



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Acharei Mos-Kedoshim

8 Iyar 5769

May 2, 2009

Candlelighting:	7:35PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00 PM
Early Mincha:	7:00 PM
Mincha:	7:45PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:25AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
NOTE START OF KOLLEL MINCHA:	
Kollel Mincha	6:00 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 6:40 PM</i>	
Mincha:	7:30 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Danny Ravitz (siyum)</i>	
Maariv:	8:40 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue, Wed & Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	7:45 PM
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Beis Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)</i>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
Monday -Thursday- 7:15PM and continues after maariv. Friday - after kabolos shabbos.	
If there are two minyanim, after the first minyan. Shabbos - one hour before mincha Sunday- after 8 am shacharis.	

MAZEL TOV

...to Eugene Wasserman on having completed Shas for the first time when finishing Bava Kama.

...to Laura and Jesse Mintz on the birth of a son, this past Shabbos, to their children Norma and Yaakov Mintz.

...to Marcia and Paul Pheffer on the birth of a son to their children Miriam and Yomi Greenstein. The Shalom Zachor is at the Greenstein Home, 174 Central Ave. Edison at 9:15 on Friday Night.

...to Lori and Leslie Ney on the birth of a son to their children Aviva and Jeff Ney. Mazel Tov to Aunt Judy and great grandmother Klara Katz.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is being sponsored by the Ravitz Shabbos Learning Chevrá.

KOLLEL MINCHA STARTS

THIS SHABBOS

Note start of Kollel mincha, 6PM this Shabbos.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRUIT TREE BRACHA

The annual Bracha on flowering fruit trees is posted on the apple tree at 401 North Eighth Avenue (corner of Fairhill).

EDISON PRIMARY ELECTION

June 2nd is primary day in Edison. All eligible voters are urged to go to the polls. Registration forms and absentee ballots are in the Shul lobby. **The last day for voter registration is May 12.** For further information, see Israel Rivkin or Jonas Waizer.

EMERGENCY PARNOSAH INITIATIVE - Employment Network of Raritan Valley

Free job networking session: Wednesday, May 13th at Cong. Ahavas Achim in Highland Park. It's an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear about job leads, and share ideas, resources and information. Be prepared to present a 20-30 second elevator pitch on your experience and bring about 20 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30 pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10 pm. Guest speaker: Kevin Shulman, a nationally known speaker on sales, negotiating, networking, prospecting, recruiting and management strategies, will provide tips for effective networking. For more information, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net. Please help. If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the info to enrv@verizon.net. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

NORPAC

Local Orientation/training session--Sat. night May 16 at Cong. Ohr Torah 9:45-10:45 (i.e. you do not have to go to Englewood). Our 2 buses are full. One bus will leave from OT and the other from AA. Please watch your email in the days prior to the mission to find out on which bus your group will leave. Talking points will be emailed prior to the mission. Shacharis davening at both shuls will be at 5:45 am. Bus departure at 6:30 sharp. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided and all meals are glatt kosher. We are taking a waiting list for openings due to cancellations. If we have an additional 20-25 people we will add a third bus. Rates are now \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133.

MAYHS ANNUAL DINNER

MAYHS Annual Dinner, Sunday, May 17, 2009 5:30 p.m. at Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison. Guests of Honor: Leah and Avshalom Nagar of Deal in addition we will be: Paying Tribute to the New Academic Administration and Celebrating the Bar Mitzvah Year of the Boys' Division For more info or to place an ad in the Journal, call (732) 613-7460 or e-mail adjournal@mayhs.org

CHARITY FOOD COLLECTION

We will be collecting unopened Pesach and Chameitz food to be distributed to the local poor. Canned goods, Matza, etc. food can be dropped off at 37 Brookfall Road, Edison -Elise and Eddie Schechter. We will collect food until May 2, 2009

ACCT EVENT

Save the date! Sunday, May 24, 2009 - Community-wide event sponsored by the ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) organization - the first kickoff event of the 4th year of the ACTT program. Guest speaker, Rabbi BenTzion Shafier of The Shmuz, www.theshmuz.com will be discussing "Bitachon and Emunah - Understanding the Difference" at 80 PM at Cong Ahavas Achim. (Mincha at 7:45 PM; Maariv following the program). Admission is free. Sponsors at \$36, \$50, and \$100 are needed. Please write your check to "Cong 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.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Due to unforeseen circumstances Rabbi Menachem Fruman has had to cancel his visit to our area this coming Shabbat. He regrets the short notice and The Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors regret any inconvenience this may cause.

SUPPORT GROUP

For Parents & Grandparents Of Children with Special Needs

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 May 23rd & 2nd day of Shavous. 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.

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at ludeeju@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**

May 13, 2009 7:30 PM The support group will be facilitated by Mr. Chaim Spero Executive Director of a Parent Speaks Support Group will be held at: Challenge Early Intervention Center 649 39th Street Brooklyn On-site parking available RSVPs helpful but not necessary RSVP to motivation@aparentspeaks.org Support Group is a project of A Parent Speaks. A Parent Speaks is not affiliated with Challenge Early Intervention Center. Special thanx to Challenge Intervention Center for the use of their facility. For more info please call 1-877-99-PARENT

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Yisroel Hoffman's Choshen Mishpat Hilchos Dayanim shiur takes place Wednesday nights at the Agudath at 8:30 pm. To download previous shiurim, please visit <http://csisol.com/shiurim.aspx>

MAZAL SHIDDUCH GROUP

Please email Sharon at Shcl18@aol.com to request a form and to find out the location.

