



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Tzav- Shabbos Hagadol

10 Nisan 5769

April 4, 2009

Shabbos HaGadol (Shabbos, April 4)

- Candlelighting: 7:06 PM
- Mincha: 7:15 PM
- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 AM
- Mincha: 1:45 PM, 6:30 PM followed by drasha:
Topic: The Mitzvah of Zechiras Yetzias Mitzrayim

No Shalosh Seudos in Shul

- Maariv: 8:08 PM
- Sunday: April 5
- Shacharis: 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
- Mincha/ Maariv: 7:15 PM
- Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

Monday-Tuesday April 6-7

- Shacharis 6:20, 7:05 (Mon) 6:30, 7:10 (Tue), 8 & 9 AM
- Mincha: 7:15 PM
- Late Maariv 10:10 PM

• **Bedikas Chometz Tuesday after 8:18 PM**

Erev Pesach (Birchas Hachama/ Taanis Bechorim)

(Wednesday, April 8)

- Sunrise: 6:30 AM
- Shacharis: 6:10 (vasikin), 7:10, 8 & 9 AM

followed by Birchas Hachama and then by siyumim - If you are a bechor and go to 7:10 minyan, please confirm that a siyum is scheduled for your minyan . 6:10, 8 & 9 AM have confirmed siyumim.

- Latest time to eat Chometz: 10:25 AM
- Burn Chometz before 11:42 AM

Don't Forget Eruv Tavshilin

- Candlelighting: 7:11 PM
- Mincha: 7:20 PM

DAF YOMI

Monday -Wednesday- after maariv

Friday - after kabolos shabbos.

Erev Yom Yov – after maariv

Shabbos and Yom Tov - one hour before mincha

Sunday- after 8 am shacharis.

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, April 18th, May 2nd & 23rd. 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Debby and Arthur Atlas on the engagement of their daughter Abby, to Menachem Lazar. Mazel Tov to Menachem's parents, Rabbi David and Naama Lazar of Pittsburgh, and to Abby's cousins Nadine and Jonathan Teitelbaum of Edison.

....to Rochelle and Ralph Dessau on the birth of a daughter to their children, Ilana and Ammiel Bachrach of Passaic. Mazel Tov to the baby's great grandmother, Sita Dessau and to the aunts, uncles and cousins, David and Raquel Dessau and family and Brian and Shoshana Allen and great- Aunt and Uncle Joel and Harriet Gersten and family.

...to Bonnie and Motty Schwartz on the birth of a daughter to Elana and Yonason Lubin.

...to Braindy and Neal Pomper on the engagement of their daughter Naomi, to Yossi Sasson of Clifton, NJ.

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ

Rabbi Luban is available for selling Chometz.

EDISON AND HIGHLAND PARK -

PESACH TRASH, RECYCLE AND BURN

Edison: The township will provide a garbage truck, a recycle truck and facilities for burning chametz on Wednesday April 7 from 7:00 AM – Noon, at the junction of North Eighth and Edgemount Rd. **Please limit the amount of chometz to be burned to one small paper bag per family. Thursday curbside garbage removal will take place Wednesday morning this week, hence no need to drag large bags to North 8th Ave.** We thank Mayor Jun Choi and Mr. Jeff Roderman, head of Public Works, for their extraordinary help.

Highland Park: Garbage trucks will be available at the HP Public Works Garage at South 5th and Valentine St on Wednesday from 6:45 AM -12:15 PM for garbage drop off. Recycling containers will also be available on site for residents to leave their recyclables. *Important safety note:* Garbage trucks and other Public Works vehicles will be staged and leaving the garage area between 6:30 and 7:00 AM Wed. For everyone's safety, the public works staff has requested that people not arrive earlier than 6:45 AM Wed. unless they are absolutely unable to bring garbage and recycling at any other time Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S PRE-PESACH PROGRAM

On Sunday April 5th from 10 AM to 12:30 PM, Ohr Torah will be hosting a Children's

Arts & Crafts Pre Pesach program. We will be designing and decorating Jerusalem Seder Plates, Afikoman bags, Karpas cups, napkin rings and more! In addition, a pizza lunch will be provided. All this fun for only \$18 a child! Please contact Mayer Berg at mgberg@optonline.net to sign up. More questions...please call (732) 572-3429.

OPEN LETTER TO SHUL COMMUNITY

Given the escalated local unemployment situation, we are proud of our own shul community along with members of neighboring synagogues. We have raised a significant amount in pledges on behalf of our emergency fundraising campaign coordinated in cooperation with Vaad Harabonim of Raritan Valley.

If you have not been contacted by a member of our committee or were unable to earlier make a donation, contributions will be gratefully accepted.

A number of persons have pledged monthly donations and those too can be mailed to the synagogue office. Checks should be marked: Ohr Torah – Community Chesed Fund All donations should be given or mailed to:

*Yoel Schwartz
Congregation Ohr Torah
48 Edgemount Road
Edison, NJ 08817*

Att: Community Chesed Fund

We thank you for our generosity and kindness.

