



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Vayeishev - Chanukah

25 Kislev 5770

December 12, 2009

Candlelighting:	4:13PM
Mincha:	4:20PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:31AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 3:15 PM	
Mincha:	4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Arnie Lustiger	
Maariv:	5:15 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday- (Chanukah)	7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Mon- Weds (Chanukah)	6:12, 7:05, & 8 AM
Thur, Fri (Rosh Chodesh & Chanukah)	6:07, 7:05 & 8 AM
Note earliest Talis And Tefillin: 6:15 on Mon, Tue, 6:16 on Wed, Thu, 6:17 on Fri.	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:20 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10PM	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. Shabbos 8:15 AM or after Hashkama Schacharis. Sunday after 8 AM Minyan.	

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 December 19th and January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. 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 Mina and Larry Tiefenbrunn on the birth of a son to their children Avi and Naomi Tiefenbrunn. Mazel Tov to the entire Tiefenbrunn and Sarfaty families. *The sholom zochor will iy'h take place at 8 P.M. at 29 Perry Road.*

...to Fay and David Moskovic on the engagement of their daughter Briana to Dr Sheemon Zackai. Mazel Tov to Dr Elaine Zackai and to the siblings: Etan & Adena Moskovic, Deena Moskovic, Raanan & Shira Zackai, Rabbi Yisroel & Elisheva Gold, and Cyrus & Sarra Schwartz

KIDDUSH

... is being sponsored by Rose and Terry Walzman to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Rose's mother Chaya bas Avraham Arye and the Yahrzeit of Terry's father Duvid ben Menachem Alter Z"L.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

...is sponsored in honor of Moshe Schneider and Moshe Wiesel who display great mesiras nefesh in organizing, setting up and finding sponsors for Shalosh Seudos.

ELECTION RESULTS

President: Robert Kreitman

Vice Presidents: Neer Even-hen, Lyndon Goldsmith, David Moss, Leslie Ney

Recording Secretary: Barry Wolf

Corresponding Secretary: Evan Orgel

Treasurer: Jonas Waizer

Financial Secretary: Brian Allen

Gabbaim: Joel Adler, Russell Adler, Michie Klerer

Sisterhood: Penny Kaplan, Lani Kaye Shelley Schoenfeld

Members At Large: Arthur Atlas, Arnold Lustiger, William Bogner, Joshua Rapps, Yoel Schwartz, Marcia Freedman, Moshe Sherman, Charles Gershbaum, Jeff Slepoy, Fran Leitman, Lou Smith, Jeff Klein

Past President: Allen Kessel

Gabbai Emeritus: Israel Rivkin

HAKORAS HATOV

Many thanks to Harvey Atlas and his Election Committee for doing a superb job running this years election and a hearty Yasher Koach to the Nominations Committee, chaired by Jonas Waizer, for doing a superlative job as well.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next General Membership Meeting will take place Tuesday - December 22nd at 8:00 PM. Agendas have been mailed.

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

Deadline for Dinner Journal Ads is Fri. Dec. 11th. Please contact Marcia Freedman at marcia104x@yahoo.com or 732-819-7871 to place your Journal Advertisement.

TEEN MINYAN CHANUKAH PARTY

The First Annual Teen Minyan Chanuka Party, will be at Ami & Bracha Avraham's house (33 Price Drive) this Sunday Night from 7:00-10:00 (Or Halftime) There will be dinner from Park Place, raffles, prizes, games and good times! All Teen Minyan members are invited! Hope to see you there!

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

--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 available. Please make all checks out to Ohr Torah with your phone number and the name of the your child/ren coming to the game.

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

In preparation for the 2010 membership directory, please submit any name, title, address, or phone number change to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. A maximum of two email addresses and all children's names will be accepted for each family entry.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN AND BREAKFAST

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva is pleased to announce to the community that their 29th annual school breakfast will take place on Sunday, Dec 20th at 9:30 am at RPRY. It is with great pride that they present OT's very own Mrs. Penny Kaplan with the "EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE AWARD" The breakfast campaign is a vital fundraiser for RPRY and with all expenses covered; every dollar given goes directly towards the student scholarship fund. Please support this important community fundraiser and consider showing your appreciation for Penny.

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

YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION

"Chanukah and Revolutions"

Join us for an intriguing discussion on this subject at a Chanukah Oneg Shabbat with the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors at the Scheiner residence, 238 Harrison Ave., on Shabbat, Dec 11th at 8PM.

YESHIVAT NETIVOT OPEN HOUSE

Please join Netivot for an Open House, SUNDAY, DEC 20th, for *Pre-Primary (18 months-3 years) & Primary (3-6 years) at 2PM-2:45 pm (classroom tour and teacher presentation) *(All classes at 2:45 - 3:30 pm (general presentation and slide show) *Lower Elementary (6-9 years) at 3:45-4:30 (classroom tour and teacher presentation - located at 33 Lakeview Blvd., Edison) Pre-Primary, Primary & All classes presentations located at 91 Jefferson Blvd., Edison. RSVP - 732-985-4626. Walk-Ins Welcome.

