



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Allen Kessel - President**

*Parshas Beha'alotecha*

21 Sivan 5769

June 13, 2009

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>8:10PM</b>
<b>Plag Mincha:</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Early Mincha:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>8:20PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45 and 9:00AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:12AM</b>
<b>Early Mincha:</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>
<i>Kollel Learning Seder 4-6 PM</i>	
<b>Kollel Mincha</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur 7:15 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>8:05 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: R. Benjy Kramer</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>9:15 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon &amp; Thur</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05, 8 AM</b>
<b>Tue, Wed, Fri.</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>8:20 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>10:10 PM</b>
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (respona)</i>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
Friday - after kabolos shabbos. for the first minyan. Shabbos - one hour before mincha	
<b>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
Monday -Thursday at 7:45pm	
other times as per usual....	

### MAZEL TOV

... to Gail and Billy Bogner on the birth of a son to their children Dina and Dan Heiss. Mazel Tov to grandmother Dr. Nelia Heiss and the entire Bogner and Heiss families. Shalom Zachor at Ohr Torah, Friday night at 9:30 PM.

...to Marsha and Jay Shulman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zachary Aaron this Shabbat at RPRY. Mazel Tov to the entire Shulman family.

...to Lani and Allan Kaye on the birth of a daughter to their children Talya and David Kaye. Mazel Tov to the entire Kaye family.

...to Rhoda and Joel Paul on behalf of Rhoda's daughter Jordanna's forthcoming marriage next Sunday, June 21, in Ottawa, to Rabbi Meir Lipschitz of Oceanside.

...to Nechama and Mike Samel on the birth of a daughter, Devorah Ahuva, to their children Lillian and Zevy Samel. Mazel Tov to the entire Samel family.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is being sponsored by Bonnie and Motty Schwartz and family to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Bonnie's father, Max Kletter, Meyer ben Yehudah Aryeh, A"H.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE VAAD HARABONIM

Due to the dramatic increase in diagnosed cases of Swine Flu in our community, the Rabbonim ask those with flu-like symptoms not to attend shul this Shabbos, in order to protect others from exposure. In the zechus of our care and thoughtfulness, may the Ribono Shel Olam bring a Refuah Sheleimah to all Cholei Yisroel.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a General Membership Meeting on Tuesday June 23, 2009 at 8:45 PM. Agendas were mailed.

### PEREK ON THE LAWN

Ohr Torah's Perek on the Lawn series continues this Shabbos, June 13, 2009, at the home of David Matthew and Didi Deitcher, 9 Olden Rd. The shiur will be led by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe, will begin promptly at 5:30 pm and is open to all men and women. The shiur will be followed by a light snack. We hope to see you there.

### ATTENTION PARENTS:

Message from our Youth Director  
All parents are reminded to please ensure that your children are in one of

four places at 10 AM every Shabbat...

- \* Children under 3 in the babysitting room (Room 1)
  - \* Children in grades N- 1 in the classroom (Room 2)
  - \* Children in grades 2-6 in the OT Beis Medrash for Junior Congregation
  - \* Children in grades 7 and above in the RPRY Beis Medrash for Teen Minyan.
- Of course, children are always welcome to daven in Shul. However, no children are permitted to wander in Shul hallways or OT or RPRY property unsupervised while Shul is in progress. Several of our children have been spotted playing ball on the RPRY blacktop on Shabbat morning in lieu of davening.

It is imperative that we send the right message to our children that the #1 reason we come to Shul on Shabbat morning is to daven. Officer Williams has been instructed to check this area but he needs your help. Thank you for your cooperation. Mayer Berg.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Benjamin and Esther Even-Hen in memory of Mordechai and Elisheva Finklestein and Aharon and Penina Goldenberg Z"l.
- Russell & NITZA Adler in memory of Ira Sobel's father Morris Sobel Z"l.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RPRY 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL RAFFLE

RPRY announces its second annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. Drawing is scheduled for 6/22. Tickets are \$36 apiece or 3 for \$100. Please see the flyer for more details. For tickets please see OT contacts Josh Caplan, Leor Jerushalmy, Russell Adler, Brian Dube or Barry Siegel.

#### YESHIVA TIFERETH NAFTOLI DINNER

Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli of Central New Jersey invites the community to their 4<sup>th</sup> annual dinner to be held on June 14, 2009 at 5:30 pm. This year's worthy honorees include Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lustiger, Mr. and Mrs. Haim Baruh and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Levy. For further information, please contact Russell Adler.

