



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Emor

Iyar 17 5770

May 1, 2010

Candlelighting:	7:34PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00PM
Mincha:	6:45 & 7:40PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur-After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:25 AM
Early Mincha:	1:45 PM
<i>Kollel Learning Seder - 4-6 PM</i>	
Kollel Mincha:	6 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 6:40 PM</i>	
Mincha:	7:30 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Bomzer</i>	
Maariv:	8:40 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tue., Wed & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	7:40 PM
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM</i>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Monday-Thursday after Maariv. Friday after first Kabbolas Shabbos Minyan. Shabbos one hour before Mincha. Sunday after 8 AM Schacharis.	

BARUCH HABA

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 May 15th & 22nd, June 12th, 19th & 26th. 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.

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 Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the birth of a son to their children Rena and Elazar Nadelbach. Mazel Tov to great Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hersz Hanfling, Mrs. Ellen Schochet, Rabbi M. Gans and Mrs. M. Nadelbach, as well as grandparents Jay and Jennifer Nadelbach. Mazel Tov also to the Slepoy's. *The shalom zachor will take place 9:15 pm at the Hanflings 47 Leslie St.*

...to Mordechai Paretzky and Koby Milgraum upon receiving Semicha from Lander College for Men.

KIDDUSH

Tamar and David Spiegelman are sponsoring Kiddush this week L'zecher Nishmas, David's mother, Hennah Bas Shmuel, A"H, whose first Yahrzeit is on Lag B'omer.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored this week by Riki & Robert Kreitman to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Robert's grandfathers Avraham Yehoshua ben Shmuel and Binyamin Yonah ben Avraham Meir.

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 plaque. This special will be for a limited period only. For all payments actually received from now until midnight, May 23rd 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.

GEMARAH DONATIONS FOR RABBI'S SHIUR NEEDED

Rabbi Luban's Shabbas Talmud Shiur (45 minutes before Mincha) will be starting Mesechta Rosh Hashana and has purchased 15 new Gemaras. Dedications are available at \$20 per Gemara. If you would like to donate a Gemara, please see Barry Siegel (siegeldad@optonline.net) or Arnie Lustiger.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

-Eric and Karen Goldberg
-Asaf and Penina Shmuel.
-Netanel and Judith Mazor (full membership)

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
-Barbara & Allen Kessel In honor of the Bar Mitzva of Shmuli Tannenbaum
-Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Jonas Waizer's sister Bella Wolf Z"L
-Chave & Zephyr Chomsky in memory of their mother Rebbetzin Lillian Chomsky Z"L

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORPAC

The Mission orientation/training session in Edison/Highland Park (you **do not** have to attend the one in North Jersey on May 2) will be on Sunday May 9 at Cong. Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Rd. Edison NJ starting at 8:15 PM lasting for about an hour. Mission day davening 5:45 am at OT and AA. Bus departure from both sites at 6:30 am. Watch emails for your assigned bus departure site group number and talking points. To avoid parking congestion for RPRY on mission day please try to walk or car pool to OT.

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 Ahavas Achim, 216 S. 1st Ave, HP. Questions? Please call the school at 732.985.4626 netivotmontessori.com

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday, 9-11PM. Saturday nights 3/20 - 4/10, 9PM. Friday nights and Yom Tov by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411.

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

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having classes, this Sunday, May 2 and Monday, May 3. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, May 5 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park.

-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

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

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 tehillim.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley would like to thank the community for making the annual dinner a huge success. Thank you to Dr. Ben Corn for his inspiring words. For more information on Bikur

Cholim's services or to volunteer, please call the Bikur Cholim hotline at 732-572-7181.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Behar-Bechukotai	
Candlelighting	7:41 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	6:00 (plag), 7:00 & 7:50 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. Yochana haSandlor

This third generation *tanna* with the odd nickname lived about the year 150 and was one of R. Akiva's better students. Once when R. Akiva was jailed by the Romans a halachic question arose as to whether a *chalitza* performed privately by two people not in the presence of a *bet din* is valid. No one knew the answer and there was no way of communicating with R. Akiva. R. Yochanan took matters into his own hands and dressed up as a traveling merchant. He walked the streets calling out the merchandise he had for sale. As he passed the jail he called out: "Who needs pins? *Chalitza* between two people what is it?" R. Akiva heard him and understood his plan. He responded "Do you have a spindle? Kasher". Thus they got the answer to their question. R. Yochanan loved Eretz Yisroel and declared that living in Israel is comparable to fulfilling all the *mitzvos* of the Torah. Once he wanted to go to Bavel to study Torah there but could not get himself to cross the border to leave Israel. After the Roman decrees against the Jews were rescinded R. Yochanan and other students of R. Akiva gathered for the purpose of declaring a leap year. However a bitter argument broke out between R. Yochanan and R. Meir, but they did not leave that location until they resolved their dispute and kissed. It may have been from that gathering that R. Yochanan made his famous statement found in Pirkei Avos: "Any gathering that is dedicated to *shem shamayim* – for the sake of heaven – will endure. Those that are not shall not endure". Oh, as to his nickname haSandlor, could it be that he was a shoemaker? Possibly. But one source suggests that it is a corruption of the name of the city of Alexandria. He was given that name because R. Yochanan haSandlor was born in the city of Alexandria of Egypt.