



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Miketz - Chanukah

2 Tevet 5770

December 19, 2009

Candlelighting:	4:14PM
Mincha:	4:20PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:35AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 3:20 PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:10 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Ben Rappaport</i>	
Maariv:	5:20 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday-	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon, Thur	6:17, 7:05 & 8AM
Tue, Weds & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
<i>Note earliest Talis And Tefillin: 6:19 Monday, 6:20 Thursday</i>	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:20 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10PM</i>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. Shabbos 8:15 AM or after Hashkama Schacharis. Sunday after 8 AM Minyan.	

MAZEL TOV
...to Tamar and David Spiegelman on the birth of a daughter.

KIDDUSH
Kiddush this week is sponsored by Shaena and Shimon Jakubovic in memory of his fathers Yahrzeit, Nosan Noda Baruch Hakohen, Z"L.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Lynn and Al Rappaport..

YASHER KOACH
Thank you to the following individuals for all their help during the Ohr Torah election:

- Debbie Gewirtz
- Bill Gewirtz
- Susie Wolf
- Josh Caplan
- Hillel Raymon

TAX YEAR END DEADLINE
To secure a charitable tax deduction in 2009, please submit all payments to Congregation Ohr Torah by Thursday, December 31, 2009. Open outstanding balance payments as well prepayments of 2010 dues and Building Fund obligations will qualify for 2009 if received by the year end deadline. Thank you all for generously supporting our Shul.

YOUNG FAMILY MINYAN
On December 26th, Cong. Ohr Torah is pleased to introduce the Young Family Minyan which will meet each Shabbos morning at 9:15am in the Beis Medrash. For more information, please see Neer Even-Hen, Jeff Klein or Evan Orgel.

SEFORIM DONATIONS
Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Rochelle Kassai's father Moshe Neuman Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Rabbi Pesach Raymon Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in honor of their granddaughter Chana Hendel Lebowitz
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in honor of Dr. Mendy Lerner
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Esther Chopp's mother Helen Schonbrun Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Charyn Atlas's father I. David Goldstein Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Simcha Klerer's mother Hela Klerer Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Sheldon Waltuch's mother Erna Waltuch Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Leib Haller's father Bernard Haller Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Lynn Hanfling's father Abe Schochet Z"L

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
The next General Membership Meeting will take place **this Tuesday** - December 22nd at 8PM. Agendas have been mailed.

CONDOLENCES
...to Nathan Orgel on the loss of his sister, Evelyn Finkelstein. Shiva will be observed at the Orgel home through Thursday morning, at 19 Brookfall Road. Mincha and Maariv Sunday through Wednesday at 4:25 p.m. Shacharit on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and Monday through Thursday at 6:30 a.m. May Hashem provide comfort to the family among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER
Please plan on joining us this Sunday, December 20, 2009 when we will give thanks and Hakaras Hatov to two outstanding couples who have 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 EVENTS
--On Motzei Shabbat December 26th at 5:45 PM sharp at Ohr Torah, come join us as we head to the New Jersey Nets vs Houston Rockets game at the Izod Center with a special visit to the NJ Nets Practice Training Facility beforehand. The training facility is a replica of the Izod Center with the same flooring, lighting and much more! Cost is \$45/child which includes a ticket to the game, transportation on a coach bus and snacks on the bus. Only 45 tickets available. Please make all checks out to Ohr Torah with your phone number and the name of the your child/ren coming to the game .

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
In preparation for the 2010 membership directory, please submit any name, title, address, or phone number change to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. A maximum of two email addresses and all children's names will be accepted for each family entry. Current information for children's names and email addresses will be preserved in the 2010 edition, unless otherwise requested. Changes or additions to this information must be specifically requested for publication in the directory .

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
RPRY SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN AND BREAKFAST

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva is pleased to announce to the community that their 29th annual school breakfast will take place this Sunday, Dec 20th at 9:30 am at RPRY. It is with great pride that they present OT's very own Mrs. Penny Kaplan with the "EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE AWARD" The breakfast campaign is a vital

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 January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. 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.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING
Please see the Ohr Torah website, www.ohrtorah.net, for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah for members of our shul and community.

