



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Terumah

6 Adar 5770

February 20, 2010

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| Candlelighting: | 5:19PM |
| Mincha: | 5:25PM |
| Shacharis: | 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM |
| <i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</i> | |
| Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): | 9:28AM |
| Early Mincha: | 1:30 PM |
| <i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 4:25 PM</i> | |
| Mincha: | 5:15 PM |
| <i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Dr. Yussi Strauch</i> | |
| Maariv: | 6:25 PM |
| Weekday Shacharis: | |
| Sunday | 7:00, 8 & 9 AM |
| Monday | 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM |
| Tue, Wed, Fri | 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM |
| Thurs – see schedule | |
| Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: | 5:30 PM |
| Weekday Maariv | 7:30 & 10:10 PM |
| <i>Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Cancelled until March 1st</i> | |
| 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. | |

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 6, 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. 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 ludēju@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 Mina and Larry Tiefenbrunn on the birth of Avraham Yaakov to Nava and Tzvi Goldberg.

...to Alizah and Rabbi Israel Poleyeff on the recent Bar-Mitzvah of their grandson, Doniel Poleyeff. Mazel Tov to aunt and uncle Susan and Barry Wolf and to the entire Poleyeff and Wolf families.

...to Linda and Mike Salzberg on the engagement of their daughter Danielle to Daniel Kochavi of Stamford Connecticut.

...to Aviva and Barry Siegel on the engagement of their son, Chaim to Tzivia Linsky of Brooklyn. Mazel Tov to Tzivia's parents, Abby and Shmuel Linsky, to grandparents, Evelyn and Charles Rindner, Lillian Mazer and to the entire Siegel and Linsky families.

...to Miriam and David Hanfling on the birth of a boy to Rena and Tzvi Rajchgod.

... to Eileen and Mel Wagshul on the birth of a son to their grandchildren Avrumel and Devorah Leah .

...to Rona and Seymour Kessel on the birth of a son to their children Elana And Jeremy Erez. Mazel Tov to aunt and uncle Barbara and Allen Kessel and the entire Kessel and Erez families.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the children of Dr. Robert and Mrs. Michelle Schanzer in honor of their parents.

TAANIS ESTHER SCHEDULE

Thursday February 25

Fast Starts: 5:25 AM

Shacharis: 6:10, 6:55 & 8AM

Machatzis Hashekel

Mincha: 5:15 PM

Fast ends: 6:35 PM

Late Maariv: 10:10 PM (No 7:30 Maariv)

PURIM SCHEDULE

Next Motzei Shabbos- Sun. Feb 27-28

Maariv: 6:25 PM

Purim preparation such as wearing costumes should not begin until Shabbos ends. We have allowed ample time to go home after Maariv, recite havdalah, don costumes and then return to shul for Megillah reading.

Megillah: 7:30 & 9:45 PM

Shacharis: 7, 8 & 9 AM

Women's Megillah: 10:00AM

Mincha: 12:45 and 4:30 PM

Maariv: 10:10 PM (No 7:30 Maariv)

MISHLOACH MANOT

This year's mishloach manot, artistically created by Riki Nat, will be available for pick-up after Megillah reading on Sunday,

February 28th. Every member can receive one- so don't forget to pick yours up on Purim day! There will be no delivery this year, so if you will not be home to pick up your basket, call Lani Kaye 572-6650, Penny Kaplan 777-9594 or Shelley Schoenfeld 572-5808 to make alternate arrangements.

SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this years community Shaimos Collection on 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.

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.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Charyn and Harvey Atlas in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Harvey's father, Moshe Yehuda ben Shalom, z"l.

UPCOMING BAR OR BAT MITZVAH

If your child will celebrate his or her bar or bat mitzvah in 2010, please email your child's name and the date of the occasion to Robert Kreitman at rkreitman@sidley.com at your earliest convenience.

BAT MITZVAH GIFTS

The Shul thanks Heshy Granek for generously dedicating the Shul's Bat Mitzvah gifts for 2010. The gift is made in memory of his beloved wife Suri A"H.

MEGILLOS DONATION

The shul extends its appreciation to Larry and Mina Tiefenbrunn for generously donating Megillas Rus, Koheles and Shir Hashirim scrolls (on klaf).

OHR TORAH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi Hayyim Angel will join Cong. Ohr Torah as Scholar in Residence for Shabbat HaChodesh (VaYakhel-Pekudei) March 12/13. He will speak 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORPAC

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

Strengthen the American-Israel relationship in Congress. 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 by May 1, 2010.

Register online at www.NORPAC.net or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Elie Berger, or Marc Hanfling (docdad@aol.com).

