



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Va'eira

28 Tevet 5769

January 24, 2009

Candlelighting:	4:47PM
Mincha:	4:55PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:41AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 3:50 PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:40 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Dr. William Gewirtz</i>	
Maariv:	5:50 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon (Rosh Chodesh)	6:08, 7:05, 8 AM
<i>Note earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:16 AM</i>	
Tue, Wed & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Thurs.	6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:55 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 PM and 10:10 PM
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa) Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
WINTER SCHEDULE FOR DAF YOMI	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30pm Maariv, Friday-after Maariv, Shabbos-After Hashkama and also at 8:15am, Sunday-after 8am 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 Jan. 24th and Feb. 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 Natby 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 luddeju@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.

STREET PARKING ON EDMOUNT ROAD

1. When parking on Edgemount Road, please do not block curbside mailboxes. Please allow 6 feet of clearance for the curbside mailboxes. This will allow for mail delivery by the postal vehicle which must have the space to approach the street mailbox. Please be considerate of our neighbors' need to receive their mail without any inconvenience from poorly parked cars.

2. To maintain a good relationship with a neighbor, it is critical that no one park in front of 44 Edgemount Road (next door to Yoel and Karen Schwartz) over Shabbos.

MAZEL TOV

...to Ruchie and Jerry Aloof on the birth of a son to their children Shaynde and Yochanan Klein. There will be a Shalom Zachor BE"H, Friday night at 8:00PM at their home, 24 Back Drive, Edison. The Bris will be held Sunday morning at the 9:00 AM Minyan at Cong, Ohav Emeth.

...to Rhoda and Joel Paul on the engagement of Rhoda's daughter Jordanna Bregman, Ottawa, Canada to Meir Lipschitz of Oceanside Long Island.

...to Moshe Levy on the birth of a great granddaughter with his grandchildren, Yaakov and Julie Spaeth.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Debbie and William Gewirtz in memory of William's mother, Chava Leah bas Zev Gewirtz AH.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Ohr Torah 2009 Membership Directory is in the process of being prepared. All current directory information, including children's names and email addresses, will be brought forward to the new directory. Please submit all changes and/or additions to names, titles, address, phone, children's names, and email addresses to:

memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net.

NOTE: Children's names and up to a total of two email addresses not currently listed will be included only if an emailed request is received at the address above. The phone tree email list will not be used for this publication.

OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD:

The Ohr Torah Sisterhood is conducting an Activity Interest Survey to gauge interest in proposed events for this coming year. Ladies, please take the time to complete this brief survey and return it to Shelley Schoenfeld so that the sisterhood has your preferences in mind when coordinating

events. The survey can be taken by navigating to the Ohr Torah Website: <http://www.ohrtorah.net>, or, by completing the survey that was mailed to each of the women in our congregation.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTION ALERT: Call Congress Now, Save Jewish Day Schools and Yeshivas Millions

A message from the OU and Agudath Israel of America: The Congressional leadership has chosen to appropriate \$14 billion for 'green' school modernization and repair projects as part of an \$825 billion stimulus bill to help jump start the economy. This 'green' funding is designed to serve the dual purpose of upgrading the nation's schools into appropriate learning environments that ultimately save money and immediately put people to work. Despite a concerted effort to demonstrate an equal spending need in America's non-public schools, the U.S. Congress has chosen exclusion. If every yeshiva and day school parent calls their Senator and Congressman, there will be tens of thousands of calls. The number to call the U.S. Congress is (202) 225-3121. Ask to be connected to the office of Congressman Frank Pallone and Senator Frank Lautenberg and simply say that you are calling to ask the senator or congressman to "Include the nation's non-public schools in the economic stimulus package." If you reach a voicemail message, please do not hang up! Stay on the line and leave a message after the tone. Congressional offices track exactly how many people call on each issue and every single call makes a difference. Please! We need your help to achieve equal treatment of non-public schools.

NORPAC

Save the date: 2009 NORPAC Washington mission will take place May 20,

THE ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park Winter 5769 Series Motzei Shabbat, February 7, 2009, 7:30 pm Cong. Ohr Torah. Richard Joel President, Yeshiva University Session Chair: Rabbi Ronald Schwarzbarg *Higher Education Anchored in Sacred Values* Next Orthodox Forum: Rabbi Marc Angel, Rabbi Emeritus of Cong. Shearith Israel, discusses *Leadership Issues and Ideological Tensions within Orthodoxy* on Motzei Shabbat, March 7, 2009 at Cong. Ahavas Achim.

The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships (\$200 recommended). Please send your tax deductible check, made out to Congregation Ohr Torah Gemach Fund, to Henry Lerner, 1 Celler Road, Edison, NJ 08817.

LOOKING FOR JFVS BOARD MEMBERS

This is an urgent request for board volunteers who are talented, thoughtful, committed, and hard-working members of the community who want to join an extremely worthy organization at the Board of Trustees level. Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County provides essential counseling services to help alleviate adult,

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children, and family problems. For more information or to be considered for office please contact Murray Katz at katzmurray@yahoo.com or 732-985-7348.

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).

