



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Mishpatim/Shekalim

27 Shevat 5769

February 21, 2009

Candlelighting:	5:21PM
Mincha:	5:30PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:27AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 4:25 PM</i>	
Mincha:	5:15 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Dr. Yussi Strauch</i>	
Maariv:	6:25 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue & Wed (Rosh Chodesh)	
	6:10, 7:05, 8 AM
Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:30 PM	
Weekday Maariv 7:30 PM and 10:10 PM	
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
WINTER SCHEDULE FOR DAF YOMI	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30pm Maariv, Friday-after Maariv, Shabbos-After Hashkama and also at 8:15am, 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 for Feb., 21st, Mar. 7, 14, 21 & 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 siegelad@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.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored this week by Cheryl & Yussi Strauch in honor of the births of their granddaughters.

MAZEL TOV

...to Cheryl & Yussi Strauch on the birth of a daughter to their children Stephanie & Ari Strauch of Yerushalaim.

...to Lilly and Bruce Jacobi on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Chevi to Raimy Rubin this Sunday. Mazel Tov to Raimy's parents Sharyn & Larry Rubin and the entire Jacobi, Nasielski, Rubin and Fireman family.

...to Phyllis & Gedalia Reiss on the birth of a daughter Zahava (Kenley Grace) to their children, Yael & Michael Schreiber. Mazel Tov to big sisters: Zoe, Sasha and Mia.

...Marcia and Andrew Freedman on the birth of a daughter, Shira Temima to their children Michal & Yosef Haber. Mazel Tov to the aunts, uncles & cousins and the entire Freedman, Horowitz, Hartman and Haber families.

...to Esther and Alan Chopp on the marriage of their daughter Risa Chopp to Hersh Taubenfeld, on February 1. Mazel Tov to the entire Chopp, Taubenfeld, Schachter and Laufer families.

COT Board Meeting

There will be an OT Board meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 8:00 PM

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Madeleine and Ely Labovitz in honor of Fay and David Moskovic

-Gedalia & Phyllis Reiss in honor of Philip Pfeffer

-Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Barry & Aviva Siegel's nephew Elchonon Kramer Z"L

-Russell & Nitza Adler in memory of Barry & Aviva Siegel's nephew Elchonon Kramer Z"L

-Barry & Aviva Siegel in memory of their nephew Elchonon Kramer Z"L

-Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Barry and Aviva Siegel's nephew Elchonon Kramer Z"L

MISSING BEIS MEDRASH

LIBRARY BOOKS

The 3rd volume (Vayikrah) of the Netivot Shalom has been missing from the Beis Hamedresh for at least a month – Please check if inadvertently someone took it home and return it ASAP.

THANK YOU FROM GOTTLIEB FAMILY

The Gottlieb family would like to thank the entire Edison / Highland Park community for their generous donations to Simchat Tzion / Hachnasos Kallah for a zechus

L'refuah Shelaiyma for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. Because of your generosity, funds were raised to sponsor two weddings.

Torah Tape Library Closure

The Torah Tape Library will be closed the week starting Sunday, February 22.

CHESED HOURS OPPORTUNITY AND THE TORAH TAPE LIBRARY

There is temporary need for individual[s] to open and close the torah tape library. The start date is March 3 and continues for 2 months. The library needs to be opened 2 nights a week and on Sundays. This is an opportunity for young adults and adults who want to do chesed. It can also be an opportunity to fulfill chesed hour needs. There is very little actual work that needs to be done for this task. Please contact President Alan Kessel or Larry Greenspan at 732-828-5642 or 732-501-5455.

KIDDUSH

Rabbi Moshe and Menucha Birnbaum would like to invite you to a Kiddush in honor of the birth of their daughter Hindy this Shabbos, February 21 in their home at 355 N. 4th Avenue, Edison, NJ a 11:30 AM.

TELEPHONE TREE

The OT Telephone Tree has been updated with current information from the 2009 Membership Directory. If you are not receiving shul messages please contact Aliyana at aliyanaw@optonline.net (<mailto:aliyanaw@optonline.net>) with any information that may need correction. There are now 279 telephone numbers on the list and it can take up to 7 hours to complete the full round. If you include your email address for notifications, you will get shul messages immediately.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST AND FOUND

If anyone found a gold earring that was recently lost please call Sharon Chesner at 732-572-4045. Thank you.