PURIM CARDS AVAILABLE FROM CHILDREN'S FUND

Purim Mishloach Manot Cards are available for purchase for \$2.00 each from the Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale support a very worthy local charity. To obtain the cards, contact: Shoshana Diskind - (732) 572-7755, Tova Josefovitz (732) 572-9432 or Janice Lustiger - (732) 819-4919. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

"MY LIFE AS A JEW IN AN ARAB COUNTRY"

Dramatic first-person accounts of growing up as a Jew in an Arab country, and escaping to the New World. Join EMUNAH at 8:00 pm on 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 or blerner18@optonline.net or call 732 317 1786. It's a don't-miss evening.

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'maaseh. 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.

AHAVAS YISROEL

Cong. Ahavas Yisrael will be hosting Rabbi Shalom Berger as a Scholar in Residence this weekend of Parshas Terumah, February 19 and 20th. Rabbi Berger will speak during davening on Friday night, and will give the Shabbos morning drasha.

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.

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>

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

COSTUME GEMACH

Come to Cong. Ohav Emeth's 3rd Annual Purim Costume Gemach, Sunday February 21st, from 10 am to 2 pm, 415 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. We have brand new and some slightly used costumes. Great infant costumes to Adults sizes. There is a suggested \$5 donation per costume and if you donate a costume, you get a credit to borrow a costume. Donated costumes are welcomed before, during and after the dates listed above. If you have questions, please email us at sharig1@gmail.com or call us at (732) 572-9192.

FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, February 21 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. There will not be class on Monday evening, February 22. 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 Wed. morning, Feb 24 at 9:15AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park.

-The Women's AMEN Group will meet Sunday mornings at Congregation Ohr Torah, 1st classroom downstairs to the left of the stairway. The group will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. 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.

-If you would like to be included in a challah baking segullah for this coming Shabbos on Thurs. night or Fri. (hafrasha should be done Thursday night after dark or Friday) please contact E.J. at the above email address. 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.

RABBI MORDECHAI BECHER RESCHEDULED FOR MOTZEI SHABBAT, FEBRUARY 20

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, will speak on the topic: "The Rooster, The Tree, and the S.U.V." on Motzei Shabbat, Feb 20, at 8:30pm. This free lecture, co-

sponsored by Ahavas Achim Univ. and the AA Environmental Committee, examines a Jewish perspective on our impact on the environment.

PROJECT INSPIRE KIRUV TRAINING

You are invited to a Project Inspire Kiruv Training Seminar. Join us for an inspirational evening where you will learn how to reach out and share the beauty of Judaism with other Jews. Learn and grow in the comfort of one's home! Topics include: Why do Kiruv? The obligation, Evidence for God and the Torah, Common questions & answers, Fundamental Insights about Judaism, Misconceptions about Judaism, How to get others involved in Kiruv. The Seminar will take place on Sun., Feb 21st. Program begins at 8PM. Location: Cong. Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd. Questions and RSVP: Marsha Eiserman mandme3000@yahoo.com or 732-777-1155.

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.

EMUNAH

EMUNAH Purim cards are in! Please contact Sharon Hirt at 732-777-0462 or Sharon.Hirt@Pfizer.com. Although we have kept the cost at \$2.00 per card for many years, we have decided to increase the cost per card this year to \$2.25.

LOCAL ERUV

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

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| Shabbat Tetzaveh | |
| Candlelighting | 5:27 PM |
| Mincha/ Maariv | 5:35 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...

Tannaim and Amoraim: Rav Yehudah

Imagine this distinction: Whenever the *gemara* refers to a Rav Yehudah without a father's name (*stam*) it always refers to the renowned scholar Rav Yehudah ben Yechezkel. You have to earn that distinction and Rav Yehuda did. He was a second generation *amora* who lived in Bavel about the year 250. He was born on the very day that R. Yehuda haNassi died. His father was an *amora* as well, and was so respected that even Shmuel stood up for him. Rav Yehuda was a student of this Shmuel at the yeshiva in Nehardea. He was such an outstanding student that he was referred to simply as *shinena*, one who is both sharp and incisive in his learning. When Shmuel died Rav Yehudah left Nehardea and established the yeshiva in Pumpedissa. That yeshiva became known as *the* yeshiva in Bavel and flourished an incredible 811 years. Students of this yeshiva were so sharp that it was said they could thread an elephant through the eye of a needle. Rav Yehudah was very careful when it came to proper and accurate pronunciation of the *tefilot*. His personal *tefilos* were so effective that it was said they were quickly answered by *hakadosh baruch hu*. Once he sat down to offer a *tefilo* for rain. As he took off his first shoe (it was the practice to remove both shoes in the *tefilo* for rain) it already began to rain. Such was the efficacy of his prayers. Rav Yehudah was taken to the *yeshiva shel maalah* in 299 after a truly remarkable career.

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff