



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Allen Kessel - President**

*Tazria Metzora – Rosh Chodesh*

*1 Iyar 5769*

*April 25, 2009*

**Candlelighting: 7:28PM**  
**Plag Mincha: 6:00 PM**  
**Early Mincha: 6:45 PM**  
**Mincha: 7:35PM**  
**Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00AM**  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur-  
 After Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:30AM**  
**Early Mincha: 1:45 PM**  
*Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 6:30 PM*  
**Mincha: 7:20 PM**  
*Shalosh Seudos speaker: Shmilu Weiss*  
**Maariv: 8:30 PM**

**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun 7:15, 8 & 9AM**  
**Mon & Thur 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM**  
**Tue, Wed & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM**  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:35 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*

**DAF YOMI**

The Daf Yomi will be starting a new masechta Maseches Bava Metzia on Monday April 27. All those wishing to start the Daf are urged to attend.

Monday -Thursday- 7:15PM and continues after maariv. Friday - after kabolos shabbos. If there are two minyanim, after the first minyan. Shabbos - one hour before mincha Sunday- after 8 am 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 May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Shavous. 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**

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**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 [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" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Miriam and Shmilu Weiss on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Mordechai. Mazel Tov to siblings, Malia and Shaje, to the grandparents, Frida Weiss and Dr. Nechemia and Roslyn Nesis, to aunt and uncle Ruchi and Yossi Stern and all the aunts, uncles and cousins. The entire congregation is invited to Kiddush after davening in honor of Mordechai's Bar Mitzvah.

**KIDDUSH & SHALOSH SEUDOS**

This week's Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos are sponsored by Miriam and Shmilu Weiss in honor of Mordechai's Bar Mitzvah.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS SPEAKER OPEN ENROLLMENT**

If would like to speak or suggest a speaker for shalosh seudos due to a simcha, yahrzeit, a guest visit or other occasion within the next six months, please reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet in the Beis Medrash quickly. After this Shabbos, all open speaking slots will be filled.

**CONDOLENCES**

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences:

...to Marion Kornfeld on the loss of her mother, Ethel Rosengarten, Z"l. Marion will be sitting Shiva in her house, 106 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, through Sunday.

...to Leonard Staller on the loss of his mother, Edith Stalle,r Z"l. Leonard will be sitting Shiva in his house, 296 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, through Sunday.

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

**NEEDED: WHEELCHAIR RAMP**

If anyone has or knows of anyone who has a wheelchair ramp, preferably indoor and outdoor that they could lend, it would be extremely appreciated. Please contact the Gottlieb family 732-985-5548.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EMERGENCY PARNOSAH INITIATIVE - Employment Network of Raritan Valley**

Free job networking session: Wednesday, May 13th 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 7:30 pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10 pm. Guest speaker: Kevin Shulman, a nationally known speaker on sales, negotiating, networking, prospecting, recruiting and management strategies, will provide tips for effective networking. For more information, 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.

**NORPAC**

Local Orientation/training session--Sat. night May 16 at Cong. Ohr Torah 9:45-10:45 ( i.e. you do not have to go to Englewood). Our 2 buses are full. One bus will leave from OT and the other from AA. Please watch your email in the days prior to the mission to find out on which bus your group will leave. Talking points will be emailed prior to the mission. Shacharis davening at both shuls will be at 5:45 am. Bus departure at 6: 30 sharp. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided and all meals are glatt kosher. We are taking a waiting list for openings due to cancellations. If we have an additional 20-25 people we will add a third bus. Rates are now \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Register at [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call 201-788-5133.

**MAYHS ANNUAL DINNER**

MAYHS Annual Dinner, Sunday, May 17, 2009 5:30 p.m.at Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison Guests of Honor: Leah and Avshalom Nagar of Deal in addition we will be: Paying Tribute to the New Academic Administration and Celebrating the Bar Mitzvah Year of the Boys' Division For more info or to place an ad in the Journal, call (732) 613-7460 or e-mail [adjournal@mayhs.org](mailto:adjournal@mayhs.org)

**CHARITY FOOD COLLECTION**

We will be collecting unopened Pesach and Chameitz food to be distributed to the local poor. Canned goods, Matza, etc. food can be dropped off at 37 Brookfall Road, Edison -Elise and Eddie Schechter

We will collect food until May 2, 2009

**RAV DOV TO SPEAK**

The Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program is proud to present a special guest speaker from Israel, Rav Dov Zinger. Rav Dov is the head of the Steinsaltz Mekor Chaim high school Yeshiva in K'far Etzion, Israel. Rav Dov will be giving a shiur in Hebrew on the topic "Take from the \*Zimra\* of the Land" at the residence of Wendy and Oz Bar, 232 South 3rd St., on Thursday, April 30th, at 8:30PM. Please contact Rabbi Shmuel Greene at [rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org](mailto:rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org) or 732-485-7122 for more information.

