



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Allen Kessel - President**

*Shavuos*

*05 Sivan 5769*

*May 28 - 30, 2009*

### **First Day Shavuos:**

**Candlelighting: 8:01 PM**

**Mincha: 8:10 PM**

**Shacharis:**

**4:50 (Sunrise/Shemoneh Esrei- 5:31 AM) and 9:00AM**

**Note: No Kiddush after Shacharis**

**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:13AM**

**Early Mincha: 1:45 PM**

**NOTE CHANGE IN KOLLEL SEDER AND**

**KOLLEL MINCHA:**

*Kollel Learning Seder 4-5:45 PM*

**Kollel Mincha 5:45 PM**

**NOTE CHANGE FROM SCHEDULE IN**

**REGULAR MINCHA:**

**Mincha: 7:00 PM**

**Candlelighting – must be before 8:01 PM**

### **Second Day Shevuos:**

**Shacharis: 7:45 & 9 AM**

**Yizkor not before 8:45 and 10:30 AM**

*Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama*

**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:12AM**

**Early Mincha: 1:45 PM**

*Kollel Learning Seder 4-6 PM*

**Kollel Mincha 6:00 PM**

*Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur: 7:05 PM*

**Mincha: 7:55 PM**

*Shalosh Seudos speaker:*

*R. Israel Rivkin*

**Maariv: 9:05 PM**

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sunday: 7:15, 8 & 9 AM**

**Mon & Thur 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM**

**Tue, Wed, Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM**

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 8:10 PM**

**Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM**

*Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)*

*Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM*

*Friday - after kabolos shabbos. for the first minyan. Shabbos - one hour before mincha*

### **SHAVUOS DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**

*Thurs. nite, 1/2 hr before the shiurim (11:30 PM)*

*Friday ,1st day of Shevuos 1/2 hr before Mincha*

*Shabbos, 45 minutes before Mincha*

*Sunday- after 8 am Shacharis.*

*Monday -Thursday- 7:30PM*

### **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, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day Shavuos, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</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**

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludēju@gmail.com](mailto:ludēju@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.

### **SHAVUOS FLOWERS**

The flower arrangements for Shavuos were donated by Eva & Morris Weisz and Lori & Leslie Ney, in memory of the Yahrzeit of Eva's and Leslie's mother, Margit Ney Z"L.

### **CONDOLENCES**

...to Elisha Klein on the passing of her mother, Libby Sontz. Shiva concluded Erev Yom Tov.

*May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.*

### **SHIUR FOR WOMEN**

On Sunday June 7 at 10am, Rabbanit Chana Henkin, founder of the renowned Nishmat Seminary for Women in Israel, will give a shiur for women at Ohr Torah.

### **MAZEL TOV**

...to Sima Milgraum on the birth of a daughter, Malki, to her children Rivky and Koby Milgraum. Mazel Tov to the entire family.

...to Gail and Billy Bogner on the birth of a son, Mordechai Leib, to their children Elana and Yaakov Zachter. Mazel Tov to the entire family.

...to Riki and Robert Kreitman on the engagement of Rena to David Moisa of Jamaica Estates. Mazel Tov to grandparents Sheila and Henry Schanzer, and to aunts and uncles Lisa and Barry Schanzer & Michelle and Robert Schanzer.

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Eugene and Aliyana Wasserman in honor of Eugene finishing Shaas for the first time.

### **OHR TORAH LIBRARY.**

Please remember that the library is a reference library only. After using, always return the seforim to their respective shelves. In addition, no seforim are to be removed from the shul premises. NO EXCEPTIONS!

### **SHAVUOS NIGHT LEARNING**

#### **SCHEDULE**

12:00 Rabbi E. Kaufman – *The Bad Break and The Good Break of Jewish History*

1:00 Rabbi D. Bassous – *How to Count the Mitzvot*

2:00 Rabbi R. Drucker – *Torah Riddles X*

3:00 Rabbi Y. Hoffman – *Can You Marry A Woman via a Check or Credit Card?*

4:00 Rabbi Y. Luban – *The Tragedy of Conflict*

### **IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE**

Please note that people at the 6:30 and 7:10 morning minyanim have been parking in front of the doors to the garbage dumpster, making it impossible for the garbage to be collected. Aside from the health and odor issues, the Shul pays for collection whether or not the garbage is actually picked up. The dumpster is unfortunately now overflowing and will remain so through Shavuos due to those who have parked there illegally. **Never park in proximity of the dumpster, whether on weekdays or weekends.**

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **EDISON PRIMARY ELECTION**

This Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> is primary day in Edison. All eligible voters are urged to go to the polls. For further information, see Israel Rivkin or Jonas Waizer.

#### **RPRY 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL RAFFLE**

RPRY announces its second annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. Drawing is scheduled for 6/22. Tickets are \$36 apiece or 3 for \$100. Please see the flyer for more details. For tickets please see OT contacts Josh Caplan, Leor Jerushalmy, Russell Adler, Brian Dube or Barry Siegel.

#### **YESHIVA TIFERETH NAFTOLI DINNER**

Yeshiva Tifereth Naftoli of Central New Jersey invites the community to their 4<sup>th</sup> annual dinner to be held on June 14, 2009 at 5:30 pm. This year's worthy honorees include Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lustiger, Mr. and Mrs. Haim Baruh and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Levy. For further information, please contact Russell Adler.

#### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK RARITAN VALLEY**

Free job networking session: Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7:30pm; the program begins at 8pm and ends at 10pm. Camille Macchio, a business and career coach, will discuss behavior-

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based and traditional interviewing. 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 info to [enrv@verizon.net](mailto: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 not be having class on Sunday, May 31. Parsha class will meet on Monday evening, June 1 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. Class for post-seminary girls on Sefer Tomer Devorah will meet on Monday evening, June 1 at 9PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com).