NORPAC

Concerned about Israel's safety and security? Do something about it: **NORPAC Mission to Washington May 20, 2009**. Buses leave for Washington 6:15 am and return between 9-10 pm. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided - all meals are glatt kosher. Early registration discounts are offered if completed on or before March 10th – rates are \$75 for students and \$125 for adults. After March 10, rates will be \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Refund requests must be received in writing by May 5, 2009. Must be 12 years of age or older to attend.

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

Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Contact: H. Atlas, Elie Borger, Allen Kessel, Barry Wolf, Marc Hanfling [dcdad@aol.com](mailto:dccdad@aol.com) Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133.

BIKUR CHOLIM HEALTH FAIR

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley County, in conjunction with St. Peters University Hospital, will be hosting a health fair featuring informational booths and exhibits for the entire family. There will be fire safety house, karate, bicycle safety, ambulance, canine unit, balloon animals, and other exciting activities for children. Adults can learn about weight control, recognizing anxiety disorders, memory training, teen stress, ADHD, effective parenting strategies, chiropractic care, basic 1st aid, and much, much more. Save the date - Sunday, March 15, 1:00 - 5:00 PM at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva. Children should bring their bicycles and / or helmets for safety checks which will be done by the Edison Police Department. For more information or to volunteer (adults and children 7th grade and up), please call Cindy 732-985-4501 or Susan 732-266-1324.

Also at the health fair: Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive. Any questions, please call Ira Rosen at (732) 393-1018. The HLA Registry, part of the National Marrow Donor Program, the largest bone marrow donor registry in the United States, will be performing simple cheek swabs for bone marrow typing to benefit those needing bone marrow transplants or stem cell transplants. Please increase the odds of finding a match - come and be tested. If you would like to help defray the cost of the screening, make checks payable to Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley and send to Judy Chanowitz, 153 North 8th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. If you have any questions or for more information, please call Judy Chanowitz at (732) 261-5170.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum presents the final lecture of the 2008-2009 season on Motzei Shabbat March 7, 2009, 8:30 pm at Congregation Ahavas Achim - 216 South 1st Ave, Highland Park, NJ. The guest speaker is RABBI MARC D. ANGEL, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Shearith Israel, NY.

To illustrate the topic of Leadership Issues and Ideological Tensions within Orthodoxy, Rabbi Angel will role-play the fictional search for a Rosh Yeshiva. One candidate is the yeshiva bochur son of the late rosh yeshiva, and the other is a university graduate. We, the audience, playing the part of the virtual Search Committee, will hear and weigh Rabbi Angel's presentation of the varying viewpoints. The presentation is fictional but in reality many of the arguments on either side are currently being played out on the communal and personal levels.

For more information, email hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com or Joel Paul at JHPaul@earthlink.com

RABBI JACOB JOSEPH YESHIVA DINNER

Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva would like to invite the entire community to its 27th Annual Dinner, to be held on Sunday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. Local Honorees are **Mr. and Mrs. Marc Kalton**. For more information, please contact the Yeshiva office at 732-985-6533 or E-mail RJED@TTEC.COM

CHILDREN'S FUND PURIM CARDS

Purim Mishloach Manot Cards are available for purchase for \$2.00 each from the Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale support a very worthy local charity. This year we have been able to provide financial assistance for student-shadows, tutoring, counseling and food vouchers for local children, many whose parents are unemployed due to the economic downturn. To obtain the cards, send e-mail to: childrensfundhp@gmail.com or contact: Shoshana Diskind - (732) 572-7755, Tova Josefovitz (732) 572-9432 or Janice Lustiger - (732) 819-4919. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

OHAVE EMETH YOUTH DEPARTMENT

On February 22nd the youth department will be having an arts and Crafts Day. Come for Pizza, bingo and more. The program will be held from 10:15-12:15 and every child will receive a prize.

AA CHULENT COOK OFF UPDATE

The die is cast, and the war of words has begun. The throw-down will take place on Friday evening, Feb 27 at 8:30 PM.

Admission is \$5 in advance, \$8 without a reservation. Event sponsors are also welcome. Sponsors of \$180 will receive admission for four to the event, their name in the event program, our gratitude, and the opportunity to help select the beer. To reserve an attendee space, discuss sponsorship (and beer), or for more information, please contact Ira Rosen at battlechulent@yahoo.com or 732-393-1018.

