



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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### CONGREGATION OHR TORAH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ohr Torah is having a current membership drive. We would like to invite all those who attend the Shul often, to become full or associate members and to officially join Ohr Torah in partnership. Likewise, if you are an associate member and would like to become a full member, please consider upgrading. Please contact Brian Allen, Allen Kessel, or Yoel Schwartz.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Ruth and Marc Kalton on the aufruf of their son Ari, and his forthcoming marriage to Aliza Goldofsky of Jamica Estates. Mazel Tov to the entire Kalton and Goldofsky families.

...to Rifky and Jack Atkin on the engagement of their son Meir to Chana Tova Cassell of Columbus, Ohio.

...to Rona and Seymour Kessel on the engagement of their daughter Elana to Jeremy Erez of New York. Mazel Tov to Jeremy's parents Joy Ann and Mendy Erez, to grandparents Mrs. Sima Kessel and Bennett Koppelman, to aunt and uncle Barbara and Allen Kessel, and to the entire Kessel, Koppelman and Erez families.

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Ruth and Marc Kalton in honor of Ari's aufruf.

### UPCOMING SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE – SAVE THE DATE

Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom of Los Angeles will be Scholar in Residence at Congregation Ohr Torah next Shabbat - June 27/28.

Rabbi Etshalom, whose first book, "Between the Lines of the Bible" was published by Yashar Books in 2006, chairs the Bible Dept at Yeshiva University HS of Los Angeles (YULA). His ability to reach out to all ages and share his passion for Jewish learning has enriched many lives. He is also an accomplished storyteller, radio host and songwriter.

You have four opportunities to hear this fascinating thinker and speaker:

- a FRIDAY NIGHT tish at the Kessel HOME (18 Harrison St)
- Shabbos morning drasha at Ohr Torah,
- OT's Perek on the Lawn at the home of the Mondrows, 25 Marshall Drive.
- Seudah shlishit between (early) Mincha and Maariv.

Don't miss this fascinating speaker!

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a General Membership Meeting Tuesday June 24th at 8:30PM. Agendas have been mailed.

### PEREK ON THE LAWN

Ohr Torah's Perek on the Lawn series continues this Shabbos, June 21, 2008, at the home of Lani and Alan Kaye, 7 Opatut Court. The shiur, led by Dr. William Gewirtz, will begin promptly at 5:00 pm and is open to all men and women. The shiur will be followed by a light snack. We hope to see you there.

### CONDOLENCES

...to Jack Mensch on the passing of his father. The levaya will take place on Sunday at Gutterman's Funeral Home 175 N. Long Beach Rd in Rockville Center, Long Island at 1pm. Shiva will be announced.

May Hashem provide comfort to the family among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

### SEFORIM DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY

Rabbi Luban's before Mincha Shabbat Shiur is finishing Gemara Yuma and starting Megillah. OT has ordered 15 new volumes of Megillah for this Shiur. If you would like to sponsor any of these 15 Gemaras, at \$18 per volume, please inform Barry Siegel or Arnie Lustiger.

### GET YOUR TORAH TAPE LIBRARY CARDS!

Time to register for your GENUINE PERSONAL bar coded Torah Tape Library Card. You too can have your very own card to use at the GALA reopening [yes refreshments too!] of the library [coming soon]. You can register at [HTTP://RVTTL.COMPUGENE.COM](http://rvttl.compugene.com)

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### REMINDER TO THE COMMUNITY

Please remind the congregants to follow safety rules when walking in the street at night. It is important to wear a reflective vest if walking in the street.

#### ERUV INSPECTOR NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to check the portion of the eruv on River Road between Raritan Avenue and the railroad trestle. Please contact Israel Rivkin.

#### NIGHTLY TEHILLIM BY PHONE

You can join the women and girls of Edison/ HP in a nightly tehillim gathering and a halacha on Shemiras Halashon 8:45-8:55 PM punctually, as a zechus for a refua sheleimah for a member of our community. Dial 401-694-1602 followed by PIN # 18, and press the mute button on your phone.

#### FAIGIE REINITZ z"l

#### MEMORIAL WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Please join the women of the Highland Park and Edison communities for the fourth shiur of the Faigie Reinitz z"l Memorial Women's Study Group... "Fathers, Mothers...and Jugglers! Balancing it All...and Doing it Well!"

