



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Shabbos Shuva – Ha'azinu

8 Tishrei 5770

September 26, 2009

Shabbos Shuva (Friday, September 26)

- Candlelighting: 6:31 PM
- Mincha Erev Shabbos: 6:40 PM
- Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00 AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur – After Hashakama
Early Mincha: 1:45 PM

Rabbi Luban's Megillah Shiur cancelled this week

- Mincha Shabbos: 5:50 PM

-followed by drasha

TOPIC: Ohr Makif / Ohr P'nim
(Surrounding Light / Inner Light)

- Maariv: 7:35 PM

Erev Yom Kippur (Sunday, September 27):

- Slichos: 7:00, 7:45 and 8:45 AM (note: no 1:00 AM slichos)
- Mincha: 2:00, 3:30 PM
- Candlelighting: 6:28 PM
- Kol Nidrei: 6:30 PM

Yom Kippur (Monday, September 28)

- Shacharis: 8:30 AM (both minyanim)
- Yizkor not before 11:30 AM
- Mincha: (approx) 4:30 PM downstairs; 4:45 PM upstairs
- Neilah: (approx) 6:05 PM
- Fast Ends: 7:34 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM

Tues, Wed., Fri. 6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:25 PM

Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM

Tuesday Tehilim 9:50 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Daf Yomi on Yom Kippur- Sunday night after maariv,
Yom Kippur day- after Musaf.

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 the first day of Succos, Shemini Atzeres and October 17th & 31st. 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

Kiddush this week, is sponsored by the Hanfling Family to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Faye Kagan Hanfling, Faiga Ayla bas Meir Hacoheh, Z"L.

YOM KIPPUR CANDLE LIGHTING

PROCEDURE

It is preferable for a woman to accept Shabbos or Yom Tov at the time that candles are lit. However, in special cases of necessity, a woman who needs to continue with weekday activity may do so by making the following statement before lighting candles: "I am not accepting Shabbos or Yom Tov when I light candles." Shabbos or Yom Tov will then begin at sunset. As such, if a woman has difficulty walking to shul on Yom Kippur and prefers to go by car, she should recite the above formula. In such instances, she should not recite "Shehechyanu" when lighting candles because once "Shehechyanu" is recited, one may not do "melacha". Instead, "Shehechyanu" should be recited with the congregation at the end of "Kol Nidrei".

Women who accept Yom Kippur with candle lighting, should recite "Shehechyanu" at that time, and **not** recite it again after Kol Nidrei with the congregation.

BABYSITTING FOR YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur babysitting schedule:

Sunday night September 27th –

6:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Monday September 28th:

9:30 AM -3 PM

5:30 PM - 8 PM.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a General Membership Meeting on Tuesday September 29, 2009 at 8:00 PM. Agendas have been mailed.

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, 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.

LULAV & ESROG ORDERING

When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a percentage of each sale.

a.. Barry Siegel & Family
siegeldad@optonline.net, 732-572-4408

b.. Judaica Gallery,
judaicagallery@hotmail.com, 732-828-7722

Please see the flyers for additional information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S MIKVEH EREV YOM KIPPUR

The men's mikveh at RJJ is available for use on Erev Yom Kippur at all hours except for 12:00-1:30 PM.

EMERGENCY PARNASAH INITIATIVE

As Yom Kippur approaches, we should all take great pride in knowing that through the HP/Edison/EB Emergency Parnasah Fund ("EPI") we have collectively provided tremendous support to our friends and neighbors who have fallen on hard times. The EPI committee wants to report on its activities to date and let you know how your support has made a significant difference in the community:

-23 families have received assistance.

-Several families are no longer in need of assistance (some found jobs, and one, with EPI assistance, restructured their credit card debt to a manageable level).

-Grants per family/month have not exceeded 750.

-Approx. 80% of funds are paid in the form of food vouchers and 20% for utility or rent checks.

-Several EPI families are also being assisted with credit card workout and social work services.

-The fund has expended roughly \$70,000 and current monthly expenses are between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

-Assuming current pledges are fully redeemed and that the number of applicants remains under thirty, the EPI should have enough funds for another nine months.

The committee thanks you for your past and ongoing support and wishes everyone a Shana Tova and Ketiva V'Chatima Tova.

- The EPI Committee

OHAV EMETH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

The Ohav Emeth Youth Department invites all children ages 3-10 (must be toilet-trained) for a fun-filled morning of arts and crafts and pizza lunch on Oct 2nd, 9am-12pm. Come help us decorate the O.E. Sukkah and make your own Sukkah decorations to take home!

RPRY COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Need new recipes for the upcoming yom tovim? Look no further than the RPRY PTA cookbook which provides over 400 delicious and simple recipes for only \$25. The cookbook is sold in the RPRY office & various local stores. For more info contact Ida Scheiner at (732) 247-3073.

SIMCHAT BEIT HASHOEVA

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

The Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program and RPRY are proud to present the second annual Simchat Beit Hashoeva featuring free food, activities for children and Jeff Wilks playing music on Thursday, Oct 8th, 7:15-8:30pm. at the RPRY Sukkah. For further info, contact Rabbi Shmuel Greene at rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org or 732-485-7122. Free and open to the whole community!

LEARNING SCHEDULE FOR HARVEY PARETZKY'S REFUAH SHLEIMAH

As a merit for a Refuah Shleima for Harvey Paretzky -Rafael Yisrael Chaim Ben Shifra Chana. Month of Tishrei.

