



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Shemot

23 Tevet 5770

January 9, 2010

Candlelighting:	4:30PM
Mincha:	4:40PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:42AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 3:35 PM	
Mincha:	4:25 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Larry Greenman	
Maariv:	5:35 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday-	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Mon, Thur	6:17, 7:05 & 8AM
Tue, Weds Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Note earliest Talis And Tefillin: 6:22 Monday, 6:21 Thursday	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:40 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: cancelled this week	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
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 Dorene and Allan Weitz on the birth of a son, Avraham David Zvi to their children Tiffany and Moshe Lerer.
 ...to Leah and Harvey Paretzky on the marriage, last Sunday, of their son Mordechai to Ruthie Goldstein in Chicago. Mazel tov to sisters Adina and Shoshana. and to Ruthie's parents, Barbara and Berton Goldstein, and to siblings Miriam and Ephraim Osgood, David and Deenie Goldstein, and Zev Goldstein.
 ...to Aviva & Barry Siegel on the marriage Monday evening of their daughter Sara to Yonasson Kimmel of Brooklyn. Mazel Tov to the Chosan's father, Yonah Zev (Walter) Kimmel, the grandparents Evelyn & Charles Rindner and Lillian Mazer and the entire family.

Medrash. For more information, please see Neer Even-Hen, Jeff Klein or Evan Orgel.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FORUM SPEAKER
 The Orthodox Forum presents Mr. Mutty Weiss and Rabbi Yosef Blau to speak on the topic of Facing Up to Sexual Abuse in the Orthodox Community: A Survivor and Rabbinic Leader Speak Out, **this Motzei Shabbos**, January 9, 8PM, Congregation Ohr Torah.

GEMARA TYUN SHIUR WITH RABBI YAAKOV BUSEL

Rabbi Yaakov Busel, Rosh Yeshiva of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva, has been giving a Gemara shiur be'iyun to local ba'al habatim on Thursday nights at 8:30 PM for over 25 years. The shiur is now starting a new gemara, maseches Niddah, next week. This gemara was chosen because there is much lomdus: the basic sugyos dealing with chazakos appear in the first perek. The shiur greatly welcomes new members for the inauguration of the new masechta. for more information contact Arnie Lustiger at 732-718-0811.

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.

HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLEL

The Highland Park Community Kollel thanks the Edison-Highland Park community for coming out and making their second annual breakfast, this past Sunday, a great success. A large and enthusiastic crowd joined to honor Mr. and Mrs. William Bogner and Mr. Solomon Blumenfeld for their dedication to Torah ideals. It was heartening to see a very wide cross section of the community coming together for the Kollel's benefit.

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.

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at 11am at a private Highland Park area home. It is free and open to both men and women. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story and do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net

UPCOMING EMUNAH ART AUCTION

EMUNAH's annual art auction will take place **this Saturday night, January 9, 2009**, at Ohr Torah. Dinner (for sponsors) 8pm; General Admission 8:30 pm; Auction 9pm. General admission \$5.00; Sponsors (includes dinner for 2): \$36, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$18 (includes dinner for 1). Special this year, for sale: Framed lithographs by Micki Caspi and Yonah Weinrib, Judaica, Unique personal and decorative giftware by premier artists, Original handcrafted sterling silver/semi-

KIDDUSH

Robert & Riki Kreitman are sponsoring the Kiddush this week in honor of the Young Family Minyan and Aryeh Zinkin.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is jointly sponsored by Larry and Miriam Greenman in memory of Larry's father Gershon Mordechai Ben Yehuda Menachem and in memory of Miriam's father Rav Yosef Yochanan ben Avraham, and by Rhona and Michael Eserner in memory of Michael's father, Yitzchak Ben Yitzchak.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

It seems that tapes and CD's have been taken out of the library without scanning the cards and media. This creates a number of difficulties and makes it easier for the media to get lost from the library. Please remember to always scan tapes and CD's along with your library card when using the library.

FREE CPR COURSE

A free CPR/AED course will be offered at OT on Sat. night Feb. 13 Course is AHA Heartsaver AED Adult/Child certificate card available. Time: 7:30 - 10:30 PM. You must register in advance due to limited space respond to Ari Lewitter at lewitter@yahoo.com.

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Judah Elbaum on the recent loss of his father, Gerald Elbaum, Z"L. *May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.*

YOUNG FAMILY MINYAN

The Young Family Minyan meets each Shabbos morning at 9:15am in the Beis

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 January 23rd and 30th and February 6th, 13th, 20th and 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

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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 siegelddad@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.

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

precious stone jewelry. A portion of all sales will support EMUNAH programs in Israel. Please RSVP to Sharon Hirt 732-777-0462 or Pauline Mykoff 732-572-0457.