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fundraiser for RPRY and with all expenses covered; every dollar given goes directly towards the student scholarship fund. Please support this important community fundraiser and consider showing your appreciation for Penny.

YESHIVAT NETIVOT OPEN HOUSE

Please join Netivot for an Open House, this SUNDAY, DEC 20th, for *Pre-Primary (18 months-3 years) & Primary (3-6 years) at 2PM-2:45 pm (classroom tour and teacher presentation) *(All classes at 2:45 - 3:30 pm (general presentation and slide show) *Lower Elementary (6-9 years) at 3:45-4:30 (classroom tour and teacher presentation - located at 33 Lakeview Blvd., Edison) Pre-Primary, Primary & All classes presentations located at 91 Jefferson Blvd., Edison. RSVP - 732-985-4626. Walk-Ins Welcome.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Hoffman has resumed his Wednesday night shiur. This year, the shiur will learn mesechta brochos with rishonim, acharonim and halacha l'maisseh. Please join this wonderful learning opportunity. 8:30-9:15 at the Agudah.

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.

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, 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

UPCOMING EMUNAH ART AUCTION

EMUNAH's annual art auction will take place Saturday night, January 9, 2009, at Ohr Torah. Dinner (for sponsors) 8pm; Genral Admission 8:30 pm; Auction 9pm. General admission \$5.00; Sponsors (includes dinner for 2): \$36, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$18 (includes dinner for 1). Special this year, for sale: Framed lithographs by Micki Caspi and Yonah Weinrib, Judaica, Unique personal and decorative giftware by premier artists, Original handcrafted sterling silver/semi-precious stone jewelry. A portion of all sales will support EMUNAH programs in Israel. Please RSVP to Sharon Hirt 732-777-0462 or Pauline Mykoff 732-572-0457.

ORTHODOX FORUM SPEAKER

The Orthodox Forum presents Mr. Mutty Weiss and Rabbi Yosef Blau to speak on the topic of Facing Up to Sexual Abuse in the Orthodox Community: A Survivor and Rabbinic Leader Speak

Out, on Motzei Shabbos, January 9, 2010, 8PM, Congregation Ohr Torah.

SOVIET JEWS – REFUSENIK EXPERIENCE

Experience the struggle to free Soviet Jews: Screening of 'Refusenik' at Ohav Emeth, Sun Dec 20th, 7pm. "Refusenik" is the first retrospective documentary to chronicle the thirty-year movement to free Soviet Jews. The film screening will be followed by a question and answer period led by Glenn Richter, one of the founders of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. There is no charge to attend this event. For more info on this event, please contact Betty and Michael Harrison-bettymikeharrison@gmail.com.

NEW FRI. NIGHT ONEG SERIES AT OE

Congregation Ohav Emeth welcomes members of the Highland Park/Edison Jewish community to participate in our new winter-months Friday night Oneg Series. Developed on the theme "Midrash L'ma-aseh: An unusual midrash and what it can tell us about life today," the series will feature a different notable speaker from our area each Friday night, discussing a midrash of their choice. Speakers scheduled as of this date are: Friday night December 18th - Sandy Alter, partner in the Langton & Alter law firm and Gabbi of Congregation Ohav Emeth; Friday night December 25th - Rabbi Leon Glaser, shiur leader; Friday night January 1, 2010 - Rabbi Yehoshua Lewis, director of the Rutgers Jewish Experience program; Friday night January 8th - Rabbi Tzvi Weiss, shiur leader; Friday night January 15th - Rabbi Shlomo Ziegler, baal koreh and shiur leader. More speakers should be scheduled shortly.

Each Friday night Oneg will start at 8:00 pm at the shul with a brief talk by the evening's speaker on a select midrash, followed by a question and answer period. The talk will be accompanied by a light reception. Each Oneg will end around 9:00 pm, to allow participants in the early morning minyans to get their much needed rest! For more information on this Oneg series, speak with Steve Deutsch or send him email at forsang@juno.com

CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, December 20 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, December 21 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408

siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class - for details on class Wednesday morning, December 23, please see the Edison Highland Park Bulletin Board or call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

-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 tehillim.

TEFILLAH INITIATIVE E-MAILS

Send an e-mail to: 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".

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 info to 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 Vayigash	
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 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.



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