



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Allen Kessel - President**

*Rosh Hashanah*

*1 Tishrei 5770*

*September 19, 2009*

**Erev Rosh Hashanah (Friday September 18):**

- Candlelighting: 6:43 PM
- Mincha: 6:50 PM

**First Day Rosh Hashanah (Shabbos September 19):**

- Shacharis 8:15 AM (Hashkama 7:00 AM)  
*Rabbi Luban's Megillah Shiur – 5:45 PM*
- Mincha: 6:35 PM
- Candlelighting: Not before 7:50 PM

**Second Day Rosh Hashanah (Sunday September 20)**

- Shacharis: 8:15 AM (Hashkama 6:45 AM)
- Shofar: Not before 10:30 AM (Hashkama 9:00 AM)
- Mincha: 6:00 PM

*-followed by Tashlich*

• Maariv: 7:45 PM

**Tzom Gedalia (Monday September 21)**

- Fast Starts: 5:32 AM
- Slichos: 5:35, 6:20 and 7:25 AM
- Mincha: 6:20 PM
- Fast Ends: 7:44 PM

*Tuesday September 22, Wednesday September 23 and Friday September 25:*

- Slichos: 5:50, 6:35 and 7:30 AM
- Mincha/Maariv: 6:30 PM

*Thursday September 24:*

- Slichos 5:40, 6:30 and 7:30 AM
- Mincha/Maariv: 6:30 PM

**Weekday Maariv:**

10:10PM

Tuesday Tehilim 9:50PM

**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**

**Rosh Hashana:**

Friday-after Maariv. Shabbos-one hour Mincha, Second Day of Rosh Hashana-20 minutes before Mincha (5:40PM), then resuming at 7:10.

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

### **OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS**

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "[ohrtorah.net](http://ohrtorah.net)" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

### **MAZEL TOV**

...to Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard on the birth of a grandson to their children Debra and Dovi Popowitz.

...to Sari and Michie Klerer on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to grandparents Tamima and Simcha Klerer and Penny and Michael Kaplan, and the entire Klerer and Kaplan families. *The Shalom Zochor will be held at the shul at 9:30 PM.*

...to Tamima and Simcha Klerer on the birth of a daughter, Dalia, to their children Toby and Stuart Smith.

...to Batsheva and Bayrish Schreiber on the birth of a daughter, Shayna, to their children, Miriam and Yechiel Stobezki. Mazel Tov to the entire Schreiber family.

### **BABYSITTING FOR YAMIM NORAIM**

- Babysitting is available on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for children from walking age. Babysitting will start at 9:30 AM and last until the end of davening.
- In addition, there is a youth program for all other ages starting at approximately 11 AM.
- We will blow shofar (for women and children) in the Kiddush Room at 11 AM as well.

### **MAJOR YASHER KOACH**

A much deserved Yasher Koach goes out to Moish Wiesel for personally organizing and coordinating the recent cleaning of the front facade of the Shul. Thank you Moish!!!

### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

Congregation Ohr Torah warmly welcomes the following new members:

- Mr. and Dr. William and Rebecca Felsen
- Ms. Alizah Chomsky
- Ms. Zephyr Chomsky
- Mr. Gregory Olf

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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

### **FROM THE OT SISTERHOOD**

The shiur that was to be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 8:00 PM entitled "Teshuvah: Lessons from Yonah and Ninveh" is cancelled.

*WE ENCOURAGE ALL WOMEN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE SHIUR FOR THAT SAME DATE AND TIME:*

### **SHLOSHIM SHIUR FOR WOMEN IN MEMORY OF SURI GRANEK A"H**

Shloshim Shiur for women in memory of Suri Graneck A"H: On Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah, the community will be having a shiur to mark the shloshim of our dear friend and community member, Suri Graneck. The inspirational guest speaker is Rebbetzin R. Lubin, noted lecturer. All women and girls are welcome. Sponsorships are available at \$18, \$25 and \$50. To sponsor or for more information, please call Riki Kreitman (732-819-9642) or Fran Leitman (732-572-9545).

### **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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net), 732-572-4408
  - b.. Judaica Gallery,  
[judaicagallery@hotmail.com](mailto:judaicagallery@hotmail.com), 732-828-7722
- Please see the flyers for additional information.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EMERGENCY PARNASAH INITIATIVE**

As Rosh Hashanah 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

### **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 Succos, Shemini Atzeres and October 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408.**HOUSEKEEPING**

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

### **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.

### **FALL MOMMY & ME MUSIC CLASSES**

Come join us for creative movement music and dance classes with Morah Helena at the Young Israel of East Brunswick, 193 Dunhams Corner Road. The program is open to children ages 10 months to 3 years old along with a parent/guardian. Classes will run Sept. 8TH -Dec. 15TH 2009 on Tuesdays from 9AM - 9:45 AM. The cost is \$145 for 15 classes. Registration deadline is August 31, 2009. To register please call Eileen @ 732-254-7256.

### **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.

Sunday Sept 20th	Shmuel I Perek 27
Monday Sept 21st	Shmuel I Perek 28
Tuesday Sept 22nd	Shmuel I Perek 29
Wednesday Sept 23rd	Shmuel I Perek 30
Thursday Sept 24th	Shmuel I Perek 31
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](mailto:tefillah@actt613.org) with your name and shul affiliation. For more info, see the ACTT web site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), or call (732) 572-8762.

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. 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](http://www.ENRV.org), or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRV@verizon.net](mailto:ENRV@verizon.net). Please help: If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the information to [enrv@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 9:00 pm. The Park Mikvah will be closed 9/27 for Yom Kippur, opening at 9:00 PM 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.

Parshas Ha'azinu	
Candlelighting	6:31 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	6:40PM

### **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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net) Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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.