



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Ki Tisa - Parah*

20 Adar 5770

March 5, 2010

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>5:35PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>5:45PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM</b>
<b>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</b>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:16 AM</b>
<b>Early Mincha:</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 4:40 PM</b>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Josh Pruzansky</b>	
<b>Maariv: see schedule</b>	
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon &amp; Thurs</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Tue, Wed, Fri</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10 &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>5:45 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>
<b>Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM</b>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
<b>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. Shabbos 8:15 AM or after Hashkama Schacharis. Sunday after 8 AM Minyan.	

### MAZEL TOV

... to Debbie and Moshe Schneider on the occasion of Yael's upcoming marriage to Elisha Domb of Cleveland, and her Shabbos Kalah this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to the entire Schneider family.

...to Nillie and David Goldman on Dalya's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov, to the entire Goldman and Carmel families and welcome to Dalya's Grandmother and **Savta**.

...to Rachel and Myron Gurell on Mordechai's engagement to Brittany Katzuourin of Springfield, NJ. Mazel Tov to the Gurell, Katarin, Reinitz and Lilker families.

...to Awi and Elie Salomon on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to the entire Salomon and Haller families. *The Shalom Zachor will be held at 8:30 PM - 329 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.*

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Barbara and Allen Kessel in loving memory of Barbara's father, Chaim Shlomo ben Usher Zelig (Hy Baras), a"h, whose yearzeit is 18 Adar.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Drs. Barbara and Jerry Belsh in memory of the Yahrzeit of Jerry's father a"h.

### SHAIMOS DRIVE

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this years community Shaimos Collection **this Sunday, March 7** from 10AM to 5:30 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks payable to Congregation Ohr Torah. For questions please contact Barry Siegel, [siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net).

In conjunction with the Shaimos drive, there will be a clothing drive to benefit Israel. To offset shipping costs, donors must leave a \$15 donation per large trash size bag to cover shipping.

### ANNUAL PRE-PESACH SHIUR

Rabbi Luban's Pre-Pesach shiur for women will take place Wednesday March 17 at 8 PM.

### OHR TORAH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi Hayyim Angel will join Cong. Ohr Torah as Scholar in Residence next week for Shabbat HaChodesh (VaYakhel-Pekudei) March 12/13. He will speak at 8:45 on Friday night on "ROMANCE AND RELIGION IN SHIR HA-SHIRIM," give the Shabbat morning derashah on "THE BERESHIT-SHEMOT CONTINUUM: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY ARE VIEWED AS A LARGER UNIT and after Minchah on "G-D INSISTS ON TRUTH: Rabbinic Responses to Two of the Sharper Biblical Prayers." Rabbi Angel is Rabbi at Cong. Shearith Israel of New York City (the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, founded in 1654) and teaches advanced

undergraduate Tanakh courses at Yeshiva Univ. He has published over 50 scholarly articles, primarily in Tanakh.

### PARKING ON EDMOUNT ROAD

The Shul once again requests that members not park their cars in front of **ANY** house on Edgemount Road over Shabbos and Yom Tov. Please be considerate and allow the residents to use these spaces for themselves and their guests. There is ample space in the parking lot and along the curb near RPRY for everyone.

In addition, please **ALWAYS** keep the area surrounding the fire hydrant clear of vehicles. Please don't place the Shul, RPRY, or local residents at risk in case of a real emergency, chas v'shalom.

### LOST ARTSCROLL MEGILLAH

Someone accidentally took my Megilla from the coat room on Sat night after the Megilla reading. It is a hard covered Artscroll Megilla with my name in it – Rivka Abrahams

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NORPAC

With the advent of J Street and the resultant weakening of support for Israel in Congress, participating in the NORPAC mission has never been more critical. Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Washington DC, Wed. May 12. Early registration discounts (save \$50) on or before March 15th—rates are \$75 for students and \$125 for adults. Participants must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Full Refunds avail, requests must be received in writing at [karen@norpac.net](mailto:karen@norpac.net) by May 1, 2010. Register online at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Elie Borger, or Marc Hanfling ([docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com)).