Speaker: Rabbi Motti Miller

When: June 24, 2008

**Candlelighting:** 8:13PM  
**Plag Mincha:** 6:00PM  
**Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos:** 7:00 & 8:20PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45 & 9:00 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur – after Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:13AM  
**Early Mincha:** 1:45 PM  
**Kollel Learning Seder** 4-6 PM  
**Kollel Mincha** 6 PM  
 Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 7:20 PM

**Mincha:** 8:05 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Zev Saffer – (Elon Moreh)*

**Maariv:** 9:15 PM

#### Weekday Shacharis:

**Sun** 7:15, 8 & 9AM

**Mon. & Thur.** 6:20, 7:05 & 8 & 9AM

**Tue, Wed. & Fri.** 6:30, 7:10 & 8 & 9AM

*Please note: Now that school is out there will be an additional 9am daily shacharis minyan.*

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 8:20PM

**Weekday Maariv:** 10:10 PM

*Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur cancelled for the summer  
 Tuesday Tehillim 9:50*

#### DAF YOMI SUMMER SCHEDULE

**Monday-Thur:** starting at 7:30 and stopping for Mincha and Maariv and finishing after Maariv.

**Fri:** After 1<sup>st</sup> Minyan,

**Shabbos:** 1 hour before Mincha

**Sunday:** After 8 AM Shacharis

#### BARUCH HABA

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 June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408.

#### HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeju@gmail.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**

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

[shelley.schoenfeld@cmpmedica.com](mailto:shelley.schoenfeld@cmpmedica.com) to register.

Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested...we are in the process of building our email database. This program is funded through an endowment by the Pfeffer and Reinitz families in memory of Faigie Reinitz, z"l.

#### **ACTT**

The ACTT web-site contains the audio of the 12 shiurim from the first 2 years of the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org), see the ACTT web-site: [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), or 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.

#### **KEREN KOL KALLAH**

Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Keren Kol Kallah has one main fund-raiser, a gala Sheitel Sale. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. Last year's sale raised over \$60,000!! Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. For more info, please see the web site: [www.geocities.com/kerenkolkallah](http://www.geocities.com/kerenkolkallah) or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net)

#### **FEDERATION DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY**

Last Sunday (Father's Day) was the official launch date for the Greater Middlesex Jewish Community Study, facilitated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County. This analysis will identify unmet needs, anticipate trends and help our service providers strategically meet the needs of Jewish residents. Calls to 20,000 residents of Middlesex County will be anonymous and randomly selected. While the study is spearheaded and funded by Federation, synagogues, agencies and Jewish organizations will have access to all results (all 800 slides will be available online). Local residents have been hired to make the calls.

**Please answer the phone if called!!!! The demographer estimates that every hang-up costs our community \$50. Your response will direct future services.**

Feel free to contact the Federation with any questions or comments at (732) 432-7711 ext. 24 or [lsafran@jf-gmc.org](mailto:lsafran@jf-gmc.org)

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Got Blood? Donate today! Give the gift of life! The Highland Park First Aid Squad will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, June 22nd 2008. Please join us between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM, at the Highland Park Senior / Youth Recreation Center 220 South Sixth Avenue. You must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds (or more), and be in general good health. All donors must have a photo ID to be eligible to donate. Appointments are strongly recommended!

#### **JEWISH FEDERATION ANNOUNCES JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE TRENTON THUNDER**

The Trenton Thunder is hosting a Jewish Heritage Night on Thursday, July 10. Prior to the game, at 6PM, there will be a concert by the Jewish rock band Blue Fringe. The game starts at 7:05 PM and will be followed by fireworks. There will be a section of the ball park for the Middlesex County Jewish Community. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased by contacting the Federation office at 732-432-7711. Order forms are also available. Info is also available on the Federation's website, [JewishMiddlesex.org](http://JewishMiddlesex.org).

#### **WOMEN'S PIRKEI AVOS SHIUR**

Reenas Bais Yaakov is pleased to invite the Highland Park/Edison community to a lecture on Pirkei Avos given by the incoming Menahel, Mrs. Chaya Leah Edelman. The lecture, for women only, will be given this Shabbos, Parshas Shelach, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave, at 6:15pm.

#### **REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES**

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not be having classes Sunday, June 22 and Monday, June 24. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net) or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com)

#### **MRS. MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASSES**

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume in the fall. For more info, please call Azriella 732-985-7613 or Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

Hours are Sun-Thurs 9-11pm. Friday night by appointment only. SATURDAY NIGHTS through June, the mikvah will be open from 10pm until 11:30pm. YOU MUST ARRIVE AND LEAVE DURING REGULAR MIKVAH HOURS. Fee \$15. Out of Hours: an additional \$20 fee. Call 732-249-2411.

#### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

For info, go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org), or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRV@verizon.net](mailto:ENRV@verizon.net) or 732-819-8651.

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

#### **Parshas Korach**

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| • Candlelighting          | 8:14 PM     |
| • Plag Mincha             | 6:00 PM     |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 7 & 8:20 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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net) Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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.