Friday Sept 25th	Shmuel II Perek 1
Shabbos Sept 26th	Shmuel II Perek 2
Sunday Sept 27th	Shmuel II Perek 3
Monday Sept 28th	Shmuel II Perek 4
Tuesday Sept 29th	Shmuel II Perek 5
Wednesday Sept 30th	Shmuel II Perek 6
Thursday Oct 1st	Shmuel II Perek 7
Friday Oct 2nd	Shmuel II Perek 8
Shabbos Oct 3rd	Shmuel II Perek 9
Sunday Oct 4th	Shmuel II Perek 10
Monday Oct 5th	Shmuel II Perek 11
Tuesday Oct 6th	Shmuel II Perek 12
Wednesday Oct 7th	Shmuel II Perek 13
Thursday Oct 8th	Shmuel II Perek 14
Friday Oct 9th	Shmuel II Perek 15
Shabbos Oct 10th	Shmuel II Perek 16
Sunday Oct 11th	Shmuel II Perek 17
Monday Oct 12th	Shmuel II Perek 18
Tuesday Oct 13th	Shmuel II Perek 19
Wednesday Oct 14th	Shmuel II Perek 20
Thursday Oct , 15th	Shmuel II Perek 21
Friday Oct 16th	Shmuel II Perek 22
Shabbos Oct 17th	Shmuel II Perek 23
Sunday Oct 18th	Shmuel II Perek 24

ACTT ANNOUNCEMENT

Join the Raritan Valley Tefillah Initiative! You can purchase the source book, "Praying With Fire 2", with cash or a check at the Judaica Gallery in Highland Park, or by check only at Alice Gordon's home by calling (732) 985-6848. If you want to receive inspirational and informative tefillah e-mails, you can sign up by e-mailing tefillah@actt613.org with your name and shul affiliation. For more info, see the ACTT web site, www.actt613.org, or call (732) 572-8762.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley: Volunteers are needed to visit residents in local nursing homes, the homebound, and local hospitals. If you would like to participate in this mitzvah, please contact

Tammy Nussbaum (732-777-0193) or Leslie Ostrin (732-745-8774) for nursing homes and the homebound, Barbara Frish (732-572-5926) or Shirley Katz (732-253-7285) for Robert Wood Johnson hospital, Debbie Leskowitz (732-777-1219) for St. Peter's hospital, and Lisa Cohen (732-317-1784) for JFK hospital. If anyone is new in the community and would like to be included on the Bikur Cholim mailing list, please leave your name and number on the Bikur Cholim hot line - 732-572-7181.

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>

CONGREGATION ETZ ACHAIM

- Congregation Etz Ahaim presents text-based classes for women on Mesillat Yesharim (The Path of the Just) given by Rabbi David Bassous. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 10am at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Denison Street. The next class is on Sunday October 18th. For more information please call (732) 247-3839.

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

EMPLOYMENT 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 information to enrv@verizon.net. 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.

TOMCHE SHABBOS EMAIL

As we are all acutely aware, the current economic crisis has affected everyone in one form or another. Unfortunately, there are those in our community who have been severely affected and are in dire financial straits. A Tomche Shabbos committee has been assembled to address these issues. The goal is to provide food for Shabbos for these families. An email address has been set up to allow people to anonymously provide us with an address where needed food can be delivered. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. This undertaking, as with any,

requires time, dedication, and financial support. Contributions will be accepted with the utmost gratitude, please contact us at info@tomcheshabbosmc.org.

We, IY"Y, anticipate servicing the entire Middlesex County. We wish everyone a K'siva V'Chasima Tova and a Sweet, Happy, and Healthy new year. - Tomche Shabbos of Middlesex County -

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.

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 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.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sun-Thurs nights, 9-11 pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS AND YOM TOV are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Saturday night, Sept 26th, the mikvah opens at 9pm. The Park Mikvah will be closed 9/27 for Yom Kippur, opening at 9PM on September 28. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20

LOCAL ERUV

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

Sukkot	
Candlelighting	6:19: PM
Mincha/ Maariv	6:25 :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 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...

Tannaim and Amoraim: Rabban Gamliel

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Rabban Gamliel, *nasi* of all Israel – the name itself evokes awe and respect. Rabban Gamliel, a descendant of Hillel, lived shortly after the *churban habayis*. One of the goals of his administration was to create unity in religious practice, that there be one *halacha* for all Israel. He brooked no opposition to this goal and often put his opponents into *cherem*. At one time when determining the start of the month was based not on a printed calendar but on astronomical calculations, he and R. Yehoshua disagreed by one day as to when Yom Kippur would occur. To maintain the principle of unity Rabban Gamliel demanded that R. Yehoshua come to him with his money belt and other items on the day which R. Yehoshua believed to be Yom Kippur, thus embarrassing him in the presence of all the scholars. When Rabban Gamliel embarrassed R. Yehoshua twice more the scholars took the very unusual step of deposing him from his position as *nasi* (a palace coup) and replacing him with R. Elazar ben Azariah. Eventually he apologized profusely and was returned to his post. Despite his outward toughness, Rabban Gamliel was a gentle man and worked tirelessly on behalf of his people. Together with other scholars he went to Rome on numerous occasions seeking to alleviate the position of the Jews from harsh decrees. He would often debate Roman scholars defending the Torah and the Jewish people. Rabban Gamliel was a *rachaman*, a sensitive soul. Once a neighbor lost her son and spent many nights crying at her loss. When Rabban Gamliel heard her he cried along with her. Whatever his methods one cannot deny that his goal of unity among all Jews is a laudable one, a goal that we sorely need even today.