**RABBI MENACHEM LEIBTAG TO SPEAK**

In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut: On Sunday, April 26 at Ohav Emeth, Rabbi Menachem Liebttag will address "Can There Be Kedusha without Halacha: The Prophetic Dilemma of the Modern Jewish State in Light of Sefer Devarim." Prior to the

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lecture, Rabbi Leibtag will distribute source sheets and provide guidance during an optional "Beit Medresh Hour" for preparation. Families and friends are urged to form chavruta groups to learn the sources, which will enrich and deepen the content of the shiur to follow.

Cost: \$5 per person including light refreshments. Schedule:

6:45: Beit Medresh Hour/Refreshments

7:35: Mincha and Maariv

8:05: Shiur by Rabbi Leibtag

Rabbi Menachem Leibtag is the founder of the Tanach Study Center and is one of pioneers of Torah Education via the internet.

#### **SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

The Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassador program is proud to present a special scholar in residence on the Shabbat of Parshat Acharei Mot/Kedoshim, May 2nd, the chief Rabbi of Tekoa, Rav Menachem Fruman. Rav Fruman is a former IDF paratrooper who took part in the 1967 liberation of the Kotel and was a student at the Mercaz haRav and Yeshivat HaKotel yeshivas. He has taught at several yeshivas including Ateret Cohanim and Machon Meir, and is currently a lecturer at Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's Hesder Yeshiva in Tekoa and the Otniel hesder Yeshiva.

Rav Fruman will be speaking in Hebrew at the main Shabbat morning Ohav Emeth minyan, before Mincha at 6:00PM at Ahavath Achim on "Mesirut Nefesh" and at Eitz Ahaim at a special Seuda Shlishit on "The Torah of Eretz Yisrael and the Torah of outside the Land of Israel".

#### **EMUNAH COOKING EVENT**

Our cooking event has been rescheduled to 8 pm April 29, same location. Sharon Starr Heyden, author of "A Culinary Journey: Exotic Kosher Cuisine," will demonstrate an entire at 8 pm on April 29 in the home of Adrienne Orani, 292 North 5th Avenue, HP. A graduate of EMUNAH's summer cooking week in Tuscany, Sharon will share her recipes and give us each a taste. Please reserve so we know how much to prepare. The evening's \$18 donation helps our projects for the needy in Israel in these very difficult times. Join us! RSVP by email to

[maydl49@aol.com](mailto:maydl49@aol.com) (<mailto:maydl49@aol.com>) or to 732 846 8990 (Sue Redlich's office number).

#### **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>

#### **MAZAL SHIDDUCH GROUP**

Please email Sharon at [Shcl18@aol.com](mailto: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.

#### **REBBETZIN EICHENSTEIN'S NAVI CLASS**

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, April 26 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, April 27 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [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, April 29 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rosa Katz, 132 North 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

#### **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 or tehillim.

#### **ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR CHIZUK HOT LINE**

A Parent Speaks Is happy to announce the establishment of our CHIZUK HOT LINE. The purpose of this hot line is to provide parents and family members of special needs children the chizuk/ support needed to get through those difficult moments. The hot line is manned by parents and family members who have gone through similar moments and are here to support you. Please note that the hot line is not manned by medical professionals or therapist and is

intended only to be there as a support mechanism. The hot line is manned from after Shabbos CST until 3:00 PM CST on Friday. The hot line is now up and running and available to assist you. HOT LINE 1-877-99-PARENT

#### **YIEB SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

The Young Israel of East Brunswick is proud to announce a Scholar in Residence Program featuring Rabbi Moshe Meir Weiss being held on Shabbat Emor, May 8th and 9th. Rabbi Weiss will be speaking throughout Shabbat and at a Melaveh Malkah on Motzei Shabbat. For Shabbat hospitality please contact Steve Moskowitz at (732) 616-8999 or [smoskowitz1@verizon.net](mailto:smoskowitz1@verizon.net). The entire community is invited to attend the Melaveh Malkah. Suggested Donation is \$10. Rabbi Weiss will be selling his books and tapes at the Melaveh Malkah as well. For more info, please contact the Young Israel of East Brunswick at 732-254-1860.

#### **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](mailto: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 night

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sun-Thur nights, 9-11pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Saturday night, April 4th and 11th, the mikvah opens at 9pm. April 8-10, and April 14-15, Pesach, HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

#### **Parshas Acharei-Kedoshim**

Candlelighting	7:35 PM
Mincha/ Kabolas Shabbos	7:00 & 7:45 PM

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