#### NEED TO GET RID OF YOUR CHAMETZ?

Donate your extra mishloach manos, or any food to those in need. You can drop off any closed packages of food at the home of Nitza and Avi Bodlander, 134 North 10th Ave in Highland Park. All donations will be distributed to food pantries in and around the Highland Park area. Please contact the Bodlanders with any questions 732-339-0908. All food can be deposited in the bins on the porch.

#### BIKUR CHOLIM ANNUAL EVENT

The Bikur Cholim annual event will take place this year on April 25th at 6 pm at the Pines Manor. The speaker this year is Dr. Ben Corn, a world renowned speaker who serves as Chairman of the Institute of Radiotherapy at Tel Aviv Medical Center and Professor of Oncology at Tel Aviv University School of Medicine. He founded "Life's Door - Tishkofet", an organization formed to assist patients with life-threatening illnesses into a process for growth and healing.

#### "MY LIFE AS A JEW IN AN ARAB COUNTRY"

MY LIFE AS A JEW IN A MUSLIM COUNTRY Five dramatic first-person accounts of growing up as a Jew in: Yemen, Turkey, Iran, Morocco, Libya, and

### 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 March 13 and 20. 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](http://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.

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

escaping to the New World. Join EMUNAH at 8pm **this motzei Shabbat March 6** to hear these fascinating true stories in the home of Rachel and Mendy Lerner, 7 Edgemount Rd. Middle Eastern refreshments will be served but you must (please) RSVP so we can prepare them for you! \$12.50 per person. RSVP to [paulmyk@aol.com](mailto:paulmyk@aol.com) or [blerner18@optonline.net](mailto:blerner18@optonline.net) or call 732 317 1786.

### **MAYHS ANNUAL DINNER 2010**

This year's Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 14th, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., at Congregation Ahavas Achim in Highland Park. The Guests of Honor are the MAYHS Past Presidents. Past presidents are Bernie Leff, Jesse Mintz, Richard Kleinmann and Ronda Israel. This year's MAYHS Parents of the Year are David & Michele Falk of East Brunswick. The 2010 Alumnus of the Year is Seth Mandel. In addition, there will be a special tribute to The Hann Foundation. This generous Foundation is administrated by Rabbis Abraham Mykoff and Ronald Schwarzbarg. To RSVP or to place an ad in the Dinner Journal contact MAYHS at (732) 613-7460 or [adjournal@mayhs.org](mailto:adjournal@mayhs.org).

### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park mikvah will be open Saturday-Thursday evenings 8:30-10:30pm through March 13th. Please be aware of NEW HOURS for DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, beginning Sunday night, March 14th, when hours will be 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

### **OE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

Congregation Ohav Emeth is pleased to host a scholar in residence April 16-17 with Rabbi Chaim Jachter - noted teacher at the Torah Academy of Bergen County, editor & columnist in the school's weekly Kol Torah newsletter, and co-rabbi of the Sephardic Congregation of Teaneck. He will address a few topics on Israeli/Diaspora relations and halachic concerns about the State of Israel. More details will be forthcoming.

### **NCSY**

**Senior:** -This Shabbos at 3 o'clock there will be an oneg at the Weiss's house, 53 Hamlin Rd, - on March 20th is Shabbos in the city, spending Shabbos in Brooklyn and then going to Times Square Saturday night, registration at njncsy.org <<http://njncsy.org>> and the cost is \$35  
**Junior** - Pesach is quickly approaching and that means the annual Pesach 6 Flags event is soon

upon us. We will be going to 6 Flags on the morning of April 1st and returning that evening. Transportation will be provided. The buses will strictly be first come first serve. For any questions or comments please don't hesitate to call. Sr - Eitan Gold - 9085778940, [eyg1023@gmail.com](mailto:eyg1023@gmail.com) or Timi Wildman - 9086162741 Jr. Gavi Lankin - 7324063744, [gavi.lankin@gmail.com](mailto:gavi.lankin@gmail.com) or Tzvi Hametz 7329912252, [tocopow@aol.com](mailto:tocopow@aol.com)

