



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Bamidbar*

*Sivan 2 5770*

*May 15, 2010*

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>7:48PM</b>
<b>Plag Mincha:</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>7:00, 7:30 &amp; 7:55PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur-After Hashkama</i>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:14 AM</b>
<b>Kollel Learning Seder - 4-6 PM</b>	
<b>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 6:50 PM</b>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>1:45, 6:00 &amp; 7:40 PM</b>
<b>Shalosh Seudos speaker:</b>	
<b>Rabbi Shraga Silverberg</b>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>8:50 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>WED. &amp; THURS. – SEE SHAVUOS</b>	
<b>SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK (Tues.)</b>	
<b>Tues. &amp; Fri.</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10 &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>7:55 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>10:10 PM</b>
<b>Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur:</b>	
<b>Monday 9:10 PM</b>	
<b>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</b>	
<b>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
Monday-Thursday before Maariv. Friday after first Kabbolas Shabbos Minyan. Shabbos one hour before Mincha. Sunday after 8 AM Schacharis.	

### BARUCH HABAH

Ohr Torah would like to welcome newcomers, visitors and guests who are joining us. If our President, Robert Kreitman 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 June 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408

### HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 Marcia and Phil Rosen on the birth of a daughter, Moriah Rachel, to their children Rena and Rabbi Reuven Spolter of Yad Binyamin, Israel. Mazel Tov to great-grandparents Florence and Mac Rosen and the entire Rosen and Spolter families.

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Dessau and Allen families in honor of the Yahrzeit of Ralph's father, Aharon Ben Moshe Shlomo, Z"L.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Mel Barenholtz in honor of the Yahrzeit (on the second day of Shavuot) of his father, Yehuda Zev b"r Levi Yitzchok Hacohen, A"H.

### GRADUATION KIDDUSH SPONSORS GROUP FORMING

If anyone is interested in participating in a Graduation Kiddush please contact Debbie Schneider at 732-572-4713.

### OHR TORAH BBQ

Please reserve Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 PM for an amazing Ohr Torah BBQ and Sports Day at Donaldson Park. Please contact Meir Berg, Ephraim Gerszberg or Robert Kreitman if you would like to join the BBQ Committee. Those on the committee get the first hot dogs off the grill.

### TREE OF LIFE LEAVES AND YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

The Board has approved a special reduced price for donations to dedicate a Leaf on the Tree of Life and or a Yahrzeit plaques. This special will be for a limited period only. For all payments actually received from now until midnight, June 30<sup>th</sup> the price of a leaf will be \$180 instead of \$250 and the price of a plaque will be \$400 instead of \$500. All proceeds from this campaign will go directly into our capital account.

### SEFORIM NEWS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Michael & Penny Kaplan in honor of Avi Sholom making Aliyah to Israel
- Jeffrey & Evelyn Berg in honor of Rabbi Luban and the Talmud shiur before Shabbat mincha attendees
- Michael & Miriam Rabinowitz in honor of Rabbi Luban and the Talmud shiur before Shabbat mincha attendees
- Rebecca & Saul Wasserman in memory of Saul's father Ben Wasserman Z"L
- Moore family for a Refuah Shleimah for Shoshana Bat Simcha

-Fred & Barbara Glatter in memory of Fred's father Morris Glatter Z"L

-Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Madeline Laibovitz's father Jo Amar Z"L

-Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Helene Lockspeiser's father John Alexander Frieder Z"L

### PEREK ON THE LAWN

Perek on the Lawn will begin Shabbos May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please stay tuned for more details.

### SHAVUOS LEARNING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Women and girls are invited to join us for an evening of learning and inspiration on Shavuot night. The learning will take place starting at midnight in the RPRY Beis Medrash. Speakers will include Rabbi Motti Miller and Rabbi Avi Bodlander.

Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions or are interested in speaking, please contact Elana Kreitman at 908-420-9225 or Rachel Wolf at 908-906-9799.

### FRIDAY EVENING 7:30 MINYAN

Starting this Shabbos and continuing through the summer there will be an additional 7:30 Friday Mincha Minyan in the Beis Medrash.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HACHNOSAS KALLAH GEMACH

Lev L'nefesh, a hachnosas kallah gemach l'zecher nishmas Suri Granek, will be having its inaugural breakfast. The event will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Zlata Press, principal of Bnos Leah Prospect Park yeshiva high school. The event is for women only. Formal invitations will be sent shortly. To make reservations or for more info, please call Chaya Katzenstein 732-572-1293.

#### YESHIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI

-Please join us for an information/Q and A session with Netivot fathers and sons. Discover why Yeshivat Netivot Montessori is a great option for your elementary aged boys. \*The fathers, sons, and head of school will speak about their own experiences and answer questions covering social, religious and academic pursuits. Wed, May 17, 7:30 pm at Cong Avahas Achim, 216 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, HP. Questions? Please call the school at 732.985.4626 [netivotmontessori.com](http://netivotmontessori.com)

-On Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 91 Jefferson Blvd., Edison, NJ 08817 - 8pm; Come learn how we incorporate Judaic Studies into our Montessori Early Childhood curriculum. Some of the examples of this innovative method include the combination of parasha and math, weaving the study of the five senses with Jewish holidays, and exercises in practical life focusing on traditions in the Jewish homeRSVP: [office@netivotmontessori.com](mailto:office@netivotmontessori.com) 732.985.4626 walk-ins welcome

#### JR NCSY INFO

Jr NCSY is selling sweatshirts!! They are green, zip up, and are \$18. If you would like one, call Tzvi 732-991-2252 or Gavi 732-406-3744.

