



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Yisro

20 Shevat 5769

February 14, 2009

Candlelighting:	5:12PM
Mincha:	5:20PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:32AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 4:15 PM	
Mincha:	5:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Moshe Strauch	
Maariv:	6:15 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:	5:20 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 PM and 10:10 PM
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Beis Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)</i>	
<i>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 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 Feb., 21st, Mar. 7, 14, 21 & 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 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 ludeju@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.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Henry and Sheila Schanzer in memory of his mother, Bella

MAZEL TOV

...to Heni Weisfogel and Jerry Weisfogel on the engagement of Yael to Jason Gevertzman of Twin Rivers, NJ. Mazel Tov to the extended Weisfogel, Goldstein and Baumgarten families.

...to Joel and Rhoda Paul on the Bat Mitzvah celebration last Shabbat for their granddaughter Debra Paul, daughter of Nachman and Batya Paul of Bergenfield.

...to Aviva and Erez Shimoni on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to grandparents Vanessa and Rabbi Shmuel Shimoni. Erez and Aviva Shimoni invite the community to a Shalom Zachor at 8:00 PM Friday evening at their home, 1 Stone St.(corner of Brookhill and Stone) Edison

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Rabbi Shmuel Shimoni on the passing of his mother in Israel. Rabbi Shimoni will return home from Israel to continue Shiva at 308 S. 4th Ave. starting Friday morning until Tuesday morning. Shacharit on Friday, Monday and Tuesday will be at 6:30 AM, and Sunday at 8 AM Mincha and Ma'ariv will be at 5:15 PM on Sunday and Monday. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

COT Board Meeting

There will be an OT Board will be meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 8:00 PM

TELEPHONE TREE

The OT Telephone Tree has been updated with current information from the 2009 Membership Directory. If you are not receiving shul messages please contact Aliyana at aliyanaw@optonline.net (<mailto:aliyanaw@optonline.net>) with any information that may need correction. There are now 279 telephone numbers on the list and it can take up to 7 hours to complete the full round. If you include your email address for notifications, you will get shul messages immediately.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORPAC

Concerned about Israel's safety and security? Do something about it: **NORPAC Mission to Washington May 20, 2009.** Buses leave for Washington 6:15 am and return between 9-10 pm. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided - all meals are g'lat kosher. Early registration discounts are offered if completed on or before March 10th - rates are

\$75 for students and \$125 for adults. After March 10, rates will be \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Refund requests must be received in writing by May 5, 2009. Must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Contact: H. Atlas, Elie Borger, Allen Kessel, Barry Wolf, Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum presents the final lecture of the 2008-2009 season on Motzei Shabbat March 7, 2009, 8:30 pm at Congregation Ahavas Achim - 216 South 1st Ave, Highland Park, NJ. The guest speaker is RABBI MARC D. ANGEL, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Shearith Israel, NY.

To illustrate the topic of Leadership Issues and Ideological Tensions within Orthodoxy, Rabbi Angel will role-play the fictional search for a Rosh Yeshiva. One candidate is the yeshiva bochur son of the late rosh yeshiva, and the other is a university graduate. We, the audience, playing the part of the virtual Search Committee, will hear and weigh Rabbi Angel's presentation of the varying viewpoints. The presentation is fictional but in reality many of the arguments on either side are currently being played out on the communal and personal levels.

Rabbi Angel has won acclaim for his studies in Jewish history and thought. He is the author or editor of 26 books, most recently including *Choosing to Be Jewish: The Orthodox Road to Conversion, Foundations of Sephardic Spirituality: The Inner Life of Jews of the Ottoman Empire,* and a novel, *THE SEARCH COMMITTEE.* He has been active in a wide range of communal organizations and is past president of the RCA. He and Rabbi Avi Weiss founded the International Rabbinic Fellowship, a worldwide association of Modern Orthodox rabbis. For more information, email hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com or Joel Paul at JHPaul@earthlink.com

RABBI JACOB JOSEPH YESHIVA DINNER

Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva would like to invite the entire community to its 27th Annual Dinner, to be held on Sunday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. Local Honorees are **Mr. and Mrs. Marc Kalton.** For more information, please contact the Yeshiva office at 732-985-6533 or E-mail RJED@TTEC.COM

CHILDREN'S FUND PURIM CARDS

Purim Mishloach Manot Cards are available for purchase for \$2.00 each from the Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale support a very worthy local charity. This year we have been able to provide financial assistance for student-shadows, tutoring, counseling and food vouchers for local children, many whose parents are unemployed due to the economic downturn. To obtain the cards, send e-mail to: childrensfundhp@gmail.com or contact: Shoshana Diskind - (732) 572-7755, Tova Josefovitz (732) 572-9432 or Janice Lustiger - (732) 819-4919. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

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

EMUNAH PURIM CARDS

EMUNAH Purim cards are in! Same low price as last year! Send beautiful Purim cards in lieu of mishloach manot and show your loved ones that they are in your thoughts while giving tzedakah. Please call Sharon Hirt at 914-445-7825 or e-mail sharon.hirt@pfizer.com to purchase cards at \$2.00 each. Thank you for supporting EMUNAH projects in Israel.

