Michael Rabinowitz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Michael's Father David Rabinowitz Z"L.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Congregation Ohr Torah welcomes new members:

- Leonard and Janice Staller and family.

RPRY TORAH DEDICATION

The Gerszberg family invites the entire shul to attend a Hachnasat Sefer Torah ceremony on Sunday, Jan 13th when the family dedicates a Sefer Torah to RPRY. The completion of the torah will be from 9:30AM to 11AM at Ohr Torah. The procession from Ohr Torah to RPRY will be followed by a Seudat Mitzvah in RPRY at 11:00 AM.

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.

TUESDAY TEHILLIM

The weekly recitation of Tehillim on Tuesday nights in the Beis Medrash was initiated five years ago as our response to the intifada, 9/11, as well as to the many people in our community who are seriously ill. Unfortunately, participation has dwindled in recent months, with often only 2 or 3 people participating. The needs of Klal Yisrael and our own community are as great as they ever were – please help us keep this worthy tradition alive in our shul - 9:50 PM on Tuesdays, followed by Maariv at 10:10 PM.

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.

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 57 of the new Teen Minyan Chumash/Siddur have been dedicated, just 43 more to go.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Debbie Schneider's father Emanuel Libin Z"L

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-Even-Hen family in memory of Elisheva & Mordechai Yehudah Finkelstein Z"L
 -Even-Hen family in memory of Penina & Aharon Goldenberg Z"L
 -Even-Hen family in memory of Malka & Shlomo Mayer Brandsdorfer Z"L
 -Even-Hen family in memory of Alexander Figula Z"L
 -Even-Hen family in honor of Raizel Figula
 -Lyndon & Lois Goldsmith in memory of Barry Siegel's father Irving Mazer Z"L
 -Lyndon & Lois Goldsmith in memory of Debbie Schneider's father Emanuel Libin Z"L
 -Lyndon & Lois Goldsmith in honor of Andrew Freedman
 -Lyndon & Lois Goldsmith in honor of Gerald Weisfogel
 -Allen & Barbara Kessel in memory of Debbie Schneider's father Emanuel Libin Z"L
 -Allen & Barbara Kessel in memory of Gedalia Reiss's father Rabbi Phillip Reiss Z"L

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 Kosofsky 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

EMUNAH ART AUCTION

This Motzei Shabbos, Jan. 12th Annual Emunah ART SHOW/AUCTION at Ohr Torah. Decorate

your house with beautiful art as you support our brothers and sisters in Israel- and have an exciting evening to boot! It's a no-lose proposition.

THE ORTHODOX FORUM OF EDISON/HP

Announces the Winter 2008 Schedule
 Motzei Shabbat January 12, 2008 at 7:45pm
 Congregation Ohr Torah – 48 Edgemont Rd.
 Edison, NJ YOSEF PRAGER Session Chair: Rabbi David Moss "High Cost of Jewish Living"
 Motzei Shabbat February 9, 2008 at 8:00pm
 Cong. Ahavas Achim – 216 South First Ave. HP, NJ
 Rabbi Elazar Teitz/ Esther Mackner Session Chair: Debbie Teitz "The Agunah Crisis".
 The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts sponsorships of \$100-\$200. Please send your tax deductible check, made out to Congregation Ohr Torah Gemach Fund, to Henry Lerner, 1 Celler Rd., Edison, NJ 08817 For more info contact Joel Paul at JHPaul@earthlink.net. The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park. Chairperson: Dr. Mark Kligman

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.

ACTT says THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT January 5th event with Rabbi Wasser so successful and meaningful! Please save Saturday night, March 1, 2008 for the Community-Wide gathering and Bitachon Module kickoff event. More details to follow. Volunteers are needed for fundraising, mailings, chizuk, maintaining the web site, and, of course, people with new ideas about how to improve on what we already have. To volunteer, e-mail phil@actt613.org. For more info, please see the ACTT web-site: www.actt613.org or call (732) 993-5376.

RJJ HALACHA SERIES

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

JR NCSY EVENTS

If you have not signed up for membership yet, you can sign up online at www.njnycsy.com Membership is mandatory to attend any shabbaton but not an event. For more info please call Phil Hernandez at 609-647-6842 or Moshe Stern at 732-777-1325 or check us out online.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Megillas Eichah, Sunday morning, January 13 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. Class will not be held on Monday evening, January 14. Classes are for women only. For more information, 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 15 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, January 16 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.

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 Beshallah

- Candlelighting 4:40 PM
- Mincha 4:50 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.



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