



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Tetzaveh Zachor

11 Adar 5769

March 7, 2009

Candlelighting: 5:36PM
Mincha: 5:45PM
Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:15AM
Early Mincha: 1:35 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 4:40 PM
Mincha: 5:30 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Yitzchok Gradenvitz
Maariv: 6:40 PM
NOTE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SUNDAY
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon, Tues. SEE PURIM SCHEDULE
Thur 6:17, 7:05, 8 AM
Wed, Fri 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:45 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
 Monday -Thursday- 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. In addition, this shabbos the daf will meet one hour before mincha rather than at 8:15 am or after the hashkama minyan

As there is a biblical Mitzva to hear Parshat Zachor, there will be additional Zachor lainings right after Shabbat Mussaf & 10 minutes before Mincha at 5:20.

TAANIS ESTHER/ PURIM SCHEDULE

Taanis Esther Monday March 9
 Fast Begins: 6:07 AM
 Shacharis: 6:17, 6:55 & 8 AM
(earliest Talis and Tefillin – 6:26 AM)
 Mincha: 6:25 PM
Purim Night:
 Maariv: 7:35 PM
 Megillah: 7:45 PM
 Women's Reading of Megillah 9:00 PM
Purim Day Tuesday March 10
 Shacharis: 6:15, 6:45 & 8 AM
(earliest Talis and Tefillin – 6:24 AM)
 Women's Reading of Megillah: 9:00 AM
 Mincha: 1:45 & 6:45 PM
 Maariv: 7:00 & 10:10 PM

special guest and dynamic speaker. The Rosh Yeshiva will at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Tiefenbrunn, 29 Perry Road, Friday Night March 6th at 8:45 pm. He will give a shiur in Hebrew (Ivrit Kal) at 9:00 pm sharp on the topic "Mechiyas Amalek U'Milchemes Aza current perspectives".

Rav Gradenvitz will also deliver a D'var Torah at the Ohr Torah 7:45 Hashkama Minyan, and will speak a third time at the Ohr Torah Seuda Shlishis.

HASHKAMA MINYAN KIDDUSH

This week's hashkamah minyan will be followed by a Yahrzeit Kiddush sponsored by the Tiefenbrunn family in memory of Reb Moshe Chaim Tiefenbrunn Z"L, Larry's father, and in memory of Mrs. Kayla Tzipa Edelstein A"H, Mina's mother. May the neshamos have an Aliyah, together with all our blessed ancestors.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rivka and Joel Adler on the birth of a son to their children Debbie and Dov Firestone.

... to Clara and Jonas Waizer on the birth of a daughter to their children Adina and Yehuda Muehlgay of Passaic, NJ. Mazel Tov to aunt and Uncle Mindy and David Waizer and to the entire Waizer and Muehlgay families.

CHILDREN'S PURIM NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Starting at 7:45 PM on Purim night Monday March 9th in the classrooms downstairs there will be a world class magician and face painter for our children of all ages to enjoy. Questions...email Mayer Berg at mberg@optonline.net or call (732) 572-3429.

PURIM BREAK-FAST

The Sisterhood invites everyone to a delicious break-fast following the megillah reading on Purim night. There will be dinner for the adults and pizza for the children so please plan on joining us!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next General Membership Meeting will take place Tuesday, March 24th at 8:00PM. Agendas will be mailed shortly.

NOTE FROM THE SISTERHOOD

The sisterhood would like to thank all those who participated in the mishloach manot program. While providing beautiful baskets to the entire Ohr Torah community, the project also allows the sisterhood to sponsor the break-fast following megillah reading, an event open to all, free of charge.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Eugene & Helen Leitman, and their children, Shmully & Fran, in honor of Helen's refuah and return home, and in appreciation of all the help and support, medical and otherwise, given by so many members of the shul.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Joel and Rivka Adler in memory of Joel grandmother Nechoma Peril Bas Pinchos A"H.

SHABBOS ZACHOR GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi Yitzchok Gradenvitz shlit"a is the Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Chochma V'daas of Rechovot, Israel. Rav Gradenvitz, born in Bnei Brak, learned in Yeshiva Be'er Yaakov under HaRav Moshe Shmuel Shapira z'l. While there he was close with HaRav Shlomo Wolbe z'l, the well known Mashgiach, and author of the Alei Shur. This exposure allowed him to absorb the foundations of mussar and education from a true Master.

For the past nearly three decades Rav Gradenvitz has integrated this expertise into his unique mission of educating and molding young men into productive and responsible Torah Jews. He has had immeasurable success in dealing with disadvantaged youth, guiding each one individually, based on the students' abilities and potential.

This Shabbos, Parshas Zachor, our community has the pleasure of hosting this

BARUCH HABA

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 Mar. 14, & 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 ludeju@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.

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

Additionally, this year, the sisterhood will donate all remaining proceeds to the community unemployment fund. Yasher Koach to all participants and a special thanks to the delivery volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The OT sisterhood is in need of volunteers to deliver mishloach manot for purim. If you are able to help with this program, or your driver age children are looking for Chesed hours, please call Shelley Schoenfeld at 732 572 5808 with your contact information as well as the number of baskets you are willing to deliver.

