



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Behar-Bechukotai

22 Iyar 5769

May 16, 2009

Candlelighting:	7:49PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00 PM
Early Mincha:	7:00 PM
Mincha:	7:55PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:17AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
<i>Kollel Learning Seder 4-6 PM</i>	
Kollel Mincha	6:00 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 6:50 PM</i>	
Mincha:	7:40 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: R. Shraga Silverberg</i>	
Maariv:	8:55 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:	8:00 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	
DAF YOMI	
Monday -Thursday- 7:30PM	
Friday - after kabolos shabbos. for the first minyan. Shabbos - one hour before mincha	
Sunday- after 8 am Shacharis.	

MAZEL TOV

...to Rona and Seymour Kessel on the engagement of their daughter Robin to Noam Insler of Oceanside, NY. Mazel Tov to Sandy Insler, grandparents Sima Kessel and Ben Koppelman, and the entire family.

...to Shayna and Craig Prupis on the birth of a son to their children Hila and Yaacov Prupis in Israel. Mazel Tov to Yaacov's siblings Asher, Hinda (Prupis) & Tzvi Friedman, Ruchail, & Binyamin, and to grandparents Gloria & Robert Prupis and Marion Powell & Robert Freeman.

...to Nitza and Russell Adler on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yair. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Adler and Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Shiloni, and siblings, Shoshana, Rafi, Ariel and Adina.

KIDDUSH

The Adler family invites the entire congregation to Kiddush in honor of Yair's Bar Mitzvah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is being sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Daniel and Audrey Mondrow in memory of the yahrtzeit of Danny's brother Dr. Stanley Mondrow, Shalom Aharon ben Alter Michael A"H.

BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the COT Board on Tuesday May 19, 2009 @ 8:30 PM.

KOLLEL LEARNING SEDER

The community is invited to study bechavrusah along with the Kollel between 4 and 6 PM, followed by Mincha at 6 PM.

CONDOLENCES

... to David Spiegelman on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Spiegelman, David will continue Shiva at his home, 217 South 1st Avenue, Highland Park beginning Saturday night through Monday. The telephone number there is 732-993-1454. Shacharit is 8 AM Sunday and 6:30 Monday. Mincha-Maariv is 7:50 on Sunday. *May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.*

SEFORIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Charlene and Rabbi Dr. Bernard Rosenberg in honor of their new grand-daughter Emma Feder.
 -Israel and Rebecca Rivkin in memory of Leonard Staller's mother Edith Staller Z"L
 -Brian & Sandi Dube – Thanks for donating a new Tallis to OT.

SHIUR FOR WOMEN

On Sunday morning June 7 at 10 am, Rabbanit Chana Henkin, founder of the

renowned Nishmat Seminary for Women in Israel, will give a shiur for women at Ohr Torah.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDISON PRIMARY ELECTION

June 2nd is primary day in Edison. All eligible voters are urged to go to the polls. **If you will not be in town on June 2, please vote by absentee ballot which are available in the shul lobby.** For further information, see Israel Rivkin or Jonas Waizer.

AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION

RPRY invites the entire community to "An Evening of Inspiration" commemorating the 25th yahrtzeit of Rabbi Pesach Raymon, zt"l. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Yosef Blau, President of the Religious Zionists of America. There will be a student presentation celebrating 42 years since the reunification of Yerushalayim. The program will be held at RPRY on Thursday, May 21 at 7:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

ACTT COMMUNITY WIDE 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 8PM at Cong. Ahavas Achim. (Mincha at 7:45PM; Maariv following the program). Admission is free. Sponsors at \$36, \$50, and \$100 are needed. Please write your check to "Congregation 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.

RPRY 2ND ANNUAL RAFFLE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

RPRY announces its second annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2nd & 3rd 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.

NORPAC

NORPAC update #4
 Congratulations to the community on a great response to the mission. Local orientation/training session--Sat. night May 16 at Cong. Ohr Torah 9:45-10:45. Please bring a copy of talking points (downloadable from norpac.net). Washington mission May 20---One bus will leave from OT and the other from AA. Please watch your email in the days prior to the mission for which bus your group will leave from. Talking points will be emailed prior to the mission. Shachris davening at both shuls will be at 5:45 am. Bus departure 6:

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

30 sharp. To minimize taking up parking spots please try to walk or carpool to the shul.