### **PROJECT S.A.R.A.H.**

*Dealing with sexual abuse in your community: Transforming a Painful Response into an Effective One.* Project S.A.R.A.H. invites Rabbis and their spouses to its annual training on Saturday Evening March 6, 2010 8:30 P.M. Congregation Shomrei Torah 19-10 Morlot Avenue Fair lawn, NJ 07410 Presentations: Brooklyn's response to child sexual abuse Henna White & Chana Widawski, LMSW District Attorney Charles Hynes' Community Liason Founder of Kol Tzedek-The Voice of Justice Developing skills with which to respond when a case of sexual abuse is revealed Dr. David Pelcovitz Renowned Author, Lecturer and Expert on Trauma and Loss in Children and Adolescents For Further Information Contact: Elke Stein at [E.Stein@JFScifton.org](mailto:E.Stein@JFScifton.org) or 973-777-7638 ext.154

### **SHIDDUCH MEETING**

There will be a shidduch meeting on March 9 at 8:30 PM. To find out location and to request a form please email Sharon at [SHCL18@aol.com](mailto:SHCL18@aol.com)

### **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.

### **FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

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. 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 (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 tehillim.

### **WOMEN'S SHIURIM**

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, March 7 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, March 8 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. These will be the last classes until after Pesach. 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). -Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, March 10 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. This is the last class until after Pesach.

### **JFVS PASSOVER FOOD PROGRAM**

Pesach is fast approaching! If you or someone you know could benefit from the free Passover food program that Jewish Family and Vocational Services offers, please contact the agency at 732-777-1940 and ask for Lisa Mason. For more information or to find out how you can get involved, please call Rachelle Stern at 732-247-0766. (Please note; packaging and delivery will take place two weeks before Pesach.

### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Shabbat Ki Tisa	
Candlelighting	5:35 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	5:45 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...**

### **Tannaim and Amoraim: R. Yehoshua ben Levi (Riva"l)**

This first generation *amora* from Eretz Yisroel was the student of bar Kappara who also happened to be his uncle. Together with R. Chanina he went to the local governor on some matter concerning the Jews. When he entered the governor's office the governor stood up for him. The governor's flunkies asked him why he stood for a Jew of all people. He responded by saying that R. Yehoshua's face was like that of an angel. Subsequently Riva"l went on a mission to Rome. Upon his return to Acco R. Chanina noticed that he was limping. He compared him to Yaakov Avinu who limped after his encounter with Eisav's officer. It was said of Riva"l, a master in the field of *agada*, that he would engage in conversations with Eliyahu haNavi. Once Rival asked Eliyahu when the *moshiach* would come. He told him to go ask him yourself. Riva"l, surprised, asked where he is. He is in Rome, Eliyahu responded, among the poor taking care of their medical needs. Rival traveled to Rome and found him and after exchanging greetings asked him when he would come. Today, he said. Riva"l returned home, met Eliyahu haNavi, and told him that the *moshiach* made fun of him saying he would come today. Eliyahu answered by saying that he was not making fun of him. He would come today if all the people would listen to the words of the Torah. (Consider his response today.) Every Friday afternoon one of his grandsons would read from the *parsha* to him. One time he forgot about it and did not remind himself till he was in the bathhouse. He quickly dressed and ran home to hear his grandson. It was his practice to fast on the *tenth* day of Av because, he said, most of the destruction of the *bet hamikdash* took place on that day, not on the ninth. R. Yehoshua ben Levi is the author of many familiar statements. Among them he composed the *kre-at shema* prayers said before retiring. It was he who urged everyone to be among the first ten to arrive in shul for *davening*, (OT members listen!) and it was one of his *maamarim* that was chosen to be said at the completion of the *shisha sidrei mishnah*, the one that begins with "Atid hakadosh baruch hu lehanchil lechol tzadik vetzadik..." Truly a great *amora* was R. Yehoshua ben Levi.

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff