



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Devarim

4 Av 5769

July 25, 2009

Candlelighting:	8:02 PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00 PM
Early Mincha/ Kabbalas Shabbos:	7 & 7:30 PM
Mincha:	8:10 PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:26 AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
<i>Kollel Learning Seder 4-6 PM</i>	
Kollel Mincha	6:00 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur 7:05 PM</i>	
Mincha:	7:55 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Josh Geiger</i>	
Maariv:	9:05 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday:	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
<i>Rabbi Billowitz shiur -after 8 AM Shacharis</i>	
Mon	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed., Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Thursday (Tisha B'av) – See schedule	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	8:00 PM
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Monday -Thursday 7:30pm

Daf Yomi will meet this Shabbos 1 1/4 hours before Mincha [6:40pm], Friday after 7 pm davening Sunday after 8:30 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 for, August 8th, 15th 22nd & 29th. 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Susan and Leibe Haller on the birth of Samantha Eve (Sorah Aydel) to their children Riki and Dani. A Special Mazel Tov to the Great Grandmother, Mrs. Marsha Malin and to the entire Haller and Hamlet families.

...to Barbara and Jerry Belsh on the birth of twins, Yona Biinyamin and Dalia Miriam, to their children Melissa and Yitzchak Belsh. Mazel Tov as well to uncles and aunts Yehuda and Marilyn Berger, and Steve and Shelley Phillips.

...to Nechama and Michael Samel on the birth of a great grand daughter, Racheli, to their grand children Leah and Avrami Westreich. Mazel Tov to the entire Samel family.

KIDDUSH

-Max and Honey Wisotsky are sponsoring kiddush to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Max's father, Meir ben Yehudah Aryeh Z"L.
-Moshe Wiesel, Eddie Lowinger and Moshe Schneider are sponsoring Shalosh Seudos.

Tisha B'av Schedule

Wednesday July 29

Early Mincha: 6:15 PM

Late Mincha: 8:00 PM

Fast Begins at 8:15 PM

Maariv: 9:00 PM

Eicha: 9:10 PM

(Two minyanim: upstairs and in the social hall)

Thursday July 30

Shacharis: 6 & 8 AM

The 8 AM minyan will divide into two groups for Kinot: regular kinot (upstairs), and one with interpretations (downstairs)

Early Mincha: 2:00 PM

followed by Chofetz Chaim video

Program A

Showing of Program B video: 6:00 PM

Mincha/ Maariv: 7:45 PM

Late Maariv: 8:40 PM

Followed by Kiddush levana

Fast Ends 9:04 PM

CHOFETZ CHAIM HERITAGE

FOUNDATION

There will be two programs from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation on Tisha B'av. The first, Program A, featuring Rabbi Yissocher Frand and Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro, will be at 2:45 following the early mincha. The second, Program B, featuring Rabbi Eli Mansour and Rabbi Dovid Orlofsky, will be at 6:00 preceding mincha.

TUESDAY TEHILLIM

In light of the urgent need for refua for two dear shul members, please remember to

attend our weekly Tehillim on Tuesday night at 9:50 PM, followed by Maariv.

DEFIBRILLATOR PADS

The pads on the emergency Defibrillator we have in shul have expired. The cost is \$45 to purchase replacement pads. Please let Alan Kessel know if you would like to donate this important item.

CONDOLENCES

The entire shul mourns the loss of Rabbi Aaron Chomsky, Rabbi Emeritus of Shaarei Tefillah in Perth Amboy. He and his daughters, Chavie and Zephyr moved into Moishe Levy's house at 36 Edgemount Road, just a couple of weeks ago. A brief appreciation appears at the end of the newsletter. They will be sitting shiva on Edgemount Road until Monday morning. Mincha at 8:10pm, Shacharis at 8am. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

PARKING ON EDMOUNT ROAD

As a reminder to all, please do not park your vehicles in front of the first two homes, #46 and #44 on Edgemount Road which are adjacent to the Shul. We want to maintain our good relations with our neighbors so please be mindful and use the parking lot when the rest of Edgemount Road is fully parked with cars during the week and especially on Shabbos. We need everyone's cooperation on this matter.

A SPECIAL REFUAH

We are striving to raise at least \$3,000 for a kallah fund in the zechus of a refuah shelaima for Avraham ben Lyudmila. Tax-deductible donations (US Tax-ID: 11-3062761) can be made online by going to the donation page on the Lezion B'rina website (www.lezionbrina.com). Before the payment is made, on the left hand side of the screen, the words "Add special instructions to merchant" appear. Simply click on that link and type the word "wedding." Donations also can be made by check – in the memo line, write "wedding" or "chasana." Mailing address: Lezion B'rina Institute 639 East 2nd Street Suite 3R Brooklyn, NY 11218. Thanks for your support. Michael & Penny Kaplan

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Edward & Sharon Lowinger & family in memory of Sharon's father Meir Cooperberg Z"L
- Jeffrey & Evelyn Berg in honor of Rachel & Myron Gurrell's 25th wedding anniversary.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

URGENT APPEAL –

EMERGENCY BONE MARROW DONOR DRIVE

Jonathan Haupt, a young man diagnosed with aggressive Acute Myelogenous Leukemia,

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

and Asher Sifen, a child diagnosed with Leukemia, are in dire need of bone marrow transplants which offer their only hope for future survival. They have not yet found a match in the current registry of donors. We appeal to you to give JUST A FEW MINUTES of your time for a SIMPLE CHEEK SWAB. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DRIVE-BY DOING SO YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE. The drive will take place on July 26th, between 10 am-5 pm, at Congregation Ohav Emeth. For more information please contact: Ida Scheiner (732)247-3073 or Rochel Wolff (732) 213-7341.

