



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

22 Tishrei 5770

October 10, 2009

Erev Shemini Atzeres (Friday Oct. 9)

- Mincha: 6:15 PM
- Candlelighting: 6:08 PM

Shemini Atzeres (Shabbos October 10)

- Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00 AM
Rabbi Luban's Megillah Shiur: 5:10PM
- Mincha: 6:00 PM
- Candlelighting not before 7:15 PM

Simchas Torah (Sunday October 11)

- Shacharis: 6:45 and 9:00 AM
- Mincha: 6:10 PM
- Maariv: 7:10 PM

not to attend shul, in order to protect others from exposure. In the zechus of our care and thoughtfulness, may the Ribono Shel Olam bring a Refuah Sheleimah to all Cholei Yisroel.

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 and continue to do so much for our Shul:

Service Awardees

- Mimi and Charles Gershbaum

Guests of Honor

- Fran and Rabbi Shmuli Leitman

MAZEL TOV

...to Shayna & Craig Prupis on the birth of a daughter on Erev Sukkot, to their children Hinda & Tzvi Friedman of Lakewood.

... To Ryfka and Shimon Schreiber on the engagement of their son Moshe to Rikki Katz of Flatbush Brooklyn. Mazel Tov to David (Buzz) & Baila Katz and the entire Schreiber & Katz families.

...to Jerry & Smadar Parness on the engagement of their daughter Ariele to Yoni Fox of Teaneck. Mazel Tov to Yoni's parents Ed and Debbie Fox, and to the entire Parness and Fox families.

CONDOLENCES

...to Sheldon Waltuch on the passing of his mother, Ernestine Waltuch. The funeral and Shiva will be in St. Louis. Sheldon can be reached there at 732-759-4762.

May Hashem provide comfort to the family among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESIVTA TIFERES JERUSALEM

The Annual Mesivtha Tifereth 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, Shlita'a will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for information and reservations at (732) 246-1037.

NEW GEMARA SHIUR FORMING

An early morning Gemara shiur is being formed by the HP Kollel. The shiur will be designed to refresh previously learned skills in Gemara and to advance those skills. The shiur will be given by Rabbi Tzvi Leifer of the Kollel. Those who are interested should contact the Kollel at 732-668-3546.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK

Sunday Oct.18, 2009, Woodbridge Center Mall. Registration Begins @ 7:30am Walk @ 9:00am. Questions?: Bobbie Engel 732-819-7842.

BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting our next blood drive on Sunday, the 21st of Marcheshvan (Nov 8), from 9:30 to 3PM at our home, 120 Highland Ave., in HP. As always, we'll have 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 also fine).

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>

EMUNAH

EMUNAH is joining Highland Park for their annual township-wide garage sale on Sunday, October 18, 9 am to 5 pm at the Orani home, 292 North 5th Avenue. Please look through your home and feel free to donate anything and everything (except clothes). We are looking for all sorts of items, e.g., bikes, picture frames, Judaica, etc. For drop off information which will begin Wed. Oct. 14 please call Sue Redlich (732) 558-4917. To make this event a success, we need volunteers for 2-hour time slots. Chesed hours will be given to student volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Pauline Mykoff (732) 572-0457 or Sharon Hirt (732) 777-0462.

EMUNAH's Petting Zoo is back! Children ages 2 through 8 – enjoy animals, crafts, snacks, raffles and more! Sunday, October 25 (rain date November 1), 10 am to noon at the Deitcher-Matthew home, 9 Olden Road in Edison. \$8 per child; \$25 per family or \$36 donation to include 2 raffle tickets. All proceeds will buy school supplies for disadvantaged children in Israel. For additional information contact Didi Deitcher (732) 393-0211 or Tamar Loheit (732) 993-1454.

CONGREGATION ETZ ACHAIM

- Congregation Etz Achaim presents text-based classes for women on Mesillat Yesharim (The Path of the Just). The class meets on Sunday mornings (Oct. 18) at 10am.

-Classes for the Masses at Congregation Etz Achaim presents an eight-part series of lectures on The Secret of Success. These classes are on Wed. evenings at 8pm. Both classes are given at Cong. Etz Achaim, 230 Denison Street, by Rabbi David Bassous, and are open to all members of the community. For more info please call (732) 247-3839.