ACTT

Save the date: Motzei Shabbos, Feb 21, 2009 - next Community Wide event. More details to follow. To volunteer or for more info on ACTT, e-mail info@actt613.org, see the ACTT web-site: www.actt613.org.

RABBI HOFFMANS 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

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

VISITING SOFER

The Sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday January 25th. Those who need to check their mezuzot and tefillin should come down. If you know you are coming, please call to let us know, at 732-828-7722 but drop-ins are welcome. Store hours are 10am to 5pm.

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

AA University and the Torah Conferencing Network present Rabbi Yissocher Frand, every Thursday at 9pm, live via satellite from Baltimore. AA University also shows Rabbi Yisroel Reisman's Navi shiur which takes place Saturday Night: Admission: \$5.

EMUNAH OF AMERICA

Emanah of America- Achva Chapter presents an ART AUCTION Saturday Evening, January 31, 2009 at Cong. Ohr Torah 48Edgemount Road, Edison, New Jersey Sponsors: Includes dinner and admission for two Sponsor-\$36, Friend-\$50, Patron-\$75, Benefactor-\$100 Sponsor-for one admission-\$18 General Admission-\$5.00. Sponsors' Dinner Buffet 8PM, General Admission: 8:30 PM, Auction: 9PM. Coffee and Cake will be served. Door Prize, Free Catalog, Raffle. For info call Sharon Hirt: 732-777-0462

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET

Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. For more info, contact: Rachel Weintraub at rachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298.

RPRY COOKBOOK DEBUTS

RPRY PTA is pleased to announce that their new cookbook, Culinary Temptations is here! Please contact Michele Meiner 732-819-8292 or Ida Scheiner at 732-247-3073 to arrange to pick up a copy. Cost per cookbook is \$25.00.

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For anything having to do with Jr. NCSY, please contact Chana Lustiger at 908-209-1820 or Tzvi Hametz at 732-991-2252

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.

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.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK RARITAN VALLEY

For info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansay at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event will take place on Sunday, February 8th at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Jay Yaacov Schwartz, M.A. LM.S.W. He is the founder and director of Kanfey Shemesh- The Jewish Family Wellness Center which is a non profit organization providing strengthening of faith and healing for Jewish individuals and families. The event will take place this year at a new location, Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 in Edison. Please watch your mail for invitations and make every effort to attend and support this worthy community organization.

SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Irgun Shiurai Torah will be presenting a women's shiur reviewing the halochos of Taharas Hamishpocha Wed. Jan.28 at Cong Ohav Emeth AT 8pm. The speaker will be Mrs. Debbie Selegut of Passaic.? For more info. please contact Lynn Hanfling 732-777-0225

SIMPLY TSFAT CONCERT

MiShenichnas Adar Marbim B'simcha! Congregation Ahavas Yisrael invites the entire community to receive an injection of simcha with Simply Tsfat. The concert will be on Rosh Chodesh Adar, February 24th at 7:30 @ Ahavas Achim 216 S. 1st Ave.Highland Park, NJ. Tickets for the concert are \$15 Adults, \$12 Children, and Family Admission \$36. Sponsorships are welcome and encouraged. For more info please contact Alec Cohen (732) 317 -1784.

JR NCSY INFO

WINTER REGIONAL is coming up!!!! This year's convention is going to be in West Orange, NJ, at Cong. AABJ&D on February 6-7. The Early Bird cost is \$60 before January 27 so SIGN UP TODAY - go to www.njncsy.com to sign up! The bus will be leaving from RPRY at 2 PM on Friday, Feb. 6 and will be returning Motzei Shabbos at a round 1 AM. The cost of the bus is \$15.

Our sweatshirts are here! We want to have them ready for Winter Regional so we need you to place your orders ASAP. Order forms will be going out in the mail, please return them as soon as possible. The cost of the sweatshirts will be \$26, and the sizes are Youth Small, Medium, Large and Adult Small, Medium, Large. If you do not have an order form, please drop off a check with your child's name, school, grade and which size you want as soon as possible. No orders can be processed without payment.

On February 15, Jr. NCSY will be going bowling at Stelton Lanes. NCSYers should begin to collect sponsors who will give 10 cents for every pin

knocked down. Want to stay updated with Jr. NCSY? Join our mailing list! Updates go out as often as we get them, so please email jrnscsyhp@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

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, January 25 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. Parsha class will be held on Monday evening, January 26 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com. Rebbitzten Eichenstein will not be having class on Monday evening, January 26 for the post-seminary girls. For more information, please contact Atara Degani 732-306-5727 or 732-937-6823.

MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, January 28 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rosa Katz, 132 North 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

The women's ongoing weekly tefillah and tehillim "Amen group" will meet Sunday, January 25 and February 1 and 8 from 9:30 until 10:00 am at the home of Shoshana Diskind, 5 Opatut Court, Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. It should be in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira.

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(hafraша should be done Thursday night after dark or Friday) please contact Zehavit @ zehavit.mandelbaum@gmail.com or call 516-295-2611 or 516-984-3366. 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 hafraша AND when the dough is being kneaded. It could be your own personal tefillah or tehillim.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Bo

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| • Candlelighting | 4:55 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 5:05 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.



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