



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Allen Kessel - President**

*Parshas Chayei Sarah*

27 Cheshvan 5770

November 14, 2009

**Candlelighting:** 4:23PM  
**Mincha:** 4:30PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45 and 9:00AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama*  
**PLEASE NOTE: Next week Parshas Toldot Hashkama Minyan will begin at 7:30AM.**  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:17AM  
**Early Mincha:** 1:30 PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 3:10 PM*

*(Please note earlier Mincha time to accommodate Scholar in Residence)*  
**Mincha:** 4:00 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos speaker: Marc Kalton siyum, followed by Rabbi Krohn upstairs*  
**Maariv:** 5:25 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sunday:** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
*Rabbi Billowitz shiur -after 8 AM Shacharis on Sunday*

**Mon., Thurs.** 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM  
**Tues., Wed.(Rosh Chod.)** 6:10, 7:05, & 8:00AM  
**Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 4:25 PM  
**Weekday Maariv** 7:30 & 10:10 PM

*Rabbi Luban's Shiur She'eilos Uteshuvos: Monday 9:10PM*  
 Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM  
**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**

Monday -Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. For the winter, Shabbos 8:15AM or after Hashkama Scharharis. Sun. after 8am 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 Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<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**

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**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 [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Rabbi Paysach Krohn  
Scholar in Residence**

Friday Oneg Shabbat 7:30 pm  
*"Making Tephilla Meaningful"*  
 Shabbat morning derasha  
*"Seven Steps to Surviving the Recession"*  
 Following Mincha at 4:00 pm  
*"Menschlichkeit - Where Have Manners Gone?"*

**BOARD MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the COT Board on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 @ 8:00 PM.

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Audrey and Danny Mondrow on the engagement of their daughter, Tziviva (Stephanie), to Michael Cooper. Mazel Tov to the entire Mondrow and Cooper Families.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAMS**

- This motzei Shabbat November 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429.  
 - On Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 12:00PM, Ohr Torah will be hosting a Childrens Shabbat Arts & Crafts Program. In addition, a pizza lunch will be provided. All this fun for only \$18 a child!

**SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
 -Jerald & Rochelle Blum in memory of Sheldon Waltuch's mother Erna Waltuch Z"L  
 -Marshall Fler D.D.S in memory of Sheldon Waltuch's mother Erna Waltuch Z"L  
 -Alan Goldberg D.D.S. in memory of Sheldon Waltuch's mother Erna Waltuch Z"L  
 -Charles & Mimi Gershbaum, in memory of Sheldon Waltuch's mother Erna Waltuch Z"L  
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Sheldon Waltuch's mother Erna Waltuch Z"L  
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of their grandfather Nachum Ben Dov Z"L  
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of their grandmother Rochel Bas Natanael Z"L  
 -Friends of the Lerner in honor of Mendy Lerner being honored by Israel Bonds  
 -Charles & Mimi Gershbaum in memory of Sharon Lowinger's father Meir Cooperberg Z"L  
 -Marion Pianko & Family in memory of Rabbi Jack Pianko Z"L  
 -Rabbi Bernhard & Charlene Rosenberg in honor of their granddaughter Emma Feder

**MISHMAR LEARNING PROGRAM**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00 pm. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles. Starting with November 6, Mishmar switches to 7:00 pm.

**YESHIVA TIFERES NAFTOLI  
BEIS MEDRASH PROGRAM**

Can't make it to the Yeshiva to learn? No problem because the Yeshiva is coming to you! Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli is proud to announce its Sunday evening learning program is open to the community. Please come join the Yeshiva and learn in a yeshiva atmosphere. The program is each Sunday night at Ohr Torah, 7:15-8:15pm followed by Maariv. For additional info, please contact Rabbi Berkowitz at the Yeshiva, 732-446-5841.

**CPR BATTERY REPLACEMENT**

The Defibrillator battery has been replaced by a generous donation from an anonymous donor. Thank you and Yasher Koach.

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING**

Please see the Ohr Torah website, [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net), for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah for members of our shul and community.

**MOSSAD HARAV KOOK**

Rabbi Sender Shizgal, executive director of Mossad HaRav Kook, will be visiting our community on Thursday, November 17. He will discuss the new seforim, both scholarly as well as a number of more popular books in English, that the Mossad will be publishing this coming year. Various opportunities exist to support this important institution while obtaining some existing and soon to be published seforim of interest. Join us at 8:30PM at 15 Celler Road. Bill Gewirtz

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FORUM ON ORGAN DONATION**

On Motzei Shabbat November 14, 8:30 PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents its first program of the year - a panel discussion on the topic of Organ Donation. Speakers will be:  
 - Robby Berman, founder and director of the Halachic Organ Donor Society  
 - Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser, lecturer, author, radio commentator, and spiritual mentor of Congregation Bais Yitzchok in Brooklyn  
 - Dr. Michael Eleff, Assistant Professor of Medicine, UMDNJ.