EMPL. NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Free job networking session: Wednesday, October 14th 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

Mon, Thu. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed., Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:05 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
NOTE START OF 7:30 DAILY MAARIV
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Daf Yomi on Shemini Atzeres- Friday night after maariv,

Shemini Atzeres – 30 minutes before mincha (5:30 and continuing after mincha. Simchas Torah-15 minutes before Mincha(5:55),and continuing after Mincha

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 October 17th & 31st and 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE VAAD HARABONIM

Due to the dramatic increase in diagnosed cases of Swine Flu in our community, the Rabbonim ask those with flu-like symptoms

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

bring about 20 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10pm. 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. 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.

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>. Please tell everyone you know about this special event open to the entire community. Attached you will find sample pictures of some of the art. More details will follow.

SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

The Sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Monday, October 12th. Store hours are 10am to 5pm. Although walk-ins are welcome it is helpful if you call 732-828-7722 and let us know you will be coming.

FRIENDS OF THE IDF

Save the Date: Friends of the IDF New Jersey Chapter will be having its 5th Annual IDF Tribute Dinner honoring the lone soldiers of the IDF on Saturday evening, October 24, 2009 at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel and Conference Center, East Rutherford, NJ. For more info, reservations, and/or journal ads please contact Benjamin Steward at (212) 244-3118 or Benjamin.steward@israelsoldiers.org or contact Ilean 732-651-1753.

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. 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.

Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Beresheit	
Candlelighting	5:57 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	6:05 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.

POLICE INFORMATION ON BIAS INCIDENTS

As you may be aware, there have been a recent series of unfortunate and unprovoked attacks on members of the Jewish community in Edison Township and Highland Park. To assure that you have a fair and accurate account of what occurred, we offer the following:

- 1) On September 19, 2009, at 7:25 pm a 19 year old male was struck by an arrestee in the eye by a closed fist causing laceration and bruises to the victim. This incident occurred on Woodbridge Avenue, just prior to the Route 1 overpass in Edison. A sixteen year old juvenile male was arrested for the act and charged with aggravated assault. Initially, a bias incident report was filed and subsequently the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office determined that this was a bias crime and the juvenile has been charged accordingly.
- 2) On September 27, 2009, at 8:45 pm a 17 year old juvenile, who is a resident of Somerset County, leaned out of a motor vehicle at Raritan Avenue and 4th Avenue in Highland Park and yelled "Heil Hitler" while raising his arm and giving the Nazi salute. His comments were aimed at several individuals who were walking home from their Synagogue. This individual was located and arrested for harassment and bias intimidation. Investigation revealed that this individual apparently acted spontaneously and independently and this was not a preplanned act.
- 3) Between September 28 and 29 2009, between the hours of 7:30 pm and 7:30 am, unknown person(s) spray painted Swastikas with blue paint on the front doors and building of Beth-El Congregation, located at 91 Jefferson Boulevard, Edison. This act is currently under active investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the Edison Police Department.

We want to assure you that law enforcement throughout the County, in close coordination and with the support of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, has, and will maintain a zero tolerance policy regarding any and all bias related offenses. Collectively, we will vigorously pursue these kinds of incidents and will arrest those responsible, regardless of their age. Due in part to our ongoing community policing programs and strong partnerships with the residents of our Jewish communities, we were able to promptly make arrests in two of the abovementioned incidents and are actively searching for the one or more individuals responsible for the spray painting of swastikas on the front of the Beth-El Congregation Synagogue. These random and despicable acts should not undermine your sense of safety and security. Patrols have been, and will continue to be increased in the area of all of our Synagogues and other appropriate measures are being taken as necessary. As always, we ask you to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to your respective police department immediately. We are, of course, available to meet with you if you have any concerns that have not already been addressed.

Hon. Bruce J. Kaplan
County Prosecutor Chief of Police,
Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office

Thomas Bryan,
Chief of Police
Edison Township Police Department

Stephen J. Rizco
Chief of Police
Highland Park Police Department

Brian Collier
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