



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Noach

Chesvan 1, 5771

October 9, 2010

Shabbos Candlelighting: 6:10 PM
Mincha: 6:20PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:53 AM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 5:10 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 6:00 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Eliyahu Gross
Maariv: 7:10 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur 6:20, 7:05, & 8AM
Tue, Wed, Fri. 6:30, 7:10, & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:05PM
Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM

Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur:
Monday 9:10 PM
Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
 Monday -Thursday after Maariv. Friday after Maariv.
 Shabbos 1 hour before Mincha, 6:00pm. Sunday after 8am shacharis.

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 for October 23rd & 30th and November 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. 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 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, for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah for members of our shul and community.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi Yaakov and Rebbetzin Faigie Luban on the birth of a daughter, Penina, to their children Yosef Dov and Devori Luban.
 ...to Barbara and Jerry Belsh on the birth of a daughter to their children Meir and Alizq Belsh.
 ...to Lori and Jonathan Caplan on the birth of Akiva Meir to their children Jeremy and Rena Caplan.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by David Hanfling and Family to commemorate the Yahrzeit of David's father, Avrohom ben Naftali A"H.

SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH

Yasher Koach to the following who helped make our Simchat Torah Kiddush a great success:

- Arthur Atlas
- Debby Atlas
- Gershon Klavan
- David Kornfeld
- Marion Kornfeld
- David Moskovic
- David Moss
- Gedalia Reiss
- Greg Sholom
- Aviva Siegel
- Barry Siegel
- Sara Siegel Kimmel
- Moshe Wiesel
- Jonas Waizer
- Barry Wolf

Thank you to the following sponsors who did not make it onto the sponsor list:

- Marion and David Kornfeld
- Ofi Yofi

CHILDRENS ROLLER SKATING

Ohr Torah will once again be heading to the Arenas at Woodbridge Community Center for a fun night of roller skating on Motzei Shabbat October 9th @ 8:15 PM sharp at Ohr Torah. We will return to the Shul at 11:30 PM. The \$20 per child cost for children grades 3 thru 12 includes skate/blade rental, 10 tokens to the arcade on premises, snacks and transportation to/from the facility. To sign up please contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429 or sign up online at ohrtorah.net.

OHR TORAH MEETINGS

-The next Board meeting will take place at 8:30 PM on October 12.
 -The next General Membership Meeting will take place at 8:30 PM on October 26.
 Agendas to follow.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members Yomi and Miriam Greenstein.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Susan and Moish Wiesel in memory of the Yahrzeit of Moish's father Yehoshua ben Menachem Zev A"H.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

Please plan on joining us Sunday, December 19, 2010, 6:00PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Somerset, NJ, when we will give thanks and Hakaras Hatov to two outstanding couples who have and continue to do so much for our Shul: Service Awardees:

Rabbi Benjamin and Helen Kramer
 Guests of Honor:

Irwin and Mildred Goldblatt

CHUMASH/ SIDDIR DEDICATIONS

Ohr Torah is ordering new Artscoll Siddurm and Chumashim for the downstairs Beis Medrash. Dedications are available at \$36 per Stone Chumash and \$23 per Hebrew Siddur. If you'd like to dedicate a sefer in memory/honor/Yahrzeit please contact Barry Siegel (siegeldad@optonline.net) or Harvey Atlas.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) organization will be sponsoring an inspirational evening on Sunday evening, October 24, 2010 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Etz Ahaim. Rabbi Jay Weinstein, the new Moreh D'Asra of the Young Israel of East Brunswick, will speak about "Prayer and Redemption: Our Ticket to Olam Habah". The source book for the module, Rabbi Heshy Kleinman's "Yearning With Fire", can be purchased from the Judaica Gallery in Highland Park at a discount. The learning schedule can be downloaded from the Modules page of the ACTT website: www.actt613.org. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

EMUNAH GARAGE SALE

Emunah is joining Highland Park for their annual township wide garage sale on Sunday October 10th from 8 to 5. It will be held at Aviv and Adrienne Orani's home at 292 North 5th Street Highland Park. Please look through your home and feel free to donate anything and everything that can help make this a successful sale. Items such as Bikes, Picture Frames, Costume Jewelry, Judaica, Furniture etc..... Now is the time to clean up your home and get rid of all those unwanted gifts and old items. For drop off information and/or to volunteer on the day of sale. Please Call Sue Redlich 732-558-4917 Attention Students: WE NEED YOU !!! (Volunteer for Chesed Hours).

RPRY SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway.
 PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

The RPRY Scholarship Breakfast will take place be"n, on Sunday Morning December 26th.

FORUM ON SCIENCE AND TORAH

On Motzei Shabbat October 16, 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents its first program of the year – a presentation by Nathan Aviezer, Professor of Physics at Bar Ilan University on the topic: "Resolving Apparent Contradictions Between Torah and Science: Creation of the Universe". Professor Aviezer teaches a course on "Torah and Science," which was awarded the prestigious Templeton Prize and has written two books in this subject. The program will be chaired by Dr. Arnold Lustiger. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more information, please email hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com.