RABBI'S SHABBOS DRASHA

In order to achieve greater decorum during the Rabbi's Shabbos Drasha, the Board has determined that both the Front and Rear Doors to the Shul will be locked during the Rabbi's weekly presentation. This action will prevent any entry into the Shul but will still allow anyone to exit the Shul. Immediately after the Drasha's completion, the back doors will be unlocked and operate normally. We will initiate this policy starting this Shabbos, March 7th, so please inform your spouses and children in advance about this important change.

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.

MATANOS LEVYONIM

Rabbi Luban is now accepting Matanos Levyonim donations.

EMERGENCY PARNOSAH INITIATIVE - Employment Network of Raritan Valley

* If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the information to enrv@verizon.net and rkreitman@sidley.com. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

* If you are looking for a job and need assistance with your resume, interviewing or networking, contact enrv@verizon.net and go to www.enrv.org and sign up to receive job postings.

* The next job networking session will be on Wednesday, March 11th at Congregation Ahavas Achim. This free session is 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: Naomi Auman, a human resource professional at a major international IT consulting firm. Naomi will discuss job

placement from the employer's perspective, including resumes, cover letters, interviews, etc.

SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this years community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 15 from 9 AM to 5 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. (Coordinator/Questions) Barry Siegel, siegeldd@optonline.net

BIRCHAS HACHAMA VIDEO

We are looking for someone to show the video for Birchas Hachama on March 15 and the video for Tisha Baav, from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. If you are interested in this please contact Debbie Schneider at 732 572-4713 or Allen Kessel at 732 572-9493.

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 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

MISHMAR

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY this Motzei Shabbat @ 7:45
Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

LOST AND FOUND

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

MIRROR ROSH YESHIVA

The Mirror Rosh Yeshiva, HoRav Nason Tzvi Finkel, Shlita will be spending this Shabbos at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A Joseph Stern. For further information, or to set up an appointment with the Rosh Hayeshiva, please contact the Stern residence at 732-247-1919.

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. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Contact: H. Atlas, Elie Borger, Allen Kessel, Barry Wolf, Marc Hanfling

docdad@aol.com Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133.

BIKUR CHOLIM HEALTH FAIR

Save the date - Sunday, March 15, 1:00 - 5:00 PM at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva. Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley County, in conjunction with St. Peter's University Hospital, will be hosting a health fair featuring informational booths and exhibits for the entire family. There will be a fire safety house, karate, bicycle registration, ambulance, 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, basic 1st aid, and much, much more. 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: bone density, blood sugar, cholesterol screenings, and blood pressure. Massage therapists, chiropractic care / holistic medicine, postural screenings, organic skin care, whole food and other healthcare products. In addition, 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.

YESHIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI: "A GLIMPSE OF UPPER ELEMENTARY"

Netivot continues to grow! Join us for a preview of the Upper Elementary program, opening in the fall of 2009. This session will explain how the curriculum continues from Lower to Upper Elementary, providing a rigorous academic experience at the appropriate developmental level for nine to twelve year-olds. We will provide a general overview of the nine to twelve scope and sequence, highlighting certain curricular areas and demonstrating how they extend and develop from one level to the next. This session is recommended for all intrigued parents. Location: Netivot Lower Elementary, 33 Lakeview Blvd., Edison Tue, March 24, 8pm.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum presents the final lecture of the 2008-2009 season **this Motzei Shabbat March 7, 2009, 8:30pm** at Cong Ahavas Achim - 216 South 1st Ave, Highland Pk, 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

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.

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.

EMUNAH COOKING EVENT

Sharon Starr Heyden, author of the spectacular cookbook, "A Culinary Journey: Exotic Kosher Cuisine," will demonstrate an entire meal for us (applicable to Pesach, too) at 8 pm on March 18 in the home of Adrienne Orani, 292 North 5th Avenue, HP. Sharon will make a soup appetizer, a meat main dish, a vegetable side dish and a fruit dessert. 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 or to 732 846 8990 (Sue Redlich's office number).

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).

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 MISHMAR PROGRAM

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seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

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.

.org, or contact Bob Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net.

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

ATTENTION ALL 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.

- 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

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS:

Women's 'Amen' group will continue to meet Sunday, March 8, 9:30 - 10:00 AM (don't forget to turn your clock ahead) at the home of Dorene Schwartz-Weitz, 2 Opatut Court, Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. The format of the group is to recite 'Amen' to the series of 15 Brachot, page18 Artscroll Siddur for a total of 100 brachot. We read 5 Tehillim, 'MeShebayrach' for the Cholim, the Chofetz Chaim for the day, and the prayer for the Members of the Israel Defense Force. Please note the group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira, Fruma Sarah Bas Dvorah Rachel, and the other Cholim on community lists and individual's requests.

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REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, March 8 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. The Parsha class will not be held on Monday evening, March 9. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at sieqelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will not meet Wednesday, March 11. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Ki Tiza

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| • Candlelighting | 6:44 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 6:50 PM |

VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!

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