



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Toldot

4 Kislev 5770

November 21, 2009

Candlelighting: 4:18PM
Mincha: 4:25PM
Shacharis: 7:30 and 9:00AM
NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR HASHKAMA
MINYAN FOR KLAVAN BAR MITZVAH
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur-
After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:17AM
Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur –
3:20 PM
Mincha: 4:10 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: R. Gershon Klavan
Maariv: 5:20 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday: 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Rabbi Billowitz shiur –after 8 AM Shacharis
Mon 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM
Tues, Wed 6:30, 7:10, & 8AM
Thurs (Thanksgiving) 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Fri 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:20 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shiur She'eilos Uteshuvos:
Monday 9:10PM
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
 Monday -Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. For the winter, Shabbos 8:15AM or after Hashkama Scharharis. Sun. after 8am 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 December 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. 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.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING

Please see the Ohr Torah website, www.ohrtorah.net, for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah for members of our shul and community.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rona and Seymour Kessel on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Robin to Noam Insler. Mazel Tov to Sandy Insler, grandparents Sima Kessel and Ben Koppelman, aunt and uncle Barbara and Allen Kessel and the entire Kessel and Insler families.

...to Alan and Shanie Singer on their son Noam receiving his Smicha from Rav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg in Jerusalem.

Mazal Tov to his wife Racheli. Noam is continuing his learning at the Mir Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

...to Deena and Gershon Klavan on the Bar Mitzva of their son Pesach. Mazel Tov to the Grandparents Dr. & Mrs. Irving Klavan and Rabbi & Mrs. Avraham Landesman, and to Great-Grandmother Rebbetzin Raymon, and to the entire Klavan, Landesman and Raymon families.

...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the Bat Mitzva of their granddaughter, Avital Kestenbaum of Ranaana Israel this coming week.

...to Rabbi Shlomo and Miriam Ziegler on the birth of a daughter, Adina Bracha, to their children Atara and Yonatan Ziegler. Mazel Tov to grandparents Tammy and Milton Nussbaum, great grandparents Judi and Michael Seidemann and the entire family.

...to Rhoda & Joel Paul and Anat & Hy Applebaum for being honored by Congregation Poile Zedek at their annual dinner this Sunday.

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

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

--On Motzei Shabbat December 5th, Ohr Torah will be heading to the New Jersey Devils vs Detroit Red Wings hockey game. We will be meeting at the Edison Train Station at 5:45 PM sharp to catch a 5:56 PM train to Newark. Cost is \$40/child. Includes a ticket to the game, transportation and snacks on the train. Only 30 tickets are available.

--On Motzei Shabbat December 26th at 5:45 PM sharp at Ohr Torah, come join us as we head to the New Jersey Nets vs Houston Rockets game at the Izod Center with a special visit to the NJ Nets Practice Training

Facility beforehand. The training facility is a replica of the Izod Center with the same flooring, lighting and much more! Cost is \$45/child which includes a ticket to the game, transportation on a coach bus and snacks on the bus. Only 45 tickets are available.

For either event, Please make all checks out to Ohr Torah with your phone number and the name of the your child/ren coming to the game on the check.

CONDOLENCES

...to Lynn Hanfling on the loss of her father, Mr. Abe Shochet. *Lynn will be sitting shiva at 75-21 170th Street- Queens, NY 11366 until Thursday morning. The phone number is 718-969-1005.*

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

YESHIVA TIFERES NAFTOLI BEIS MEDRASH PROGRAM

Can't make it to the Yeshiva to learn? No problem because the Yeshiva is coming to you! Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli is proud to announce its Sunday evening learning program is open to the community. Please come join the Yeshiva and learn in a yeshiva atmosphere. The program is each Sunday night at Ohr Torah, 7:15-8:15pm followed by Maariv. For additional info, please contact Rabbi Berkowitz at the Yeshiva, 732-446-5841.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONEG SHABBOS

All 8th Grade boys are invited to an Oneg Shabbos this Friday night, Nov 20, 2009 at 8PM at the Goldsmith home 20 Celler Road, Edison. Hope to see all of you there!!

MISHMAR LEARNING PROGRAM

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00 pm. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles. Starting with November 6, Mishmar switches to 7:00 pm.

RJJ ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON

The Rabbi Jacob Joseph School of Edison New Jersey Cordially invites you to attend their Annual Ladies Luncheon In Memory of Mrs. Suri Granek נ"י honoring Mrs. Mira Septimus Sunday, November 22nd 11AM at Cong. Ohr Torah .

THANKSGIVING YOM IYUN

Congregation Ahavas Yisrael of Edison will be hosting a Community Wide Yom Iyun on Thanksgiving Day. The shul is located at 1587 Route 27 Edison NJ 08817. The program will begin with Shacharis at 8AM and will conclude by 11AM. Rabbis Drucker, Wasser and Luban will be coming to AY and sharing divrei Torah with the tzibbur, this event is open to the entire community. Breakfast will be served as well.

