



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Yitro

Candlelighting:	4:48PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos:	4:55PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:41AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 4PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:45 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Yossi Struach (siyum)</i>	
Maariv:	5:55 PM
<u>Weekday Shacharis:</u>	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thur:	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue, Wed & Fri:	6:30, 7:05 & 8AM
<u>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</u>	4:55 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</i>	
<i>Monday. TOPIC: Shmittah and the Heter Mechira</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, & 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.

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4072 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.

19 Shevat 5768

SHLOSHIM MEMORIAL

Phyllis & Gedalia Reiss invite everyone to a Shloshim Memorial for Rabbi Phillip H. (Feivel) Reiss Z"L. Sunday Night, January 27th at 6PM Congregation Bnai Israel 3190 Bedford Ave. (Between Avenue J & K) Brooklyn, New York.

PHONETREE UPDATE

Phonetree, the system which powers the OT calls to your homes for funeral announcements, important shul and community announcements etc. now has EMAIL capability. Conventional calling can take 4 or more hours to go thru the entire shul list. If you wish to get messages more quickly by email in addition to the usual phone message, please send your email address to phonetree@ohrtorah.net. Please include your name in the body of the email with your email address. Without your name, your email address cannot be added to the system. The deadline is February 15th. All attempts will be made to send announcements via email, however, we cannot commit that every phone message will have a corresponding email.

PRAYER FOR

ISRAELI SOLDIERS PROJECT

Ohr Torah would like to thank the following volunteers for helping place the Prayer for Israel Soldiers, Zahal & US Government on the back cover of every Siddur within OT.

Organizers: Rabbi Luban, Billy Gewirtz, Robert Kreitman and Barry Siegel
Label Placers: Moshe & Yaakov Siegel, Arie, Josh & Naama Schwartz, David Diament, Matan Krasner, Adam Baruch, Benji Goldsmith, Danny Stein, Herb Enger, Ari Leitman & Barry Siegel

Please check the back cover of your siddur, If these Tefillot are not properly placed on the back inside cover of your siddur, please separate this siddur for Barry Siegel or Harvey Atlas to relabel.

PLEASE COOPERATE

To facilitate the Siddurim labeling, all bench & seat wells (that is the storage under each seat) in the main Shul were checked for Siddurim. We expected to find some Siddurim & Chumashim. We were dismayed to find Library Seforim and Machzorim left or hidden under the seats. The Shul has a policy that Seforim should not be removed from our library. In addition to it being inappropriate to keep Seforim privately

stashed away, there were some Seforim that were hidden away that other members were looking for. Please return all library Seforim to their proper shelves when done.

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 on Friday, February 22, 2008 (following Ma'ariv). There will be food, drink, zmiros, and programming for children. Please watch for your invitation this week and remember to register early!

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION EDISON RESIDENTS

There is an Edison townhall meeting with Mayor Choi on Thursday January 31st 7pm at the John Marshall School. Any Edison resident who has any issues with the town, neighborhood or your street: ex. taxes, streets needs repaving, snow removal or your street needs some type of speed reduction (speed bumps or stop signs), this is the meeting for you. The John Marshall School is located at 15 Cornell St, off Suttons Lane on the way to the Edison train station.

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.

RABBI TEITZ is a prominent member of the rabbanut of Elizabeth and also the dean of the schools of the Jewish Educational Center. He has a Ph.D. in mathematics and has taught this subject at Rutgers University. Rabbi Teitz has been a mesader gittin since 1984 and has participated in close to 1000 gittin.

ESTHER MACNER received her B.A. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, her

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is in the Beis Medrash Chazzon's shulchan.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION

M.A. from J.T.S., and her J.D. from Cardozo Law School. She is also licensed to practice law in the State of Israel. Ms. Macner served in the Kings County District Attorney's Office and as the Senior Trial Attorney in the Domestic Violence Bureau. Her primary focus has been Divorce and Family Law. She practices in various rabbinic courts in Monsey, Brooklyn and NYC. She is currently creating a program to train Orthodox Jewish attorneys to practice in the rabbinic courts of New York.

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 Kosoffsky 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

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.njnscsy.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.njnscsy.com

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S

WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzzen Eichenstein will not be having classes this week: Sunday, Jan 27 and Monday, Jan 28. 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 not be having classes this week: Tuesday morning, Jan 29 and Wednesday, Jan 30. For more information, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613 or 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 Lansley at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Mishpatim

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| • Candlelighting | 4:57 PM |
| • Mincha | 5:05 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.