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 Pesach, all open slots will be filled.

SEFORIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Israel and Rebecca Rivkin in memory of their parents William & Ida Rivkin, Rabbi & Rebbitzin Chaim Yaakov & Yehudis Bulka Z"l
- Moshe & Rachel Stern in honor of the Marriage of Tova Bloom & Daniel Schaffer
- Rabbi Chaim Jachter in appreciation to Cong. Ohr Torah
- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Reena Greenspan's father Ralph Braver Z"l

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

YESHIVAS BEIN HAZMANIM

Starting this coming Monday March 30th there will be A Yeshivas Bein HaZemanim. A learning program which will take place in the mornings at the Agudah. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 and seder will start at 10:00am. The program is free and ALL Yeshiva Bochurim are welcome.

GLATT 27

Glatt 27 will be open this Motzoei Shabbos (April 4) from 10:00 PM to Midnight.

RPRY CHINESE AUCTION

WANTED: 100% Participation in RPRY's 1st Annual Chinese Auction! Don't miss this chance to, INEXPENSIVELY, win beautiful prizes: car lease, trips to Israel, California, Florida and beyond, sefarim, jewelry, computers, electronics, furniture sets, gift cards and LOTS more. AND, thanks to the generosity of private sponsors, 100% of proceeds will benefit RPRY's Scholarship Fund! Discount Ticket Packages available (see website or auction booklet). Wishing everyone much Mazel in winning great prizes, and we thank you in advance for helping to make RPRY's Chinese Auction a resounding success! To view prizes and order tickets, go to www.chineseauctiononline.com, link from www.rpry.org, or order manually (see RPRY office for auction booklet). Questions? Please contact RPRY at 732-572-5052 or Leslie Ostrin at leslienbo@monmouth.com.

COMMUNITY-WIDE

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

In conjunction with area synagogues, the Jewish Federation is honored to sponsor a community-wide Yom Hashoah commemoration on the evening of APRIL 21 in the ballroom of the E Brunswick Jewish Center. For the exhibit before the program starts: We'd be delighted if you can share your family's experiences with the community - We are seeking articles, photos, and memorabilia from Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi Jewish communities and families (from around the world) before and immediately after the Holocaust. Please send ONLY COPIES of pictures or documents to: Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, 230 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ 08882. Submissions should be accompanied by: date, name(s), and a brief description (2 to 4 sentences) of the item's location/situation Original Submissions WILL NOT be returned. Join us in the OPENING MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY: Community members, Holocaust survivors, 2nd generation and their families are invited to light candles at the commemoration's opening Youth groups and students warmly welcome. Please call Gabriela Sadote Sleppin at 732-432-7711, ext. 23 or email gsadote@jf-gmc.org (<mailto:gsadote@jf-gmc.org>) for info.

NORPAC

Concerned about Israel's safety and security? Do something about it: Meet with Congress during the NORPAC Mission to Washington - May 20, 2009. Help make a difference in the American/Israeli alliance! Buses leave for Washington from our area 6:15 am; Buses return between 9-10 pm. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided and all meals are glatt kosher. Rates are now \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Full refund up to May 5. Must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. For more information, please speak with H. Atlas, Allen Kessel, Elie Borger, Barry Wolf, Marc Hanfling doadad@aol.com. Don't be left out! Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133.

DONATE TO FOOD PANTRY

Looking for a place to give your leftover shaloch manos? Are you trying to get rid of your chametz? We will gladly collect the food to be sent to a food pantry in Deal. Closed packages only; no homemade goods. Drop off location: Just put in one of the bins on the Bodlander porch, 134 North 10th Ave, Highland Park. For more info, please call Nitza Bodlander (732) 339-0908.

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>) 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 Shcd18@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's classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rstickstern@yahoo.com).

CHILDRENS PRE-PESACH CARNIVAL AT AHAVAS ACHIM

Ahavas Achim Youth Department presents a Pre-Pesach Spectacular Carnival, Sunday, April 5, from 10am to 2pm. in the Ben Axelrad Social Hall for children of all ages. (Parents stay home and clean for Pesach!) Cost: \$35 per child or \$80 per family. RSVP to Moshe Stern at 732-777-1325 or rfs424@aol.com (<mailto:rfs424@aol.com>). Pizza, drinks and snack included!

Project S.A.R.A.H.

Stop Abusive Relationships At Home
Save the Date - Thursday evening, May 7, 2009

"Your Role When There Is A Suspected Case of Child Sexual Abuse" A Statewide Conference for Rabbis & School Administrators. YM-YWHA 199 Scoles Ave. Clifton, NJ 07012 Watch for upcoming invitation. Dinner at 6:30 pm

MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume after Pesach. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

-omen'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.

-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 rfeuah 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.

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 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.

Pesach Chol Hamoed

• Candlelighting	7:13 PM
• Mincha/ Kabbolas Shabbos	7:20 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.

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.