



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Vayikra

3 Nisan 5769

March 28, 2009

Candlelighting:	6:59PM
Mincha:	7:05PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:55AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 6:00 PM</i>	
Mincha:	6:50 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: R. Israel Rivkin</i>	
Maariv:	8:00 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue, Wed, Fri	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	7:05 PM
Weekday Maariv	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>	
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.	

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 for Mar. 28th, April 18th & May 2nd. 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 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.

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ

Rabbi Luban will be available for selling Chometz beginning this Sunday.

MAZEL TOV

To Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the birth of a daughter to Rena and Elazar Nadelbach.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by ADIN (ADI) SMITH in honor of his inaugural leading of the recitation of ANIM ZMIROT.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Rebecca and Isael Rivkin in honor of the Yahrzeit of their mothers Ida Rivkin (7 Nisan) and Rebbetzin Yehudis Bulka (2 Nisan).

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.

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.

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

mberg@optonline.net to sign up. More questions...please call (732) 572-3429.

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 Bochorim are welcome.

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

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commemoration's opening Youth groups and students warmly welcome. Please call Gabriela Sadote Slepkin at 732-432-7711, ext. 23 or email gsadote@if-gmc.org (<mailto:gsadote@if-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 dodcad@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.

NEW DATE FOR HAT SHOW

Hedys Hats will be doing a hat show at the home of Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg 459 Lincoln Ave on Wednesday April 1st at 8pm.

EMUNAH COOKING EVENT

Sharon Starr Heyden, author of the spectacular cookbook, "A Culinary Journey: Exotic Kosher Cuisine," will demonstrate an entire meal for us at 8 pm on April 29 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).

CHUG IVRIT CLUB

Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both

men and women. You do not have to be a member of Hadassah to join us. For more information, contact: Rachel Weintraub at rachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298.

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.asp>

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. Sun-Thur nights, hours are 9-11pm. Saturday nights in March, the mikvah opens at 9pm.

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.

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:

Women's 'Amen' group will continue to meet this Sunday at 9:45 AM at Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. The format of the group is to recite 'Amen' to the series of 15 Brachot, page 18 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 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 light 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 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.

PRE-PESACH SUIT SALE

Italian made wool suits and designer suits (normally \$500-\$795) for \$150, boys' suits, men's white shirts, silk ties, trench coats, dress shoes, boys' Perry Ellis white shirts, ties. - all at great prices! Motzei Shabbos, Mar 28 from 9 PM - 11 PM and Sundays, March 29 from 10 AM - 10 PM at 8 Price Dr Edison. For more info, call 732-432-7008 or 732-819-0791. Checks & all major credit cards accepted. All proceeds to Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli of Central NJ.

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

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Tzav - Shabbos Hagadol

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| • Candlelighting | 7:06 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 7:15 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: Rav Chisda

Rav Chisda was a second/third generation *amora* who lived in Kafri in Bavel. He lived to the ripe old age of 92. In his youth he was extremely poor to the extent that he would eat no vegetables because he believed they increased his appetite. In addition, when walking through brambles he would lift his cloak saying that scratched legs can heal but torn clothes become useless. He then chose to go into the beer making business and became very rich! With much of his wealth he supported his needy students with all their necessities. Rav Chisda was a student of Rav and treasured his every pronouncement to the extent that he declared that he would reward anyone who could tell him a statement of Rav that he did not know. None could, until Rava bar Mechasia presented him with a new *drasha* he had heard from Rav. When Rav Huna became the head of the yeshiva in Sura, Rav Chisda became his close friend and student. They became known in the *gemara* as the "*sovei desura*" - the scholars of Sura. The two of them, though friends, had some fierce halachic disputes. Once Rav Huna declared to Rav Chisda: "I don't need you. You need me". For a long time they would not talk to each other until they realized that the dispute was frivolous and both regretted it. Rav Chisda even took upon himself a 40-day fast to atone for his foolishness. The reputation of the yeshiva in Sura grew by leaps and bounds extending to Eretz Yisroel where Rav Ami and Rav Assi deferred to the scholars of Sura where Rav Chisda was one of its chief scholars. He was a prodigious scholar whose many statements are recorded both in the bavli and the yerushalmi where he is known as Rav Chasdai. Among his writings, it is said, was the authorship of the *tefilat haderech*. If ever the statement *torah u-gedula bemakom echad* - Torah and distinction in one person - applied to anyone, it applied unquestionably to Rav Chisda.

Are you interested in the continuation of this series? If you are, please contact the author.

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

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