MESIVTHA TIFERETH JERUSALEM MELAVE MALKA

The annual Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem Melave Malka will be held on Motzei Shabbat, October 16, 2010, 8:45 PM at Ohav Emeth. The Guest of Honor is Mr. Samuel Blumenfeld who will receive the Distinguished Kesser Shem Tov Award and there will be a Special Dedication to the Eternal Memory of Rivky Eidelman. Hagaon Harav Reuven Feinstein, Shlit'a, will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for info and reservations at (732) 246-1037

FRIENDS OF IDF

Save the Date: Friends of the IDF - New Jersey Chapter will be having its 6th Annual IDF Tribute Dinner honoring the lone soldiers of the IDF on Saturday evening, November 6, 2010 at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel and Conference Center, East Rutherford, NJ. For more information, please contact Margo Katz at (212) 244-3118 ext. 14 or margo.katz@idf.org or Ilean 908-420-0923.

KOSHER CUB SCOUT NEWS

Highland Park Cub Scout Pack 5 invites all area boys, grade 1st through 5th, to its next meeting on Oct 10th at the Highland Park Senior/ Youth Center, 220 S 6th Ave, Highland Park at 4PM. It's Lego day and we are going have a great time

building our very own take home Lego models, while learning about the middot which both Legos and Scouting can teach us. There is an activity fee of \$5. RSVPs by Monday Oct 4th are absolutely essential. Please call Cheryl at 732-887-2393 or email Nora at ntillman@yahoo.com to reserve your son's space now! Pack 5 is chartered by Cong. Ahavas Yisrael. You can always learn more about Pack 5 at www.hpcubpack5.org

CHUG IVRIT

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, Oct 10, at 11am at a private Highland Park area home. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the 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 watch a Hebrew sitcom or do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub atrachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday, 9-11PM. The mikvah will be open at 9PM on Saturday nights until Nov 7th and after Yom Tov. The mikvah is closed Friday night, erev Yom Kippur. Friday nights are by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411

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.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Congregation Ohr Torah. To participate in challah baking or saying Shir Hashirim in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben

Ophira, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or EJPartyworks@aol.com

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, October 10 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, October 11at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com. - Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, October 13 at 9:15 AM at the home of Ricki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at enrv@verizon.net. We post over 100 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the information to enrv@verizon.net.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbos Lech Lecha	
Candlelighting	5:59 PM
Mincha	6:05PM

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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.

Sof davar...

Tannaim and Amoraim: R. Yehudah haNassi

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

No collection of sofei davar would be complete without one devoted to probably the greatest of them all, R. Yehudah haNassi. His father was the *nasi* R. Shimon ben Gamliel and he was the seventh generation after Hillel. It is said that on the day that R. Akiva died R. Yehudah was born, reflecting the idea that no generation is left bereft of a great leader. In later life Rabbi, as he was widely and affectionately known, became a very close friend of the emperor Antoninus. The story is told, however, that at the time of his birth there was a Roman decree in force that prohibited *brit milah*. The Caesar at the time heard that a son was born to the *nasi* and that he had a *brit*. He ordered the mother and child to be brought before him to determine the truth of the matter. The mother of Antoninus who also was born at that time had *rachmonus* on the child and substituted her own child for the examination. Yehudah was found to be an *orel* and he and his mother were released. He was a prodigious scholar and became the *nasi* and the head of the Sanhedrin. So well respected was he that he became known either simply as 'Rebbi' or 'Rabbeinu haKadosh'. He was very rich and during periods of famine he would open his storehouses for the poor. His friendship with Antoninus was legendary and the two would often have conversations on various subjects. Once Antoninus asked whether one is permitted to *daven* all day. Rabbi responded in the negative. Why not Antoninus wanted to know. The prayers would become insincere and bothersome, Rabbi responded. Antoninus would not accept his response. The following day Rabbi arrived at his palace and greeted him. An hour later he greeted him again. Antoninus was puzzled. Are you making fun of me? Rabbi continued, if you are bothered by constant greetings and praise, should not the king of kings be similarly bothered? Did Antoninus convert to Judaism as a result of his friendship with Rabbi? Some say he did. R. Yehudah haNasi is best remembered and revered for his monumental work, the compilation of the Mishna. Probably no other work has captured the imagination of Jews throughout the centuries as the Mishna. Written in Hebrew and encompassing only halachic decisions (except for *masechet avot*) the Mishna has been accepted universally in all yeshivot and *batei medrash*. It is the core work, after the *chumash*, for the understanding of *halacha* in this very day. When he passed away the sages decreed a universal fast day, and it was said that with his passing *batla anavah*, humility came to an end. A giant among scholars – R. Yehudah haNasi.