**RJJ ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON**

The Rabbi Jacob Joseph School of Edison New Jersey Cordially invites you to attend their Annual Ladies Luncheon In Memory of Mrs. Suri Granek ה"ע honoring Mrs. Mira Septimus Sunday, November 22nd 11AM at Cong. Ohr Torah .

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is in the Beis Medrash Chazzon's shulchan.  
PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

### **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>

### **FAMILY CHANUKAH CONCERT WITH PEY**

#### **DALID**

Ahavas Achim proudly presents an incredible, ruach-filled Family Chanukah Concert with "Pey Dalid" on Saturday Night, December 12, 7:30 p.m. at Ahavas Achim. Pey Dalid is a Jewish music group formed by three brothers, Mordechai (rhythm guitar/vocals), Shlomo (lead guitar/vocals), and Pesach Walker (drums/percussion/vocals), who incorporate rock, reggae, and many other musical genres into inspirational songs in both Hebrew and English. This will be a high-energy experience for the entire family you will not want to miss! Admission is a friendly \$10/person, as the concert is partially subsidized by a grant from the Legacy Heritage Fund. Admission will be collected at the door, on a first-come, first-served basis; no advanced ticket sales. Please join us on Friday night, December 11, for a memorable Carlebach-style Kabbalat Shabbat with Pey Dalid!

#### **KESHARIM**

Kesharim is offering a girls 10AM Sunday morning brunch study Chumay Biyun class at Rutgers. For info, call Leora 732-710-8331.

#### **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.

#### **CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS**

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having classes Sunday, November 15 and Monday, November 16. For more information, 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 ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, November 18 at 9:00 AM at the home of Ricki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

#### **WOMEN'S AMEN GROUP**

The Women's AMEN Group will be continuing to meet weekly, Sunday mornings at Cong 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](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 email 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.

#### **TEFILLAH INITIATIVE E-MAILS**

Send an e-mail to: [tefillah@actt613.org](mailto:tefillah@actt613.org), to receive the Raritan Valley Tefillah Initiative e-mails, including the very informative and inspiring V'ani Tefillah Foundation newsletter "Praying With Passion – A Weekly E-mail Newsletter Focusing on the Meaning Of The Davening".

#### **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, Nov.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 info, please call Diana Hakakian (732-393-0506).

#### **JR NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jr. NCSY would like to thank the OT community for hosting our Jrs Shabbaton last week, a huge success 110 kids from Highland Park, Teaneck, Paramus and Fairlawn had an amazing Shabbat thanks to your hospitality. Jr. NCSY would also like to officially welcome the new Highland Park advisor Gavi Lankin, were looking forward to a great year ahead.

Events – Next motzie Shabbat November 21st Jr. NCSY will be having a waffle making and movie event at OE at 7 o'clock \*FOR 6TH grade ONLY \*\*Waffles Up\*every body. Also keep in mind the NCSY lock in is quickly approaching so mark your calendars for December 5th. For any questions or comments please contact either [Jrnscsyhp@gmail.com](mailto:Jrnscsyhp@gmail.com) Tzvi Hametz at (732)-991-2252 or [Tocopow@aol.com](mailto:Tocopow@aol.com) or Gavi Lankin at (732)-406-3744

#### **CHUG IVRIT TO MEET**

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, Nov 29, at 11am at a private 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 or article. We will also do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

#### **PASSAIC CLIFTONYM-YWHA DAY CAMP REUNION**

A small group of former campers, counselors and current friends are reaching out across the globe to plan the reunion of the Passaic Clifton (NJ) YM-YWHA Day Camp. Fondly remembered as "Sid's Junkyard" after its director Sid Gilbert, the camp was run by the Passaic/Clifton YM-YWHA and for over 30 years was located on Rifle Camp Road in West Paterson. That location closed at the end of 1977, but the camp soon moved to a former Boy Scout camp in Totowa, then to Fairfield and finally in Clifton, NJ. Sections of the day camp sadly shut its doors after the 2009 season. Only Camp K'Ton Ton, Teen Adventures and Camp Shalom will continue. The last reunion was held in 1991. More info about the reunion can be found on-line at [www.ydaycamp.com](http://www.ydaycamp.com)

#### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF 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.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park mikvah will be open Saturday-Thursday evenings 8:30-10:30pm. Friday nights by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Shabbat Toldot	
Candlelighting	4:18 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:25 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)

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