EMUNAH PLANS EXCITING EVENING

Please join EMUNAH on February 13 for an exciting evening. Zvi Bielski, son of Zus Bielski, hero of the movie Defiance will be speaking at the home of Rachel and Myron Gurell, 482 Lincoln Avenue at 8pm. After the speaker (which is for men and women!!), Rachel Gurell will be introducing her new organic and natural face and neck anti-aging serum recommended for women 35 years and older. A percentage of all orders placed that evening will be donated to EMUNAH. Light refreshments, \$15.00 per person, sponsorships at all levels needed to defray the cost of the speaker. For more info, or to sponsor the event, please contact Rachel Gurell 732-777-0772, Sharon Hirt 732-777-0462 or Chaya Reinitz 732-777-1980

TABC ANNUAL DINNER

The Torah Academy of Bergen County (TABC) annual dinner is on Feb 21, 2010. At that time, the school will be honoring Barbara & Ken Strassman and Naomi & Neal Auman with Service Awards for their work in helping to make TABC accessible to boys from Highland Park and Edison. The work of these two families has strengthened the Highland Park/Edison community by giving families and young men more choice in finding the right high school. While you may not be a current, past or future TABC parent, please join TABC in honoring The Strassmans and The Aumans for their efforts on behalf of the community's high school boys. For more info or to have your name listed on the Scroll of Honor, please contact Mrs. Ceil Olivestone at 201-837-7696 x115 or visit the school's website at <http://www.tabc.org/static/dinner.asp>

ACTT

"PLEASE SAVE THE DATE – ACTT will be privileged to have Dr. Chaim Presby speak about "The Evolution of Speech" at its next Community-Wide event on Motzei Shabbos, January 23rd, at 8:30pm. Details will follow. For more info about ACTT, please call Jonathan Abrahams 732-220-2946, Wendy Bar 732-220-8765, Joe Friedman 732-732-985-8014, Michael Lafond 732-432-9860, Phil Rosen 732-572-8762, or Aviva Siegel 732-572-4408. Web-site: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org."

MITZVAH HEROES FUND, INC

Become a Mitzvah Hero -For my upcoming Bar Mitzvah, I am collecting money for wounded Israeli soldiers who are having financial difficulties. The money is being collected for The Mitzvah

Heroes Fund, Inc", a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting funds for various Tzedakah projects. Their website is

www.mitzvahheroesfund.org Channa is one of the Mitzvah Heroes and I want to help her continue her important work for the soldiers. Please send checks payable to "Mitzvah Heroes Fund, Inc. and write Channa in the memo. The U.S. IRS tax id number is 26-1913966. Please send the checks to Zachary Caplan (7th Grade RPRY) 25 Olden Road Edison, NJ 08817 and I will forward them to the organization and Channa.

HIGHLAND PARK JR NCSY

This shabbos afternoon, we are having an oneg at the Lankins (139 north 6th ave) at three o'clock, for all six through eighth graders! Winter regional is quickly approaching, please sign up online at njncsy.org If parents would like to receive jr ncsy updates and announcements, please email jrnscsyhp@gmail.com Please email or call us with any questions! Gavi (732) 406-3744 Tzvi (732) 9991-2252

NEW FRI. NIGHT ONEG SERIES AT OE

Friday night January 8th - Rabbi Tzvi Weiss, shiur leader: Friday night January 15th - Rabbi Shlomo Ziegler, baal koreh and shiur leader. More speakers to be scheduled shortly. Each Friday night Oneg will start at 8pm at the shul with a brief talk by the evening's speaker on a select midrash, followed by a question and answer period. The talk will be accompanied by a light reception. For more info on this Oneg series, speak with Steve Deutsch or send him email at forsang@juno.com

CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not have class on Monday, Jan 11. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rckstern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning Jan 13 at 9:15AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. If there is any change, it will be posted on the Edison/Highland Park bulletin board.

-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 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.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Free job networking session: Wednesday, January 13th at Cong. Ahavas Achim in Highland Park. It's an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear about job leads, and share ideas, resources and information. Be prepared to present a 20-30 second elevator pitch on your experience and bring about 20 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10 pm. Meira Findel will discuss "How to Save Taxes Through Your Own Home Based Business." For more info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net.

Please help: If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the info to enrv@verizon.net. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary. For more info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park mikvah will be open Saturday-Thursday evenings 8:30-10:30pm. Friday nights by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Vaairah	
Candlelighting	4:37 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:45 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 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. Yehuda ben Bava

This great scholar, R. Yehuda ben Bava, was a third generation *tanna* who spent most of his years in Yavneh. He was the student of Shmuel haKattan and a contemporary of R. Yehuda ben Beseira and the peerless R. Akiva. R. Yehuda made his mark in the yeshiva world on the question of a woman who wished to remarry but it was unsure whether her husband had in fact died. Only one witness could testify to that fact where normally two witnesses are required. R. Yehudah ben Bava reported that Rabban Gamliel allowed the testimony of only one witness under these circumstances. R. Yehuda's reputation grew and he was soon also recognized as *muflag bechassidus*, outstanding in acts of *chessed*. When the *gemara* uses the phrase *maaseh bechassid echod* the reference is to either R. Yehuda ben Ilai or R. Yehuda ben Bava. Though not much is known of his life's activities, much is known about his death. It was during the Hadrianic persecutions when all Torah learning and the bestowing of *semicha* were forcibly forbidden. Furthermore, anyone caught giving or receiving *semicha* would be brutally put to death. In addition, the city in which the *semicha* was given will be destroyed and the area around it uprooted. Ignoring this edict R. Yehuda took five of R. Akiva's best students (R. Meir, R. Yehuda, R. Shimon, R. Yose and R. Elazar ben Shamua), went out to a barren field and bestowed upon them *semicha*. The Romans got wind of it and as they were approaching R. Yehuda told his students to flee while he remained only to be pierced by numerous spears and died. A truly great martyr's death by the incomparable R. Yehuda ben Bava.

By Rabbi Israel Poleyeff