EMUNAH PURIM CARDS

EMUNAH Purim cards are in! Same low price as last year! Send beautiful Purim cards in lieu of mishloach manot and show your loved ones that they are in your thoughts while giving tzedakah. Please call Sharon Hirt at 914-445-7825 or e-mail sharon.hirt@pfizer.com to purchase cards at \$2.00 each. Thank you for supporting EMUNAH projects in Israel.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Blood Donations needed: A member of our community, who is being treated for cancer, has been receiving regular blood transfusions at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, and will continue to need them for the foreseeable future. We have been asked to assist in ensuring that an adequate supply of O+ blood is available. Donations may be made at the Blood Center, 4th Floor, Clinical Academic Building 125 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901, (732) 235-8100 (reservations preferred, although walk-ins are welcome).

ACTT

Come hear Rabbi Chaim Leiter, Rebbe, Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli of Central NJ and Moreh D'Asra, Union Hill Congregation of Manalapan, NJ, speak about "More Than 'Just' a Chesed - The Incredible Potential of Your Words" this Saturday night, February 21, 2009 at 9PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. This community-wide event is sponsored by the ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) organization. Admission is free. Sponsors are welcome. For more info, call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408. Web-site: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org.

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>

RPRY DINNER

The Annual Dinner of Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva will take place Sunday Evening, February 22nd 2009 at The DoubleTree Hotel at Somerset, NJ. Cocktails begin at 5:20 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. The honorees will be Miriam & Shmilu Weiss, Mayor Jun H. Choi and Marsha & Michael Wasserman. For additional information, please go to www.rpry.org or call the RPRY office 732-572-5052.

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:30 Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

THE ZOO RABBI

Ahavas Achim hosts THE ZOO RABBI, Rabbi Natan Slifkin, on Shabbat, February 20-21. On Friday night there will be a catered Seudah (by reservation only: Adults/\$20, Children under 12/\$10, please call 732-247-0532 by February 17 to reserve). At 8:15 p.m. Rabbi Slifkin will deliver "Dinosaurs and the Age of the Universe." On Shabbat morning, before Mussaf in the Main Sanctuary he will discuss "The Animal Kingdom in Jewish Thought." On Shabbat afternoon at 4:30 p.m., there will be an Oneg for Teens Only featuring a question and answer session and a talk on "Mythical Creatures in Judaism." At 5:20 p.m., Mincha will be followed by Seudah Shlishit and "Man and Beast: Our Relationships With Animals." On Sunday, February 22, the Ahavas Achim Youth Department invite your entire family to TOUR THE TURTLE BACK ZOO WITH THE ZOO RABBI. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange. For \$10/person (under 2 free) Please call (732) 247-0532 by February 17 to reserve your spot

MAZAL SHIDDUCH GROUP

Please email Sharon at Shcl18@aol.com to request a form and to find out the location.

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.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park mikvah is open from 8:30 to 10:30pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20 fee. ****Important**** Beginning Sunday night, March 8th, Sunday-Thursday nights, hours are 9-11pm. Saturday nights in March, the mikvah opens at 9pm.

PORTION OF WIG SALES TO BENEFIT PARK MIKVAH

On Sunday March 8th, you are invited to a Michal Wigs sale! Michal Wigs are available directly to customers and not sold through sheitel machers, thereby eliminating a large markup. Multi directional, no knotting, 6 month guarantee. Prices range from \$290/hatfall, \$365-\$415 band fall, \$475-\$575 sheitel. Sale will be held from 6:30-9pm at 17 Perry Road, EDISON. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Park Mikvah. Any questions? Contact darasaker@michalwigs.com and/or visit the website at www.michalwigs.com

SHAAREI TZION PLAY

Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Girls division proudly presents The Adopted Princess. A beautiful dramatic, musical presentation adapted from the book by Marcus Lehman. The play is for women

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and girls (boys up to age 6). Sun March 1st, 1:00 pm, Piscataway High School. For tickets and info, please call: Mrs. Chani Gross 732-257-8910.