CHANUKAH AT RABBI HOROWITZ'S

The community is invited to menorah lechzin and mesiba at Rabbi Horowitz's (46th North 8th Ave.) Sunday evening Dec 13th. Maariv at 6:30 followed by traditional menorah lechtzin, dancing, light milchig seuda, and games for children.

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.

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.

SOVIET JEWS – REFUSENIK EXPERIENCE

Experience the struggle to free Soviet Jews: Screening of 'Refusenik' at Ohav Emeth, Sun Dec 20th, 7pm. "Refusenik" is the first retrospective documentary to chronicle the thirty-year movement to free Soviet Jews. The film screening will be followed by a question and answer period led by Glenn Richter, one of the founders of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. There is no charge to attend event. For more info on this event, please contact Betty and Michael Harrison-bettymikeharrison@gmail.com.

UNCLE MOISHY VISITS AREA

Hey dum diddy dum... UNCLE MOISHY IS COMING TO TOWN. CHANUKAH 2009 - Dec 16 from 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm at YST Boys School, 71 Ethel Road West, Piscataway, NJ 08854. General seating - \$10; Preferred seating - \$15. For more information, please call Marla Rottenstreich 732-317-2784 or Aliza Scher 732-985-0720.

CONG. POILE ZEDEK

MAGICAL CHANUKAH EXPERIENCE

Cong. Poile Zedek invites the community to a free Chanukah Party featuring Jay the Magician, lighting of the menorah and Chanukah feast on Sunday December 13th at 3PM at the shul, 145 Neilson St., New Brunswick NJ 732-545-6123.

AA YOUTH DEPT CHANUKAH CHAGIGA

The Ahavas Achim Youth Department invites all kids in Grades 7-12 to a special Chanukah Chagiga on Monday, December 14, from 7-10pm, at Ahavas Achim featuring a special performance by "Native Outcast." Come out for a good time and bring your friends. For more information please contact Moshe Stern at rfs424@aol.com or 732-777-1325.

FAMILY CHANUKAH CONCERT - PEY DALID

Ahavas Achim proudly presents an incredible, ruach-filled Family Chanukah Concert with "Pey Dalid" on Saturday Night, December 12, 7:30 p.m. at Ahavas Achim. This will be a high-energy experience for the entire family you will not want to miss! Admission is a friendly \$10/ person, as the concert is partially subsidized by a grant from the Legacy Heritage Fund. Admission will be collected at the door, on a first-come, first-served basis; no advanced ticket sales. Please join us on Friday night, December 11, for a memorable Carlebach-style Kabbalat Shabbat with Pey Dalid!

JR. NCSY CHANUKAH EVENT

Calling all 6th through 8th graders!! Come to Jr. Ncsy's channukah chagiga, "Chanukah on Ice!!" We are going ice skating motzei shabbat, december 19th. We are leaving at 7:15 from RPRY, and will be returning AROUND 10 pm. The cost for the event is \$27, which includes ice skating and rentals, transportation and food. Please rsvp to jrnscyhp@gmail.com, or call gavi (732) 406-7744 or tzvi (732) 991-2252, or with any questions. Can't wait to see you there!!

CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having classes this week – Dec. 13, Dec. 14. For more information, 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, December 16 at 9:00 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

-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. 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 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.

TEFILLAH INITIATIVE E-MAILS

Send an e-mail to: tefillah@act613.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".

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 Miketz	
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...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim and Amoraim: R. Chiya

Born in Kafri in Bavel (modern Iraq), R. Chiya was among the last of the tannaim (about 200 c.e.). When he was able to he left Bavel for Eretz Yisroel then under the control of the Romans. He became a *ben bayis* at the home of the *nasi*. His vast scholarship was recognized by the *nasi* and R. Chiya was given very important responsibilities, such as *Kiddush hachodesh*, establishing the calendar, an extremely important task in those days. So great was his scholarship that he and R. Oshia together finalized some of the early *mishnayos*. R. Chiya would probably feel very comfortable in our day since he was known as a *machmir*. For example, R. Oshia constructed an *eruv* (for his daughter-in-law, some say) but R. Chiya promptly declared it invalid. R. Chiya was very much concerned about the education of children and was appalled to learn that they did not have sufficient *seforim*. He promptly proceeded to correct the situation by catching deer (or said he would), making parchment from their skins, then writing each of the *chumashim* on five different sections of parchment. Then he divided the children into five groups, taught each group one of the *chumashim* and instructed them to teach their part to the other four groups. In this way he was able to spread Torah in Israel and saw to it that it would not be lost.. R. Chiya was blessed with two sons, Yehudah and Chizkiah, who themselves were acknowledged *gedolim* in Torah and good deeds. So well respected were they that it was said that if Eliyahu haNavi was to be asked who can be considered *tzadikim* equal to our *avos* he would respond "R. Chiya and his children". Not bad.

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