



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Korach

5 Tammuz 5769

June 27, 2009

Candlelighting:	8:14 PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00 PM
NOTE ADDED TIME:	
Early Mincha/ Kabbalas Shabbos: 7 & 7:30PM	
Mincha:	8:20PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:15AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
Kollel Learning Seder 4-6 PM	
Kollel Mincha	6:00 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur 7:15 PM	
Mincha:	8:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Dr. Yussi Strauch	
Maariv:	9:15 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday:	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Rabbi Billowitz shiur -after 8 AM Shacharis	
Mon & Thurs:	6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Tues, Wed, Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Thurs.	6:20, 7:05 8 & 9 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	8:20 PM
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)</i>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Monday -Thursday at 7:45pm.	
Friday - after kabolos shabbos, for the first minyan. Shabbos - one hour before Mincha	

MAZEL TOV

...to Rhoda and Joel Paul, grandparents on the birth of a daughter, Talya Shifra, to their children Tziona and Elie Paul of Woodmere.
 ...to Evelyn and Jeffery Berg on the birth of a daughter to their children Yael and Josh Segal. Mazel Tov as well to aunt and uncle Bracha and Mayer Berg.
 ...to Yardena and Shalom Cohen on the birth of a daughter, Esther Moriah. Mazel Tov to grandparents Miriam & Aaron Cohen and Judith & Eldad Ben David.
 ...to Jeanne and Eric Lankin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Benjy.

NEW FRIDAY NIGHT MINYAN

A new 7:30 Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos minyan will meet in the Beis Medrash. Coordinators are Nir Even-Chen and Mayer Berg.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Cheryl & Yussi Strauch to commemorate the Yartzheit of Yussi's mother Judith Strauch ,Ita bas Moshe Doniel, A'H".

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ohr Torah is currently having a membership drive. We would like to invite all those who attend the Shul often, to become full or associate members and to officially join Ohr Torah in partnership. Likewise, if you are an associate member and would like to become a full member, please consider upgrading. Please contact Brian Allen, Allen Kessel, or Yoel Schwartz.

PEREK ON THE LAWN

Ohr Torah's Perek on the Lawn series continues this Shabbos, June 27, 2009, at the home of Sari and Michie Klerer, 34 Brookfall Rd. The shiur will be led by Michie Klerer, will begin promptly at 5:30 pm and is open to all men and women. The shiur will be followed by a light snack. We hope to see you there.

The shiur is being given as a zechus for a refu'ah sh'layma for Hinda Bas Rochel Leah, and Avraham Ben Ludmila.

SHUL SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE IN FORMATION

In light of recent attacks on Jewish institutions and upon recommendations from the OU and other leading Jewish organizations, we are looking to form a Shul Security and Safety Committee. If you would like to participate in this committee and in the formation of security protocols for the Shul, please contact Marc Hanfling or

Allen Kessel . Those with a background or experience in security and safety management are particularly invited to join.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST GREEN JACKET

A green jacket was lost during the recent NORPAC meeting. If found, please call Tara Zanzberg at 908-462-4525.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK 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 to enrv@verizon.net. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

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 be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, June 28 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, June 29 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. 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 PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume in the fall. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613

ATTENTION WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Women's weekly AMEN Group will meet at Congregation OT Sunday mornings at 9AM, 1st classroom downstairs to the left of the stairway. All women and girls are invited to join. The group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira, Fruma Sarah Bas Devorah Rachel, 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 light 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.

YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE

A Yad Leah clothing drive will b'H take place- Sunday June 28th from 9:30AM until 12:30PM. Where: Location: Cong Ohav Emeth (O.E.), main entrance on Dennison Ave. thru the parking lot Please donate clothing in good wearable condition

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 July 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th. 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

only. Shoes only in new or like-new condition. Linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, cosmetics & hair accessories are also accepted in good condition. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Men's and Boy's black hats in good condition may also be donated. Yad Leah will distribute to over 15 communities throughout Israel. An \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs. We B"H have a donor for the trucking cost for this drive. We are however looking for additional sponsors to cover more of the shipping costs to Israel. If you are able to sponsor please contact me. Receipts will be provided by Yad Leah for the money & clothing (&/or miscellaneous items) contributed. We are looking for volunteers at the collection site to help with the bags and the paperwork. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Mordy Brill at 732-819-8351 or e-mail at mordb@msn.com.

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 Jonathan Abrahams (732) 220-2946, Wendy Bar (732) 220-8765, Joe Friedman (732) 732-985-8014, Alice Gordon (732) 985-6848, Michael Lafond (732) 432-9860, 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 ADDITIONAL \$20.

CHUG IVRIT

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. 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 Chukat/Balak	
Candlelighting	8:13 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	7, 7:30 & 8:20 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: Bar Kappara

There are many *tannaim* who were distinguished not only by their vast knowledge of *halacha* but also by their expertise in other areas of Jewish learning. Such was the case of bar Kappara (with a *kuf*, not a *kaf*). Besides his erudition in the sea of *halacha* (the *gemara* often speaks of *mishnat bar Kappara*) he was the leading scholar of his time in the field of *meshalim*, parables. He knew or authored hundreds of them. If ever there was an expert in that area of Jewish tradition it was bar Kappara. It is related that once he was invited to his son's wedding, naturally. Just as the main dish was about to be served he was asked to present some of his *meshalim*. This he did gladly and proceeded to relate to the gathered assembly 300 different *meshalim* dealing with foxes. The gathering listened with rapt attention but by the time he finished the food had gotten cold and no one could eat it. Bar Kappara was the son of the *tanna* R. Eliezer haKapar, thus bar Kappara. His first name was the same as his father, Eliezer (don't ask me how). He very much appreciated the beauty inherent in Greek culture. It was he who interpreted the phrase in the Torah "*yaft Elokim leyefess, veyishkom becholei shem* as may the words of Torah be said in the language of *yefess* (Greece) when they are spoken in the study halls of *shem*, the Jewish people.

(Last of this season)