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

OE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Ohav Emeth Youth Department invites all families to Family Game Show Night at O.E. on Motzei Shabbat, Nov 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$20 per family. Sign up your family teams (any combination of parent/child) to play a family-style "Newlywed Game" at oeqgroups@gmail.com.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Hoffman has resumed his Wednesday night shiur. This year, the shiur will learn mesechta brochos with rishonim, acharonim and halacha l'maisseh. Please join this wonderful learning opportunity. 8:30-9:15 at the Agudah.

KESHARIM

Kesharim is offering a girls 10AM Sunday morning brunch study Chumay Biyun class at Rutgers. For info, call Leora 732-710-8331.

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.

MAAGALIM

Simcha Fass, a longtime member of the Edison/Highland Park community who made aliyah several years ago, has become the chairman of Maagalim, an Israeli organization led by Hesder yeshiva graduates. On Sunday morning, Nov 22nd, from 9:30-10:15 AM, there will be a breakfast parlor meeting at the home of Rifky and Jack Atkin, 16 Hamlin Road in Edison, at which Assaf Weiss, founder of Maagalim, will provide more info about the important work of this organization. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jack or Rifky Atkin at (732) 777-0933, Robert or Riki Kreitman at (732) 819-9642, or David or Lisa Goldberg at (732) 572-8925. For more information, go to www.maagalim.org (<http://www.maagalim.org/>).

CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having classes Sunday, November 22 and Monday, Nov 23. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, Nov 25 at 9AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. For more info, call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

TEFILLAH INITIATIVE E-MAILS

Send an e-mail to: tefillah@actt613.org, to receive the Raritan Valley Tefillah Initiative e-mails,

including the very informative and inspiring V'ani Tefillah Foundation newsletter "Praying With Passion - A Weekly E-mail Newsletter Focusing on the Meaning Of The Davening".

WOMEN'S AMEN GROUP

The Women's AMEN Group will be continuing to meet weekly, Sunday mornings at Congregation Ohr Torah, 1st classroom downstairs to the left of the stairway. The group will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. All women and girls are invited to join. The group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira and 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. 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 tehilim.

JR NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jrs- Events: this motzie shabbat Nov 21 Jr NCSY is having a melavah malkah waffle making and movie night 6th grade only. *Waffles Up* **NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE** it is not being held at O.E. but has been changed to the Hametz home at 22 fairhill rd Edison NJ 7:00 pm. REGIONAL LOCK IN is quickly approaching Please sign up online at njncsy.com space is limited and room on the bus is first come first serve. *Fun Time America*, unlimited lazer tag, video games, and rides, all night long surrounded by all your friends what more could you want?? 40 dollars before November 25th, 45 dollars after. **Transportation not included in price online** Please join our mailing list by emailing your preferred email address to jrnscyhp@gmail.com we are also on Facebook Highland Park Homies. Any question or comments please don't hesitate to call.... Tzvi Hametz @ 732 991 2252 or Tocopow@aol.com or Gavi Lankin @ 732 406 3744 *Srs* - Would like to welcome the new srs advisor Eitan Gold, we are looking forward to an amazing year to come. Next week Srs is having an oneg Friday night time and location are to be announced.SRS REGIONAL CONVENTION is coming up sign, up online at njncsy.com. come join hundreds of your friends

from across our NJ region for an amazing, inspiring, and all around awesome shabbat. This winter regional is being held at the Hudson valley resort and spa and promises to be one of the best regionals to date. Any questions or comments please contact Eitan at 908 577 8940 or email at evq1023@gmail.com.

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, December 6, (Note new date. It is not meeting on November 29.) at 11am at the home of Justin & Susan Hornstein, 701 S. 2nd Ave., Highland Park. You can RSVP directly to them at (732) 214-9631 or jhornstein@att.com. 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. For more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

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 to enrv@verizon.net. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park mikvah will be open Saturday-Thursday evenings 8:30-10:30pm. Friday nights by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Vayeitzei	
Candlelighting	4:14 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:20 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.

Sof davar...

Tannaim and Amoraim: R. Zeira

Though born and educated in Bavel R. Zeira wanted very much to emigrate to Eretz Yisroel. Before he would leave, however, he sought the approval of several *gedolim*. R. Yochanan approved but R. Yehudah did not. Weighing his options R. Zeira and his family chose to make the move to Israel. It was not an easy trip. At one point R. Zeira was forced to cross the Jordan River on foot. Upon arrival in T'veriah he went to buy some meat. He paid his bill of 50 *perutot* and then received a slap on the face (for reasons unknown). Thinking this to be the custom of the area he related this to the sages that night. Appalled at what they heard they sought out the seller but, tragically, found that he had died. In spite of all his troubles R. Zeira loved every aspect of Israel. It was he who authored the statement "*avira d'ar'ah machkim*" the very air of Israel has the capacity of making one wise. R. Zeira, one of the *gedolim* of Eretz Yisroel, was a humble person who did not want to accept *semicha*. He relented when he heard that all your transgressions are removed when you receive *semicha* (I didn't know that). Hundreds of his *maamorim* appear in the Talmud. He had the practice of fasting 100 days to achieve certain goals. He also had the curious practice every 30 days of testing himself with fire. Once the fire got out of control and he was severely burned by the fire. He then became referred to as *ketina charoch shakei*" – the short man with scorched thighs. He lived a long life and was honored greatly at his passing.

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff



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