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

Come hear Rabbi Chaim Leiter, Rebbe, Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli of Central NJ and Moreh D'Asra, Union Hill Congregation of Manalapan, NJ, speak about "More Than 'Just' a Chesed - The Incredible Potential of Your Words" on Saturday night, February 21, 2009 at 9:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. This community-wide event is sponsored by the ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) organization. Admission is free. Sponsors are welcome. For more info, call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408. Web-site: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org.

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>

RPRY DINNER

The Annual Dinner of Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva will take place Sunday Evening, February 22nd 2009 at The DoubleTree Hotel at Somerset, NJ. Cocktails begin at 5:20 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. The honorees will be Miriam & Shmilu Weiss, Mayor Jun H. Choi and Marsha & Michael Wasserman. For additional information, please go to www.rpry.org or call the RPRY office 732-572-5052.

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:30 Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

THE ZOO RABBI

Ahavas Achim hosts THE ZOO RABBI, Rabbi Natan Slifkin, on Shabbat, February 20-21. On Friday night there will be a catered Seudah (by reservation only: Adults/\$20, Children under 12/\$10, please call 732-247-0532 by February 17 to reserve). At 8:15 p.m. Rabbi Slifkin will deliver "Dinosaurs and the Age of the Universe." On Shabbat morning, before Mussaf in the Main Sanctuary he will discuss "The Animal Kingdom in Jewish Thought." On Shabbat afternoon at 4:30 p.m., there will be an Oneg for Teens Only featuring a question and answer session and a talk on "Mythical Creatures in Judaism." At 5:20 p.m., Mincha will be followed by Seudah Shlishit and "Man and Beast: Our Relationships With Animals." On Sunday, February 22, the Ahavas Achim Youth

Department invite your entire family to TOUR THE TURTLE BACK ZOO WITH THE ZOO RABBI. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange. For \$10/person (under 2 free) Please call (732) 247-0532 by February 17 to reserve your spot

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.

SHAAREI TZION PLAY

Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Girls division proudly presents The Adopted Princess. A beautiful dramatic, musical presentation adapted from the book by Marcus Lehman. The play is for women and girls (boys up to age 6). Sun March 1st, 1:00 pm, Piscataway High School. For tickets and info, please call: Mrs. Chani Gross 732-257-8910.

SIMPLY TZFAT CONCERT

Ahavas Yisrael invites the entire community to receive an injection of simcha with Simply Tsfat. The concert will be on Rosh Chodesh Adar, February 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Ahavas Achim. Tickets for the concert are \$15 adults, \$12 children, and family admission \$36. Sponsorships are welcome and encouraged. For more information please contact Alec Cohen at 732-317-1784.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

- The women's ongoing weekly tefillah and tehillim "Amen group" will meet Sunday, Feb 15, 22 and March 1 and 8 from 9:30 until 10:00 am at the home of Doreen Schwartz- Weitz, 2 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.

- 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.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley County, in conjunction with St. Peters University Hospital, will be hosting a health fair for the entire family. There will be a fire safety exhibit, karate, bicycle safety, ambulance, canine unit, balloon animals, and other exciting activities for children on Sunday, March 15, 1:00 - 5:00 PM at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva. Children should bring their bicycles and / or helmets for safety checks by the Edison Police Department. For more information or to volunteer (adults and children 7th grade and up), please call Cindy 732-985-4501 or Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net. Also at the health fair:

Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive. Any questions, please call Ira Rosen at (732) 393-1018. The HLA Registry, part of the National Marrow Donor Program, will be performing simple cheek swabs for bone marrow typing for those needing bone marrow transplants or stem cell transplants. To help defray the cost of the screening, make checks payable to Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley and send to Judy Chanowitz, 153 North 8th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. For more info on screening: (732) 261-5170.

RUTGERS HILLEL NEEDS SEFORIM

The Jewish community at Rutgers Hillel needs Sefarim to support the expanding Jewish community on campus. We are looking for any Sefarim, Hebrew and English, used or new, to help provide for the learning needs of the community, including a new open Beit Midrash program on Mon. nights. If you wish, you can dedicate the Sefer in the honor or memory of the person you choose. To arrange a pick-up or drop-off, please call Sammy Sacks: (732) 735-3848.

JR NCSY INFO

-On February 15, Jr. NCSY will be going bowling at Stelton Lanes. NCSYers should 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 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

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, February 15 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. The Parsha and Sefer Tomer Devorah classes will not be held on Monday evening, February 16 For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at sieglmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com, or 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, February 18 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rosa Katz, 132 North 8th Avenue, Highland Park. Call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Mishpatim

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| • Candlelighting | 5:21 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 5:30 PM |

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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.