DONATION OF CAR WANTED

Rabbi Goldberger of Staten Island, who gives a Daf Yomi shiur in Highland Park, is looking for a car / minivan that would be available. Please call 718-948-2548 if you know of any vehicle.

TEHILLIM BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS

The community now has a source for Tefilos booklets to be used during chuppah (wedding) ceremonies. The Children's Fund in memory of Dina Eisner will lend these beautiful booklets, illustrated by the renowned artist Yonah Weinrib, to any family upon request. A donation of \$36.00 is suggested. For more information, please contact Lynn Hanfling at (732) 777-0225.

HP FIRST AID SQUAD CARDS

The 2009-2010 Highland Park First Aid Squad Discount cards are available for purchase. You can purchase one from any squad member or Leah Paretzky at 985-0764. The cards are one for \$15.00 or 3 cards for \$25.00. The squad appreciates your support.

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>

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.

SHARSHERET

Sharsheret, the Breast Cancer Organization for Jewish Women will be having one of their evening events in Middlesex County at the home of Iva and Steven Dykman 6 Redcoat Drive, East Brunswick, N.J. Date: July 27, 2009, Time: 8pm. The topic will be Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer: What Jewish Women Need to Know Please RSVP to Dyckman Ivy dyckman@comcast.net or Rena Klein renalg@aol.com or Rebecca Rivkin at rebriv@aol.com.

FRIENDS OF THE IDF NJ CHAPTER

Save the Date: 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, www.israelsoldiers.org or Ilean 732-651-1753.

JEWISH FAMILY AND VOCATIONAL SERVICE EVENT

The Jewish Family and Vocational Services (JFVS) has dedicated itself to addressing the needs of Jewish families in crisis. For years, JFVS has quietly reached out to Jewish families creating essential programs such as a women's center, financial counseling and services, "meals on wheels," telephone counseling, support groups, a family and career counseling center, a kosher food pantry, and much more. Please attend this evening and join us in learning about JFVS and the services they offer.

The Evening Schedule:

7:45 - 8:15 Dessert Buffet
8:15 - 8:30 A personal account of one woman's struggle & why knowledge of services is so crucial!
8:30 - 8:45 Overview of JFVS
8:45 - 9:15 Presentation by professional parenting consultant, Dana Werstein Parkoff.

"Parenting in a Virtual World". Dana is a certified instructor of the Nurtured Heart Approach, will share insights into how parents can use the structure of video gaming as a basis for parenting and instilling Jewish values. This free dessert, reception, and presentation will take place at the home of Rochelle and Zev Stern, 27 Brookdale Court, Edison, Sunday, July 26 at 7:45 PM. Men and women are invited. RSVP 732-247-0766. or e-mail Rachelle_Lapin@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Women's weekly AMEN Group will meet at Cong OT on Sunday morning at 9AM. All women and girls are invited to join. The group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira, Chava Fruma Sarah Bas Devorah Rachel, and other Cholim.

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

Rabbi Aaron Chomsky, zt"l

A little over two weeks ago an unassuming, modest man came into our shul and joined us in tefilla. It did not take long before we learned that this was Rabbi Aaron Chomsky whose humility hid the fact that here was a rabbi of long standing and a scholar of some distinction. Rabbi Chomsky had just moved into our neighborhood and it was with pride that we welcomed him into our shul. He was short in stature but tall in his achievements and accomplishments.

An early student in RJJ and a musmach of Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchak Elchanan, Rabbi Chomsky's rabbinic career spanned more than 50 years. The last of his positions was in neighboring Perth Amboy. He guided his congregations with love and compassion and earned the reputation of being a truly caring rabbi. He was more than a rabbi. He was a guide and a counselor to countless people.

Rabbi Chomsky was assisted in his work by his incomparable rebbetzin, Lillian o'h, and together carved out a niche in rabbinic service for others to emulate. His children are remarkable in the way they fulfilled the mitzvah of kibbud av ve-aim.

Rabbi Chomsky, a good friend of mine for several decades told me that he was planning to get fully involved in our shul and in RPRY in whatever way possible. Sadly, this was not to be as he was taken to the yeshiva shel maalah on 29 Tammuz (July 21).

Rabbi Chomsky was here for but a short time but his ever present smile and gentle personality will not let us forget that we had a great man in our midst, if only for a few weeks.

-by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

KEREN KOL KALLAH

Keren Kol Kallah was established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Keren Kol Kallah has one main fund-raiser, a gala Sheitel Sale. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. Last year's sale raised over \$60,000!! Sheitels can be dropped off at 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. For more info, please see the web site: www.geocities.com/kerenkolkallah or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The ACTT web-site contains the audio of the shiurim from the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org, see the ACTT web-site: www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel 732-572-4408.

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 ADDT \$20.

CHUG IVRIT

Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story. For more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Va'etchanan/Shabbat Nachamu	
Candlelighting	7:55 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	7, 7:30 & 8:05 PM

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