MAYHS ANNUAL DINNER

MAYHS Annual Dinner, Sunday, May 17, 2009 5:30pm 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

YESHIVA TIFERETH NAFTOLI DINNER

Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli of Central New Jersey invites the community to their 4th 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.

RPRY PRESENTS LECTURE

The RPRY PTA invites the entire community on Tuesday, May 19th at 8:15 p.m. at RPRY to a lecture on "Understanding Your Child's Emotional Life" given by Shera Dubitsky, a psychotherapist and clinical supervisor at Sharsheret.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Rosen family asks you to join us on Sunday, June 14 for our next blood drive. 120 Highland Ave., HP, from 9:30-3:00. Babysitting will be available, as will fresh-baked cookies (baked by the sun – weather permitting). Time-slot reservations are preferred, but walk-ins will be received with open arms (and veins). Call Heidi, Ira or Batsheva at 732-393-1018 for more info.

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.

REBBETZIN EICHENSTEIN'S NAVI CLASS

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, May 17. Parsha class will meet on Monday evening, May 18 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@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 20 at 9:15 AM

at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. For more information, 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 licht bentchen. 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 sheimah 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.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

Join Jewish National Fund as we celebrate Israel's 61st Anniversary at the Salute to Israel Parade. Sunday, May 31, 2009, New York City. JNF House Pre-Parade Breakfast and Volunteer Thank You Reception with special performance by Rick Recht. 42 East 69th Street (between Park & Madison) 9:30 AM -- 11:00 AM. Bring your filled Blue Box & meet Blue Box Bob! JNF Float 56th Street & Fifth Avenue 11:30 AM. To march with JNF, ride on the float or make a donation, RSVP by Wednesday, May 27th to Nora Figueroa, 212.879.9305 ext. 505 or nfigueroa@jnf.org Meet! Eat! March! JNF Float featuring Rock Star Rick Recht.

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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 APPOINTMENT ONLY. Saturday night, May 9 the mikvah opens at 9:30pm. Saturday nights May 16th and 23rd, it opens at 9:45pm. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20.

LOCAL ERUV

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

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING - as part of her Bat Mitzvah celebration Ronit Langer asks the entire community to recycle their old electronic appliances on Monday morning May 25th outside of RPRY from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. All plug in devices accepted. All computer hard drives will be erased. There is a \$10 fee (cash only) for TV's, all other appliances are free of charge. For more details visit www.erevival.net. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to JNF's water resources management initiative in Israel. Additional donations for JNF gratefully welcomed.

Parshas Bamidbar

Candlelighting	7: 56 PM
Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos	6:00 & 8:05 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.

Sof davar...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim and Amoraim: Chanina ben Teradyon

This third generation *tanna* began his public career in rather calm fashion. Chanina ben Teradyon lived in Sichnin, a town in the lower Galilee where he established a yeshiva and a *bet din*. In Sichnin he also established a *gemilus chasodim* fund and he also became the *gabbai* of the town's *tzedakah* fund. So well respected was he for his unquestioned integrity and honesty that R. Elazar ben Yaakov declared that every *tzedakah* fund should pattern itself after the one in Sichnin and should have someone of the likes of Chanina ben Teradyon as its administrator. Chanina is well known for his famous comment found in *pirkei avos*: Two people who are sitting together and do not share *divrei Torah* is as if they dwelled in the den of scoffers (*laitzum*). Perhaps he is even more famous for the fact that, tragically, he was one of the *asoro harugei malchus*, the ten great scholars martyred by the Romans in a most cruel fashion, whose story we read on Yom Kippur during *mussaf*. It was he who was wrapped in a *sefer torah*, had wool stuffed between the torah scroll and his body then put to the torch. His family also suffered greatly at the hands of the Romans. His wife got caught up in the tragic events of the time and was also put to death. His son participated in the rebellion against Rome and lost his life in the process. A daughter was taken by the Romans and forced into prostitution. The only *nechama* the family had was that his other daughter became a scholar of note and married a very distinguished *tanna*. You know her as Bruriah, the wife of R. Meir.