



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Bereisheit

29 Tishrei 5770

October 17, 2009

Candlelighting:	5:57PM
Mincha:	6:05 PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:56AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur 5:00PM</i>	
Mincha:	5:50PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: TBA</i>	
Maariv:	7:00 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday (Rosh Chodesh):	7:05, 8 & 9 AM
<i>Rabbi Billowitz shiur -after 8 AM Shacharis on Sunday</i>	
Mon. (Rosh Chodesh)	6:10, 7:05, & 8 AM
Tues, Wed., Fri.	6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM
Thurs.	6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	5:55 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur She'eilos Uteshuvas: Monday 9:10PM</i>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Monday -Thursday after Maariv. Friday after Maariv.	
Shabbos 1 hour before Mincha, 6:00pm. Sunday after 8am shacharis.	

yahrzeit of Moshe's father, Yehoshua ben Menachem Zev Wiesel, z"l.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Ira and Ellen Smith in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ira's father, Aryeh Leib Ben Chaim Yosef Z"L.

MAZEL TOV

...to Aviva and Barry Siegel on the engagement of their daughter, Sara to Yonason Kimmel of Brooklyn. Mazel Tov to Yonah Zev Kimmel, the entire Siegel and Kimmel families, and to the grandparents, Evelyn and Charles Rindner, and Lillian Mazer.

...to Esther and Rabbi Yehoshua Lewis on the birth of a daughter. Mazel Tov to big sisters Rina, Chana and Tehilla.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

...Mr. and Mrs. David and Tamar Rudnitzky

SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH

Yasher Koach to the following who helped make our Simchat Torah Kiddush a great success:

- Yair Adler
- Arthur Atlas
- David Kornfeld
- Marion Kornfeld
- Janice Lustiger
- David Moskovic
- Gedalia Reiss
- Barry Siegel
- Leonard Staller
- Leead Staller
- Brandon Staller
- Allan Weitz
- Jonas Waizer
- Barry Wolf

Thank you to the following sponsors who did not make it onto the sponsor list:

- Ami and Bracha Avraham
- Herb and Barbara Engel
- Lyndon and Lois Goldsmith
- Allen and Barbara Kessel
- Israel and Rebecca Rivkin

OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

Please plan on joining us Sunday, December 20, 2009 when we will give thanks and Hakaras Hatov to two outstanding couples who have and continue to do so much for our Shul:

Service Awardees

- Mimi and Charles Gershbaum

Guests of Honor

- Fran and Rabbi Shmuli Leitman

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAMS

On Sunday November 1st from 10 AM to 12:00 PM, Ohr Torah will be hosting a Childrens Shabbat Arts & Crafts Program.

We will be designing and decorating Challah boards and covers, Shabbat light switch covers, Aishet Chayil cards and Hand Washing Towel Holders with towels! In addition, a pizza lunch will be provided. All this fun for only \$18 a child!

On Motzei Shabbat November 7th at 8PM at Ohr Torah, come join us as we head to United Skates of America in Woodbridge for a fun night of roller skating and arcade games. We will return to the Shul at 11:30PM. Cost is \$20 per child which covers bus transportation to/from the facility, roller skate/blade rentals, 10 tokens for arcade games per child and snacks. Sign up for our exciting youth events at the link at ohrtorah.net or contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429 or email Mayer at mgberg@optonline.net.

OHR TORAH

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

Please join Congregation Ohr Torah for our 5th community shabbat dinner on Friday evening, November 13. Dinner will be followed by a drasha from our scholar in residence, Rabbi Paysach Krohn entitled, "Making Tefilla Meaningful". Invitations have been mailed and EARLY BIRD reservation deadline is October 30.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner in December. Please contact Barry Siegel, Charlie Gershbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Meir Berg to purchase tickets.

All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

SEFORIM NEWS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Morris & Eva Weisz in memory of Morris's brother Yaakov Z"L
- Rosemary Levine in memory of Suri Granek Z"L
- Heshy Granek and family in memory of Suri Granek Z"L
- Dr. Ira & Susan Sobel in memory of Susan's mother Fay Greenberg Z"L
- Leah Leff in memory of her grandmother Fay Greenberg Z"L

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESIVTA TIFERES JERUSALEM

The Annual Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem Melave Malka will be held on Motzei Shabbat November 7, 2009, 8PM at Ohav Emeth. The Guest of Honor will be Dr. Moshe Schneider, who will receive the Amod HaChesed Award. Hagaon Harav Reuven

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 October 31st and November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. 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.

KIDDUSH

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Feinstein, Shlita'a will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for information and reservations at (732) 246-1037.

ISRAEL BOND DINNER

The State of Israel Bonds is honoring Mendy Lerner at a dinner on October 22, 2009, 6:30 PM at Congregation Bnai Tikvah, North Brunswick, NJ. Strict Dietary Laws will be observed. For further information and reservations, please contact Henry Schanzer at 732-572-3984.

NEW GEMARA SHIUR FORMING

An early morning Gemara shiur is being formed by the HP Kollel. The shiur will be designed to refresh previously learned skills in Gemara and to advance those skills. The shiur will be given by Rabbi Tzvi Leifer of the Kollel. Those who are interested should contact the Kollel at 732-668-3546.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST

BREAST CANCER WALK

Sunday Oct. 18, 2009, Woodbridge Center Mall. Registration Begins @ 7:30am
Walk @ 9:00am. Questions?: Bobbie Engel
732-819-7842.

BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting our next blood drive on Sunday, the 21st of Marcheshvan (Nov 8), from 9:30 to 3PM at our home, 120 Highland Ave., in HP. Babysitting available and hot cookies for donors. Please contact Ira, Heidi or Batsheva to reserve a donation slot at 732-393-1018 (walk-ins are also fine).

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

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

EMUNAH

EMUNAH is joining Highland Park for their annual township-wide garage sale on Sunday, October 18, 9 am to 5 pm at the Orani home, 292 North 5th Avenue. Please look through your home and feel free to donate anything and everything (except clothes). We are looking for all sorts of items, e.g., bikes, picture frames, Judaica, etc. For drop off information which will begin Wed. Oct. 14 please call Sue Redlich (732) 558-4917. To make this event a success, we need volunteers for 2-hour time slots. Chessed hours will be given to student volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Pauline Mykoff (732) 572-0457 or Sharon Hirt (732) 777-0462.

EMUNAH's Petting Zoo is back! Children ages 2 through 8 – enjoy animals, crafts, snacks, raffles and more! Sunday, October 25 (rain date November 1), 10 am to noon at the Deitcher-Matthew home, 9 Olden Road in Edison. \$8 per child; \$25 per family or \$36 donation to include 2 raffle tickets. All proceeds will buy school supplies for disadvantaged children in Israel. For additional information contact Didi Deitcher (732) 393-0211 or Tamar Loheit (732) 993-1454.

PARLOR MEETING

Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School will be holding it's Highland Park/Edison parlor meeting on Wednesday October 28th at 8 pm at the home of Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard, 9 Fairhill Road, Edison. This will be an opportunity for 8th grade parents to meet the Principal, Rabbi Eliezer Rubin, and Assistant Principal, Rabbi Motti Miller and other members of the administration. The Open House is on Sunday November 8th at the school.

CONGREGATION ETZ ACHAIM

- Congregation Etz Ahaim presents text-based classes for women on Mesillat Yesharim (The Path of the Just). The class meets on Sunday mornings (Oct. 18) at 10am.

-Classes for the Masses at Congregation Etz Ahaim presents an eight-part series of lectures on The Secret of Success. These classes are on Wed. evenings at 8pm. Both classes are given at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Denison Street, by Rabbi David Bassous, and are open to all members of the community. For more info please call (732) 247-3839.

EMPL. NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

For more info, 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. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

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.

ISRAELI ARTISTS COME TO AHAVAS ACHIM

Ahavas Achim will be hosting artists from Israel on Motzei Shabbat, Nov 7 and all day Sunday, November 8. They will be bringing unique and one-of-a-kind creations in several different media.

For a preview of the artists and their art, go to <http://www.avi-biran.co.il/group.htm>. Please tell everyone you know about this special event open to the entire community. Attached you will find sample pictures of some of the art. More details will follow.

FRIENDS OF THE IDF

Friends of the IDF New Jersey Chapter will be having its 5th Annual IDF Tribute Dinner honoring the lone soldiers of the IDF on Saturday evening, October 24, 2009 at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel and Conference Center, East Rutherford, NJ. For more info, reservations, and/or journal ads please contact Benjamin Steward at (212) 244-3118 or Benjamin.steward@israelisoldiers.org or contact Ilean 732-651-1753.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Save the date! Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley will be having its annual Eli and Frieda Stern Memorial Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, November 15 from 9:30-11AM at Cong Ohav Emeth. Everyone in the community is invited to join us in honoring the Erev Shabbos / Erev Yom Tov food delivery squad: Atara Degani, Natana Deutsch, Chava Schein, and Fraidy Yablonsky. Admission is free. Reservations are not required. For more information, please call Diana Hakakian (732-393-0506).

WOMEN'S AMEN GROUP

-The Women's AMEN Group will be continuing to meet weekly, Sunday mornings at Congregation Ohr Torah, 1st classroom downstairs to the left of the stairway. The group will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. All women and girls are invited to join. The group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira and 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. 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 email address. It should be in the zechus of a refuah sheleimah 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.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S NAVI CLASS FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, October 18 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, October 19 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. Class for post-seminary girls on Sefer Tomer Devorah will meet on Monday evening, October 19 at 9PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes will then resume in the fall. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

MRS. MIRI COHEN'S CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, October 21 at 9:00 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613

ISRAEL MISSION

Ahavas Achim invites you to join our 8th annual Israel Mission, from January 20-31, 2010. The mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the Prima Kings Hotel, 2 nights at the Dan Panorama in Tel Aviv, 3 days of touring with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, dinners in Tel Aviv, Friday night and Shabbat lunch on both Shabbatot, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$1989 plus airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$424.40). Registration has already begun, and is available on a first come, first serve basis with a deposit of \$350 per person by October 13. To register, visit the mission website at www.arieltours.com/aamission. Questions can be directed to aamission@arieltours.com.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sat-Thurs nights, 9-11 pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please watch for new hours Nov 1st, when we go back to standard time. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS AN ADDITIONAL \$20.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Noach	
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Mincha/ Maariv	5:55 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.



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