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

We are having a learning program Shavuot night, from 11pm until 12, in OT. If your child is not staying in OT after for the remainder of the learning program, please arrange a way for him/her to get home.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday, 9-11PM. Saturday nights through the end of May, the mikvah opens at 9:45pm. SHAVUOS by appointment only, as are all Friday nights and Yom Tovs, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411

#### **YESHIVA TIFERES**

#### **NAFTOLI TORAH DEDICATION DINNER**

Sun, June 6; 5pm- honoring Dr. & Mrs. Ira Krumholtz. The dinner will be held at the Crystal Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel, 50 Gibson Place, Freehold, NJ. For ads and reservations call 732-446-5841.

#### **LOCAL KOSHER WINE TASTING**

This Sunday May 16 at 8pm at Ahavat Achim in Highland Park there will be a community wide wine tasting. Cover fee for the event is \$18 per person. Come and taste wines from a wide spectrum at bargain basement prices and support a great cause. Any questions feel free to call 1 201 852 1365.

#### **CHUG IVRIT**

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, May 16, at 11am at the home of Frank Stechel, 329 Valentine St., HP. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. You do not need to be a member of Hadassah to attend. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We sometimes do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. We also sometimes watch Israeli sitcoms on the internet. For more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298

or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

#### **RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR**

Rabbi Hoffman has resumed his Wed night shiur. on mesechta brochos with rishonim, acharonim and halacha l'maisseh 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.

#### **FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, May 16 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. There will not be class on Monday evening, May 17. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408

[siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com).

-The Women's AMEN Group will be continuing to meet weekly, Sunday mornings at Congregation Ohr Torah, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 E.J. at the above email address. It should be in the zechus of a refuah sheimah 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.

-Lev L'nefesh, a hachnosas kallah gemach l'zecher nishmas Suri Granek, will be having its inaugural breakfast. The event will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday, June 6th at 10 am. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Zlata Press, principal of Brnos Leah Prospect Park yeshiva high school. The event is for women only. Formal invitations will be sent shortly. To make reservations or for more information, please call Chaya Katzenstein 732-572-1293.

#### **RPRY RAFFLE**

RPRY announces its annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. Drawing is scheduled for 6/14. Tickets are \$36 apiece or 3 for \$100. Please see the flyer for more details. For tickets please see OT contacts Russ Adler, Barry Siegel, Leeor Jerushalmy, Brian Dube or Asaf Shmuel.

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Shabbat Nasso

Candlelighting

7:55 PM

Mincha/ Maariv 6:00 (plag), 7, 7:30 & 8:05 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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net) Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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: Rabban Yochanan ben Zaccai**

There have been many great *tannaim*. But there are a precious few who have reached such super star status that they are known as *rabban*. One of them was Rabban Yochanan ben Zaccai. He lived before the *churban* and ten years after it. He was a student of Hillel and though he was the youngest, Rav saw future greatness in him and described him as "*av le-chachmah, av le-doros*" a leader in wisdom and a leader of generations. It is said that he spent 40 years in business, 40 years learning and 40 years as a teacher. His first years were spent in the Galil where he was unhappy and complained that the area was filled with ignorant people. In 18 years, he said, only two halachic questions were directed to him. Rabban Yochanan ben Zaccai was a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin and often was involved in debates with the Saducees (*tzedukim*). One such debate was over the date of Shavuos. The *tzedukim* claimed that Shavuos always falls on Sunday (based on "*memochoras hashabbos*") but Rabban Yochanan challenged their contention and insisted that there be one law for all of Israel and that Shavuos was 50 days after the start of Pesach. Rabban Yochanan ben Zaccai knew the *churban habayis* was approaching. This led to perhaps the most famous events he was involved in. Just before the *churban* he was spirited out of Jerusalem in a coffin by his students and faced the Roman general Vespasian. Unable to prevent the *churban*, Rabbann Yochanan made three requests of the general. 1. that Yavneh and its scholars be spared, 2. that the direct lineage of the *nesiut* of Hillel be maintained, and 3. that a doctor be provided for R. Zadok. Following the *churban*, as head of the Sanhedrin and Yeshivas Yavneh he tried to unite the Jews and make sure they would never forget the *churban*. To this end he issued numerous decrees "*zecher lechurban*". When he fell ill his students came to visit him and asked him to bless them. He did so with the famous statement, "may your fear of heaven be equal to your fear of humans". When asked to explain he said "*haleval*", I wish our fear of heaven **was** equal to that of man. Have we advanced further than that today?