



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Tazriah-Metzorah

Iyar 3 5770

April 17, 2010

Candlelighting:	7:19PM
Plag Mincha:	6:00PM
Mincha:	6:45 & 7:25PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur-After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:36 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 – 6:25 PM</i>	
Mincha:	7:15 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Danny Ravitz</i>	
Maariv:	8:25 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:	7:30 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.	

KOLLEL LEARNING SEDER AND MINCHA

Starting this week, join the Highland Park/ Edison Kollel for learning in the shul Beis Medrash from 4-6 PM, followed by mincha

MAZEL TOV

...to Charyn and Harvey Atlas on the birth of a baby daughter, Miriam Devorah, to their children Zehava and Michael Atlas. Mazel Tov to the entire Atlas family.

...Esther and Boomie Chopp on the birth of a son to their children Risa and Hersh Taubenfeld. Mazel Tov to grandparents Toni and Isaac Taubenfeld, and to great grandmother Clara Chopp. The Bris IY"H will be in Florida.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Hinda and Barry Herman in memory of the Yahrzeit of Barry's father, Mr Jack Herman, Yaakov ben Yitzchk Dov, Z"L.

Kiddush is also sponsored this week in honor of Avi Sholom and his upcoming Aliyah.

Sponsors on behalf of Avi include:

- Harvey & Charyn Atlas
- Arnie & Roseann Koenigson
- Robert & Riki Kreitman
- Harvey & Leah Paretzky
- Gedaliah & Phyllis Reiss
- Henry & Sheila Schanzer
- Moshe & Glenda Sherman
- Avi & Debbie Teitz
- Avi Tobias
- Shmilu & Miriam Weiss
- Avi & Cheryl Willinger
- Ken and Deena Lieblich
- Bruce and Lillian Jacobi
- Silvio and Chavi Taranda
- Noah and Merav Krasner
- Moshe and Fran Bar Eli

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos, this week is sponsored by the Danny Ravitz Learning Group who are making a Siyum on Masechta Baba Kamma.

EARLY SHABBOS DAVENING STARTS THIS WEEK

Early mincha/kabolas shabbos starts this week at 6:45PM, with plag mincha at 6PM.

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPEAKER OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Shalosh Seudos sponsor and speaker reservation list for the next six months is posted in the Beis Medrash. If you, a son or a guest would like to speak Shalosh Seudos in honor of a Yahrzeit, a Bar Mitzvah or any other occasion, you must reserve your slot on the reservation list immediately. Starting next week, Arnie Lustiger will be soliciting to

fill the Shalosh Seudos speaker list. *Your request to speak will not be honored after a slot is already filled.*

OHR TORAH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The first General Membership Meeting of 2010 will be held on Tuesday, April 27th at 8:15. Please make best efforts to attend. The Agenda has been mailed to all members and you should receive it soon.

HP SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

There will be a school board election for Edison on Tuesday April 20. Polls are open from noon to 9 PM. The outcome of this election has significant implications to all Edison homeowners, and everyone is therefore urged to vote. For more information, see Izzy Rivkin or Elie Borger.

OT PHONE TREE: COMPUTER NEEDED

The Shul seeks a donation of a serviceable computer for the dedicated purpose of operating the Congregation Ohr Torah Phone Tree. If you can donate a good working unit, please contact Terry Walzman at 732-572-1985. A letter acknowledging the donation will be provided. Thank you.

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Jonas Waizer on the loss of his sister Bella Wolf Z"L.

May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Rosa Liebowitz Z"L (mother of Tamima Klerer))
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Hela Klerer Z"L (mother of Simcha Klerer)
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Shalom Cohen's dad Aharon Magen Cohen Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Shirley Streifler Z"L (mother of Zina Freundlich)
- Barbara & Allen Kessel In honor of the Bar Mitzva of Shmuli Tannenbaum

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FRUIT TREE BRACHA

The bracha made on first seeing a flowering fruit tree is now posted at 401 North Eighth Avenue.

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

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 May 8th, 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 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

NORPAC Mission to Washington DC, Wed. May 12. 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 by May 1, 2010. Register online at www.NORPAC.net or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Elie

Borger, or Marc Hanfling (docdad@aol.com).

- The Mission orientation/training session in Edison/Highland Park will be on Sunday May 9 at Cong. Ohr Torah starting at 8:15 PM lasting for about an hour.
- Mission day davening 5:45 am at OT and AA. Bus departure 6:30. Watch emails for your further info including bus departure site.

R.P.R.Y. ANNUAL DINNER

This Sunday Evening April 18th is the Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva's Annual Dinner. The Dinner this year pays homage to the outstanding and deserving honorees. Mr. Mel Blum, Nillie & David Goldman, Ellen & David Rabinowitz.

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

YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE

The Yad Leah clothing drive will Be'ezras Hashem take place on Sunday April 25th from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM at O.E., main entrance on Dennison Ave. thru the parking lot. Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only. Shoes only in new or like new condition. Linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, cosmetics & hair accessories are also accepted in good condition. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Men's and Boy's black hats in good condition may also be donated.

An \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer or sponsor shipping costs, please call Mordy Brill at 732-819-8351 or e-mail at mordb@msn.com.

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. The title of Dr. Corn's presentation is "Reforming our View of Health and Illness: Caring verses Curing and the Power of the Human Connection." For more information, please call the Bikur Cholim hotline at 732-572-7181.

KOLEL LEARNING

The Highland Park Kollel learning program starts from 4 - 6. Mincha at 6:00.

AA CHINESE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Prize packages include learning a masechta of mishnah and a Siyum with Rabbi Miodownik, a 42-inch HDTV, a bouquet of flowers a week for a year, passes to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, a week at Camp Middlesex, and so much more! Go to <http://www.ahavasachim.org/> and click on "Chinese Auction" or see the attachments above. To participate in the auction, you may either call the Ahavas Achim office at 732-247-0532 and charge your order over the phone or print the order form and drop off a check at AA, 216 South 1st Ave. If you have any questions, please call Mindy Berman at 732-545-4858 or Gila Miodownik at 732-565-0744.

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 Wednesday 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 be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, April 18 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha

class on Monday evening, April 19 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, 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, April 21 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, HP. -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 sheleimah 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.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Acharei-Kedoshim	
Candlelighting	7:27 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	6:00 (plag), 6:45 & 7:35 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: Rav Yudan

What? You never heard of Rav Yudan? Well, no wonder. He does not appear in *bavli* even once. But this fourth generation *amora* from Eretz Yisroel does appear in numerous *medrashim* and earned the title as the *baal agada*, the master of the *agada*. Many of his *medrashim* were aimed at alleviating the plight of his fellow Jews suffering under the heavy rule of Rome. Among those *medrashim* was one of his most famous. It tells of a mother who was crying profusely when her daughter was giving birth. Her neighbors inquired as to why she was crying. Was it because of happiness? It is more than that, she replied. If my daughter is suffering should I not cry? In similar fashion, Rav Yudan continued, when the people of Israel suffer Hashem suffers along with his children. Nonetheless Rav Yudan was an optimistic person, and when Caesar Yulianus (Julius?) was emperor he firmly believed in the imminent coming of the *geula*. He preached that the *geula* will come like the rising sun: slowly but assuredly. That was Rav Yudan and now you can't say you never heard of him.