#### **MRS. MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS**

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, June 3 at 9:15AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St, Edison. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

#### **REBBITZIN CHANA HENKIN TO SPEAK**

On Sunday, June 7 at 10am Rebbetzin Chana Henkin, Founder and Dean of Nishmat will present a shiur for women at OT entitled "The Ethos of Jewish Unity: Why is Rachel Mourning." The entire community is invited.

#### **ACTT SAYS THANK YOU**

ACTT says THANK YOU! Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT May 24th event with Rabbi BenTzion Shafier of The Shmuz, [www.theshmuz.com](http://www.theshmuz.com), so successful and meaningful! To volunteer or for more info on ACTT, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org), see the ACTT web-site: [www.actt613.org](http://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.

#### **ALL WOMEN & GIRLS INVITED**

The Sisterhood and Women's Torah Institute of Ahavas Achim invite all women and girls to hear Rebbetzin Sarah Goodman speak on "The Rebbe on Parashat Beha'alotcha" on Shabbat, June 13th

at 5 p.m. at the home of Fran and Jeff Ackerman, 408 Valentine Street, Highland Park.

#### **ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS:**

Women's 'Amen' group will continue to meet this Sunday at 9:45 AM upstairs in the office at Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. Please note the group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira, Fruma Sarah Bas Devorah Rachel, and the 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](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 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.

#### **MEKOR CHAIM AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

The Mekor Chaim Ambassadors Program presents A Shabbat of Learning and Inspiration with Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. Shabbat, June 13, 2009. Schedule of Events Sermon before Mussaf, "This Is Your Wake Up Call: Economic Crisis and the Jewish Community". Congregation Ahavas Achim. Study and Discussion, 4:30PM, Shalom Bayit: Was Moshe a Good Husband and Father?" Congregation Eitz Ahaim, Mincha, Seuda Shlishit and Q&A Session, 7:30PM. Congregation Ahavas Achim, An opportunity to ask your toughest questions of this luminary, and hear his candid and fascinating responses. Please email your questions in advance to [rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org](mailto:rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org)

#### **RABBI PORTNOY VISITS**

Please join us at Congregation Ahavas Yisrael on Parshas Nasso, June 5th-7th as Rabbi Ephrayim Portnoy of the Breslov Research Institute will be joining us and sharing the teachings of Rabbi Nachman with the Highland Park-Edison community. Rabbi Portnoy will be speaking on Friday night, giving the Shabbos Drasha, and a community wide shiur on Sunday morning.

#### **OHAV EMETH WOMENS SHAVUOS SHIUR**

Come join us at Ohav Emeth for an inspiring afternoon of shiurim and learning at the Shavuot Ladies Learning Program on Shabbat, May 30 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm featuring the renowned speakers,

Mrs. Backenroth, Mrs. Eisenberg and Yehudit Berger. The program has an additional Shavuot Dessert Oneg catered by Chantily's in Brooklyn.

#### **WOMEN & GIRLS SHAVUOS PROGRAM**

Join us in the RPRY Beis Medrash on Shavuos evening for a night of learning and inspiration. All women and girls are invited! The learning starts at midnight. Speakers this year will include Rabbi Motti Miller, Rabbi Avi Bodlander, Abby Atlas, and Devora Widman. Abby Atlas will deliver the first shiur. Sefarim will be available, and refreshments will be served. Please call Rachel Wolf at (908) 906-9799 with questions or if you are interested in giving a shiur.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sun-Thur nights, 9-11pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Saturday night, May 9 the mikvah opens at 9:30pm. Saturday nights May 16th and 23rd, it opens at 9:45pm. Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDTL \$20.

#### **CHUG IVRIT**

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, June 7, at 11am at the home of Marian Pianko 137 Highland Ave., Edison. 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](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net)

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Parshas Nasoh	
Candlelighting	8:06 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	7:00 & 8:15 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](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.

#### **Sof davar...**

#### **Tannaim and Amoraim: Eliezer ben Shimon**

If you are looking for a *tanna* about whom some odd and strange stories are told R. Eliezer ben Shimon is your man. For one: R. Eliezer was said to be very strong and loved to eat. One time a group of camel drivers had stopped at his home just as he was eating a large number of small rolls. The drivers mocked him saying that he must have a parasite in his stomach. When R. Eliezer heard this he became angry and, with his strength, put their camels on the roof. He would not bring them down unless they apologized (which they quickly did). A second example: R. Eliezer's father hated the Romans. Yet he made peace with them and was appointed to the job of capturing thieves, to the dismay of the *chachomim*. A launderer happened by and called him *chohmetz ben yayin* – vinegar the son of wine. This upset R. Eliezer and he had him arrested. When he cooled off he had him freed. Nonetheless, R. Eliezer was acknowledged as a remarkable scholar, greater even than R. Yehuda haNassi. When the latter complained about this view he was told that he was an *ari ben shaul* (a lion, the son of a fox) whereas R. Eliezer was an *ari ben ari*, as his father was the illustrious R. Shimon ben Yochai. Some suggest that R. Eliezer was identical to the famous *paiton* R. Eliezer haKalir, but this view is difficult to support. One of his more famous pronouncements is: Just as it is a *mitzvah* to say that which will be heard, so is it a *mitzvah not* to say that which will not be adhered to (good advice for speakers). When R. Eliezer passed away Rabbi wanted to marry his widow but she turned him down. R. Eliezer's final resting place is in Meron, not far from his well-known and revered father.

**by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff**