



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Lech Lecha

13 Cheshvani 5770

October 31, 2009

Candlelighting:	5:38PM
Mincha:	5:45PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	10:03AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur Is Cancelled. R. Luban will be away at a family Simcha.	
Mincha:	5:30PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Doug Stahl	
Maariv:	6:40 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., Fri.	6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:35 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shiur She'eilos Uteshuvas: Monday 9:10PM	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Monday -Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. This Shabbos, Shiur is 1 hour before Mincha, 4:30 PM. For the winter, Shabbos 8:15AM or after Hashkama Scharharis. Sunday 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 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rose and Terry Walzman on the birth of a daughter to their children Sara and Daniel Walzman. Mazel Tov to the entire Walzman family.

...to Bracha and Ami Avraham on the birth of a daughter.

END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour this Saturday night.

ELECTION DAY

This Tuesday is Election Day. Please vote for the candidates of your choice.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Doug Stahl in memory of his grandfather, Dr. Curt Bamberger, Benyamin ben Tsvi, a"n, and of his great-uncle, Walter Bamberger, a"n.

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 done 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 Motzei Shabbat November **14th** 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 @ ohrtorah.net or contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429 or email at mgberg@optonline.net.

On Sunday November 15th from 10AM to 12:00PM, 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!

CPR BATTERY REPLACEMENT

The Ohr Torah Defibrillator is in need of a battery change. If you would like to make a donation to cover the replacement cost, please see Allen Kessel or Marc Hanfling.

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". EARLY BIRD reservation deadline is October 30.

R. PAYSACH KROHN:

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

On the Shabbat of Nov. 13-14, Cong. Ohr Torah will be hosting Rabbi Paysach Krohn, as a scholar-in-residence. Rabbi Krohn's first lecture at 8:00 pm will follow the annual community Shabbat dinner. R. Krohn will also speak Shabbat morning before musaf, and in the afternoon, following mincha.

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.

MISHMAR LEARNING PROGRAM

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY Motzei Shabbat @ 8:00 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.

SURI GRANEK MEMORY BOOK

We are in the final phases of gathering individual stories, anecdotes, memories or impressions of Suri to be included in this book which will be presented to the family. If you have an entry, long or short, please email rkreitman@sidley.com by Nov. 11.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORUM ON ORGAN DONATION

On Motzei Shabbat November 14, 8:30 PM at Cong 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
- Dr. Michael Eleff, Assistant Professor of Medicine, UMDNJ

MESIVTA TIFERES JERUSALEM

The Annual Mesivta Tiferes 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 Feinstein, Shlit"a will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for information and reservations at (732) 246-1037.

BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting our next blood drive on Sunday, the 21st of Marcheshvan (Nov 8), from 9:30 to

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

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 ok).

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>

DNA SHOAH PROJECT

The DNA Shoah Project is a non-profit, humanitarian effort at the University of Arizona, aiming to reunite families disrupted by the Shoah. The project is building a database of genetic material from survivors and their & immediate descendants in order to match displaced relatives, provide Shoah orphans and lost children with information about their biological families and eventually assist in the identification of Holocaust-era victims whose remains continue to surface. There is no cost to participants. If you or someone you know is a Holocaust survivor or second- or third-generation descendant, this project is for you. Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 1, 5PM, when project cofounder, Syd Mandelbaum, comes to speak about this unique program. Facilitators will be available after the presentation to assist those interested in contributing their DNA to the project." This event will be held at: Congregation Beth El, 91 Jefferson Boulevard, Edison, NJ 08817, RSVP 732 985 7272. For more information ask for Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg. Tucson, AZ 85721 (520) 626-6203

JEWISH FED. OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY Announces J. Team Teen Philanthropy Program

The Jewish Federation announces the launching of the Jewish Teen Philanthropy Program, or "J.Team". Our mission is to provide teens with hands-on opportunities to engage in collective philanthropic giving with their peers, guided by Jewish values. This program will be comprised of a select group of 8th-10th grade students who will learn about grant making and non-profit giving opportunities. At the end of the year, they will work as a team to decide where to distribute charitable dollars. Each year, teen participants will make a minimum contribution of \$125 to a pooled Philanthropic Fund. Their contribution will be matched by the Jewish Federation (one for one \$ match) and matched two for one by the Karma Foundation. Our goal is to recruit 40 teens for this program. We are hoping to have representation from each synagogue in Middlesex County. I am writing to ask for your recommendation of young people for this program. Help us to build the "J.Team" - Help us to build the next generation of Jewish Philanthropists! For questions about The Jewish Teen Philanthropy program or to make your teen recommendations, please call me at 732-432-7711 or email me at Anapchen@jf-gmc.org.

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>.

CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, November 1 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, November 2 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only.

-Class for post-seminary girls will not be meeting this Monday evening. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 sieglmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickenstern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, Nov 4 at 9AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. For more info, 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 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 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 tehilim.

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).

THE JEWISH FEDERATION

The Jewish Federation of greater Middlesex County presents "The Role of Spirituality in the Healing Process", by Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski. Monday, Nov. 2 at 3:30 PM, at the Sister Marie de Pazzi Conference Center, St. Peter's Hospital. Admission is free. Register online at: JewishMiddlesex.org.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Free job networking session: Wednesday, November 11th at Cong. Ahavas Achim in Highland Park. It's an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear about job leads, and share

ideas, resources and information. Be prepared to present a 20-30 second elevator pitch on your experience and bring about 20 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30 pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10 pm. For more information, 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.

AA HOSTS ART AUCTION

Congregation Ahavas Achim, located at 216 South 1st Avenue in Highland Park, will be hosting an art exhibition by two world renowned Israeli Artists, Avi Biran and Ilan Hasson, and their associates, on Saturday night, November 7th from 8PM- 11PM and again on Sunday, Nov 8 the from 10AM through 5PM. Their unique creations, including Judaica, jewelry, paintings and prints and both modern and classic art in various media, will be available for sale. For a preview of their work, go to <http://www.avi-biran.co.il> and <http://www.avi-biran.co.il/ilan-hasson.htm>.

HILLEL OPEN HOUSE

Hillel Yeshiva High School Open House 1027 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712 Wednesday, November 4, 2009 7:30 PM Fully Tracked Torah and General Studies Classes, 4 Year Writing Program in Addition to a 4 Year English Program, College, Israel & Personal Guidance, Fully Accredited AP Program, Unparalleled Chessed & Community Service, Exceptional College Acceptance, Outstanding Extra-Curricular & Athletic Programs, Sephardic & Ashkenazic Minyanim, Biology, Chemistry & Physics Labs, Math, English, Writing & Hebrew Tutorials For more information or to arrange an individual tour, please call Mrs. Susan Snyder 732-493-0420. Visit us on the web at <http://www.hillelyeshiva.org/>.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park mikvah will be open through this Saturday night, 9-11pm. Friday nights by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Beginning Sunday night, November 1st, the mikvah will have NEW HOURS: Saturday-Thursday evenings 8:30-10:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Vayeitzei	
Candlelighting	4:30 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:40 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.