#### THE MEKOR CHAIM AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

The Mekor Chaim Ambassadors program will be hosting an intimate evening of conversation with Rabbi Steinsaltz, the renowned educator and author, who will engage us in a question & answer session on the topic of The Heroism In Connecting To God In Our Daily Lives. Saturday, June 13th, 2009 10PM, At the home of Lisa & David Goldberg, 33 North Ninth Avenue Highland Park, NJ For more info and to RSVP contact Rabbi Shmuel Greene at [rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org](mailto:rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org) 732-485-7122

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<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 [ludeej@gmail.com](mailto:ludeej@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**

Suggested donation of \$100 per person \$150 per couple.

### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK RARITAN VALLEY**

For more info, go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org), or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRV@verizon.net](mailto:ENRV@verizon.net). Please help. If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the info to [enrv@verizon.net](mailto:enrv@verizon.net). Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

### **RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR**

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

### **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.

### **REBBETZEN EICHENSTEIN'S NAVI CLASS**

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, June 14 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, June 15 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. The class for post seminary girls will not be meeting on Monday evening, June 15. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408

[siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com).

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

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, June 17 at 9:15 AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St, Edison. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

### **ATTENTION WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Looking for women to say Shir Hashirim (in your own home) this Friday night after licht bentchen. Please contact E.J. Berman at [EJPartyworks@aol.com](mailto: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.

### **YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE**

A Yad Leah clothing drive will Be'ezras Hashem take place - Sunday June 28th from 9:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

Where: Location: Cong Ohav Emeth (O.E.), main entrance on Dennison Ave. thru the parking lot Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only. Shoes only in new or like-new condition. Linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, cosmetics & hair accessories are also accepted in good condition. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Men's and Boy's black hats in good condition may also be donated. Yad Leah will distribute to over 15 communities throughout Israel. An \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs. We B"H have a donor for the trucking cost for this drive. We are however looking for additional sponsors to cover more of the shipping costs to Israel. If you are able

to sponsor please contact me. Receipts will be provided by Yad Leah for the money & clothing (&/or miscellaneous items) contributed. We are looking for volunteers at the collection site to help with the bags and the paperwork. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer, please

call Mordy Brill at 732-819-8351 or e-mail at [mordb@msn.com](mailto:mordb@msn.com).

### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sun-Thurs nights, 9-11 pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPT ONLY. Saturday nights THROUGH JULY, the mikvah opens at 10 pm. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20.

### **CHUG IVRIT**

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 more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net)

### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Parshas Shelach	
Candlelighting	8:14 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	7:00 & 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.

**Sof davar...**

**by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff**

## **Tannaim and Amoraim: R. Chanina ben Dosa**

Two major personal characteristics marked the life of this first generation *tanna* who lived at the end of *bayis sheni*, R. Chanina ben Dosa. First he was unbelievably poor, and second, he was recognized as supremely honest, a true *tzaddik* in the full sense of the word. Though he was poor he did not want to accept any *tzedakah*. On Fridays he would fire up his oven to give the impression that he had food for shabbat. A troublemaker neighbor learned of this and wanted to embarrass R. Chanina and expose his ruse. So she walked in on him during the day. Miraculously, however, the oven filled with bread. Plot foiled. He was so poor that it is said that he only ate bokser all week long. One Friday afternoon he found his daughter very sad. She told him that she had used vinegar instead of oil for her shabbat lights and, obviously, it did not burn. R. Chanina assured her saying that He who said that oil should burn will now declare that vinegar shall burn, and it is said, her lights burned all the way till *motzaei shabbat*. Because of his unquestioned *tzidkus* people came to him seeking his *tefilos* on behalf of someone in dire need. The son of his colleague R. Yochanan ben Zaccai fell ill and R. Chanina was asked to offer *tefilos* on his behalf. Shortly after that he recovered. On another occasion R. Nechnia's daughter fell into a pit. R. Chanina was called upon and she was soon carried out of the pit and rescued. It was widely believed that after offering his *tefilos* R. Chanina could declare "*zeh chai, vezeh yamus*" – he shall live and he shall die! – an awesome responsibility. Once his donkeys were stolen, but because of R. Chanina's *tzidkus* the donkeys would not eat the captor's food. The thieves in exasperation finally returned them. So highly regarded was R. Chanina ben Dosa that when he passed away they declared "*posku chassidus*" – true righteousness has come to an end. You can't get a much higher honor than that.