



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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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 Miriam (Kapchits) and Joseph Volodarsky on the birth of a baby boy to their children Tanya and Mark Weissman.
 ...to Breindy and Neal Pomper on the engagement of their daughter, Naomi, to Shlomo Trachtenberg, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ezra Trachtenberg of Brooklyn, NY.
 ...to Marc and Ruthie Kalton on the birth of a son to Aliza and Ari Kalton
 ...to Bonnie & Evan Orgel on Allison's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to the entire Orgel, Bienenstock and Bick families.
 ... to Moshe and Debbie Schneider who are celebrating the Shabbos Sheva Brachos for Elisha and Yael Domb this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to Dov and Chana Domb and the entire Domb and Schneider families.
 ...to Audrey and Danny Mondrow on the Shabbat Kallah of Tzivia (Stephanie) and her upcoming marriage to Mikey Cooper.
 ...to Meshullam Rapps and Joel Bloom on receiving Semicha from RIETS. Mazel Tov to the Rapps, Bomzer, Bloom and Fishman families

OHR TORAH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE RABBI HAYYIM ANGEL

Welcome to Rabbi Hayyim Angel our Scholar in Residence this Shabbat. Schedule is as follows:
8:45 Friday night
 -ROMANCE AND RELIGION IN SHIR HA-SHIRIM
 Drasha Shabbos Morning –
 THE BERESHIT-SHEMOT CONTINUUM: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY ARE VIEWED AS A LARGER UNIT
 After Shalosh Seudos:
 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.

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the Rapps family in honor of Meshulam's Semicha.

KIDDUSH

The following families are co-sponsoring kiddush this Shabbat:

- Noa and Judah Elbaum
- Miriam and Yomi Greenstein
- Rena and Jeff Klein
- Didi Deitcher and David Matthew
- Tamar and David Rudnitsky

- Shiela and Henry Schanzer
- Matt Holland and Shelly Schoenfeld
- Tamar Loheit and David Spiegelman
- Anonymous

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Penny and Michael Kaplan in loving memory of Michael's father, Baruch Leib ben Yaakov Yissochor, a"h, whose yahrzeit is 2 Nisan.

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Peter Kassai on the recent loss of his father Meir Kassai Z"L. Shiva will be observed at the Kassai home, 7 Brookfall Rd. Edison until Sunday. Schacharis Sunday morning will be at 8:00 AM.

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

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ

Rabbi Luban will be available for selling Chometz.

BAR MITZVAH GIFT DEDICATION

We wish to thank Danny & Audrey Mondrow for graciously dedicating bar mitzvah gifts at Ohr Torah for the year 2010 as a z'chus for a refuah shleimah to Netanel L'el ben Sarah Esther.

YASHER KOACH

Thank you to Barry Segal for arranging another successful Sheimos drive.

ANNUAL PRE-PESACH SHIURIM

-Rabbi Luban's Pre-Pesach shiur for women will take place Wednesday March 17 at 8 PM.
 -Pre-Pesach Inspirational Lecture Thursday evening, April 18th, immediately after Maariv (approximately 7:30 PM) in Ohr Torah, Rabbi Aryeh Strikovsky, will speak on "The Educational Messages of the Ten Plagues". Rabbi Strikovsky, who is visiting from Jerusalem, is the father of Rachel Callen. Rabbi Strikovsky is a prolific writer and holds a doctorate in Bible studies from Yeshiva University. He is a congregational Rabbi in Ramat Eshkol, Jerusalem and gives advanced level lectures in Bible and Talmudics at Mahanaim and Machon Pardes.

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

Candlelighting: 5:43PM
Mincha: 5:50PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:10 AM
Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 4:25 PM
Mincha: 5:15 PM
NOTE EARLIER TIME TO ACCOMMODATE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Angel
Maariv: 6:45 PM
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY
Move clocks ahead one hour Motzei Shabbos

Weekday Shacharis:

Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon & Thurs 6:20, 7:05 & 8AM
Tue (Rosh Chodesh) 6:10, 7:05 & 8AM
Wed, Fri 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:50 PM
Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM

NOTE END OF 7:30 MAARIV FOR SEASON
Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM

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 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 March 20 and April 17th. 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

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

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).

LAST MISHMAR OF THE SEASON

This is the last Mishmar of the season. Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY Motzei Shabbat @ 8:00 Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

R.P.R.Y. ANNUAL DINNER

Please Reserve Sunday Evening April 18th for 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. To make reservations or place an ad, please email or call Rabbi Zvi Pinter [<mailto:zpinter@rpry.org>] 732-572-5052

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

"When you meet a witness you become a witness" - Elie Wiesel The Young Israel of East Brunswick invites you to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah). Guest Speaker will be Frida Herskovits, a survivor of three camps-including Auschwitz. Her topic will be, Surviving and Bearing Witness". This will take place on Tue, April 13th 8PM, at the Young Israel of E Brunswick. For more info please call: Sandy Lang (732) 613-0553 or Leah Weinberger (732) 613-8797. Mincha/Maariv will be at 7:30

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, Ma 17, 7:30 pm at Cong Ahavas Achim, 216 S. 1st Ave, HP. Questions? Please call the school at 732.985.4626 netivotmontessori.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. Contact the Bodlanders at 732-339-0908. All food can be deposited in the bins on the porch.

YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE

As you do your Pesach cleaning, please bear in mind that a 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.

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.

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. 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, administrated by Rabbis Abraham Mykoff and Ronald Schwarzberg. To RSVP or to place an ad in the Dinner Journal contact MAYHS at (732) 613-7460 or 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

KID'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The Edison/Highland Park Kids' Clothing Exchange will be held this Sunday, March 14th at Ohav Emeth from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be everyday and Yom Tov girls and boys clothes in excellent condition for infants through size 16. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Emergency Parnassa Initiative. To volunteer your time or clothes racks/hangers, please contact Ida Scheiner 247-3073, Sarah Leifer 202-5311 or Marla Rottenstreich 317-2784.

NCSY

Senior: -This Shabbos at 3 o'clock there will be an oneg at the Weiss's house, 53 Hamlin Rd, 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 - 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 call. Sr - Eitan Gold - 9085778940, evg1023@gmail.com or Timi Wildman - 9086162741 Jr. Gavi Lankin - 7324063744, gavi.lankin@gmail.com or Tzvi Hametz 7329912252, tocopow@aol.com

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

The Women's AMEN Group will be continuing to meet weekly, Sunday mornings at Congregation Ohr Torah 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

-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 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. -Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes are on hold until after Pesach. 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 is on hold until after Pesach.

JFVS PASSOVER FOOD PROGRAM

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 Vayikrah	
Candlelighting	6:50 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	7:00 PM

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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.
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PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.