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

The OT Keylim Mikvah will be open Sunday Mornings from 9AM to 12 Noon. Please make sure to leave the area clean and neat.

REBBETZIN EICHENSTEIN'S NAVI CLASS

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, May 3 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, May 4 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at sieqelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

MRS. MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, May 6 at 9:15AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St., Highland Park. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS:

Women's 'Amen' group will continue to meet this Sunday at 9:45 AM upstairs in the office at Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. Please note the group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira, Fruma Sarah Bas Devorah Rachel, and the other Cholim on community lists and individual's

requests. Looking for women to say Shir Hashirim (*in your own home*) this Friday night after light bentchen. Please contact E.J. Berman at EJPartyworks@aol.com. If you would like to be included in a challah baking segullah for this coming Shabbos on Thursday night or Friday (hafrasha should be done Thursday night after dark or Friday) please contact E.J. at the above e mail address. It should be in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. Remember to please say a tefillah for Menachem Mordechai when you do the hafrasha AND when the dough is being kneaded. It could be your own personal tefillah or tehillim.

ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR CHIZUK HOT LINE

A Parent Speaks Is happy to announce the establishment of our CHIZUK HOT LINE. The purpose of this hot line is to provide parents and family members of special needs children the chizuk/ support needed to get through those difficult moments. The hot line is manned by parents and family members who have gone through similar moments and are here to support you. Please note that the hot line is not manned by medical professionals or therapist and is intended only to be there as a support mechanism. The hot line is manned from after Shabbos CST until 3PM CST on Friday. The hot line is now up and running and available to assist you. HOT LINE 1-877-99-PARENT

YIEB SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

The Young Israel of East Brunswick is proud to announce a Scholar in Residence Program featuring Rabbi Moshe Meir Weiss being held on Shabbat Emor, May 8th and 9th. Rabbi Weiss will be speaking throughout Shabbat and at a Melaveh Malkah on Motzei Shabbat. For Shabbat hospitality please contact Steve Moskowitz at (732) 616-8999 or smoskowitz1@verizon.net. The entire community is invited to attend the Melaveh Malkah. Suggested Donation is \$10. Rabbi Weiss will be selling his books and tapes at the Melaveh Malkah as well. For more info, please contact the Young Israel of East Brunswick at 732-254-1860.

CHUG IVRIT

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, May 10, at 11 am at a Highland Park area home. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. You do not need to be a member of Hadassah to attend. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story. For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net.

JR NCSY INFO

-Want to stay updated with Jr. NCSY? Join our mailing list! Updates go out as often as we get them, so please email jrnscyhp@gmail.com with your child's name, grade and school. Any questions on any of the above announcements or anything having to do with Jr. NCSY, please contact Chana Lustiger at 908-209-1820 or Tzvi Hametz at 732-991-2252 night

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sun-Thur nights, 9-11pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPT ONLY. Saturday night, May 2 and May 9, the mikvah opens at 9:30PM. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Emor

Candlelighting	7:42 PM
Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos	7:00 & 7:50 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.

Sof davar...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim and Amoraim: Chananya bar Chamah

Born in Bavel, Chananya was the student of the distinguished Rav Hamnuna. But he soon left for Eretz Yisroel where he became the *talmid muvhak* of R. Yehuda haNassi. It was in Israel that he earned the enviable reputation of being a master in the field of *agada*. Now it was not uncommon for Antoninus, the governor of Judea, to meet with the leader of the Jews, Chananya's teacher, R. Yehuda haNassi. At these meetings Antoninus insisted on privacy. On one occasion Chananya was present and Antoninus demanded an explanation. R. Yehuda explained that he was not a person; he was a *malach*, an angel (I wonder if he fell for it). Though originally poor, Chananya became very rich through the production and sale of honey. This permitted him to fulfill his dream of serving his community without pay. (*kardom lachpor ba*). He also entered the field of medicine and became a doctor of some note. Even as a physician it is said he accepted no fees. Yet in spite of all his good works the residents of his town of Tziporei (Sephoris) did not take kindly to him because he was constantly giving them *mussar*, always exhorting them to be more pious. Once a plague of pestilence struck a wide area but somehow did not affect Chananya's neighborhood. He took this as a sign that the people in his neighborhood did in fact accept his *mussar* while others did not. On another occasion a severe drought struck the area, including Tziporei. They called on R. Yehoshua ben Levi whose *tefilos* were believed to be successful in bringing rain. It did not work because, Chananya declared, the people do not readily accept *tochachah*, warnings to improve their religious lives. He loved Israel and believed that once you were there you could not leave the land. He vehemently disliked *machlokess*, baseless disputes, and did what he could to avoid them. In spite of his townspeople's unhappiness with his *mussar*, they respected and honored him greatly. And when he passed away many wore their best shabbat garments and tore them as their expression of their great sorrow at his passing and of their love for their famous leader, Chananya ben Chamah.