SIMPLY TZFAT CONCERT

Ahavas Yisrael invites the entire community to receive an injection of simcha with Simply Tsfat. The concert will be on Rosh Chodesh Adar, February 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Ahavas Achim. Tickets for the concert are \$15 adults, \$12 children, and family admission \$36. Sponsorships are welcome and encouraged. For more information please contact Alec Cohen at 732-317-1784.

CHASSIDUS SHABBOS

Bask in the warmth of Chassidus - Join us for an inspiring Shabbos of food, singing, and chizuk, Shabbos Parshas Terumah (Feb. 27th-28th) with our guest, Rabbi Shmuel Brazil, shlita, Maggid Shiur at Yeshivas Shor YOSHUV, renowned composer and singer. Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos at RPRY, 5:30 pm. Sheves Achim Friday night at 8:15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yoni Kohn, 917 South Park Ave (between N. 9th & N.10th). Shabbos morning davening at Rabbi Mechel Horowitz' Shtieble, 46 N. 8th Ave. Kiddush following services. For more info, contact khalchassidim@gmail.com."

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

- The women's ongoing weekly tefillah and tehillim "Amen group" will meet Sunday, Feb 22 and March 1 and 8 from 9:30 until 10:00 am at the home of Doreen Schwartz- Weitz, 2 Opatut Court, Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. It should be in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira.
- 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.

- 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 e mail 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.

RUTGERS HILLEL NEEDS SEFORIM

The Jewish community at Rutgers Hillel needs Sefarim to support the expanding Jewish community on campus. We are looking for any Sefarim, Hebrew and English, used or new, to help provide for the learning needs of the community, including a new open Beit Midrash program on Mon. nights. If you wish, you can dedicate the Sefer in the honor or memory of the person you choose. To arrange a pick-up or drop-off, please call Sammy Sacks: (732) 735-3848.

JR NCSY INFO

-Want to stay updated with Jr. NCSY? Join our mailing list! Updates go out as often as we get them, so please email jrnscyhp@gmail.com with your child's name, grade and school. Any questions on any of the above announcements or anything having to do with Jr. NCSY, please contact Chana Lustiger at 908-209-1820 or Tzvi Hametz at 732-991-2252

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, February 22 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. The Parsha and Sefer Tomer Devorah classes will not be held on Monday evening, February 23. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at sieqelmom@optonline.net, Ricki

Stern 732-828-6939 ricketstern@yahoo.com, or Atara

Degani 732-306-5727 or 732-937-6823.

MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, February 25 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rosa Katz, 132 North 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY:

N'shei Agudah invites you to **GAME NIGHT!!** Bring your favorite **Board Game** and **best salad** (optional) to a fun-filled night. Come meet all the **"new players"** in our community. Sunday, February 22nd at 8:00 pm at 1721 Central Ave (triangle). Couvert: \$5. Questions?? Call Ruchie Kraus 732-819-9301 or Chaya Lutzky 732-543 0504.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Terumah

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| • Candlelighting | 5:29 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 5:35 PM |

VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!

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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: R. Tarfon

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

You are a *kohain*. You live during the waning years of the second *bais hamikdash*. There is a famine raging in the land. You are R. Tarfon. What can you do to alleviate the suffering as best you can? According to an interesting *agada* R. Tarfon married 300 women so that they would be able to eat *trumah* given to him as a *kohain*. R. Tarfon, a second generation *tanna*, was a student of no less than Rabban Gamliel, R. Yochanan ben Zaccai and Bais Shammai. He was a top flight *talmid chacham* who was regularly called upon to be the chief spokesman (*rosh hamidabrim*) when it came to make some very important presentations to the powers that be. R. Tarfon was very scrupulous when it came to the *mitzva* of *kibbud av ve-eim*. Once his mother was taking a stroll on shabbat when her sandals split. Quickly R. Tarfon put his hands under her feet so that she would not dirty them and she walked step by step on his hands to her destination. He never wanted to use his name for mundane purposes and once when he was forced to use his name to save himself he regretted it for months afterwards. R. Tarfon was sensitive to human life in his *halachic* decisions declaring that had he been on the *sanhedrin* not a single person would ever be put to death. He would find some *halchaic* principle in favor of the defendant. R. Tarfon was physically very tall, standing head and shoulders above many of his colleagues (R. Meir reached only to his shoulders). He also stood very tall when it came to Torah scholarship. R. Tarfon, a name every talmudic student remembers.