



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Vayeitzei

6 Kislev 5771

November 13, 2010

Shabbos Candlelighting: 4:24PM
Mincha: 4:30PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:11 AM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 3:25 PM
Mincha: 1:30 & 4:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Symcha Klerer
Maariv: 5:25 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur 6:20, 7:00 & 8AM
Tue, Wed, Fri 6:30, 7:10, & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:25PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Starting this Shabbos Daf Yomi will be given at 8:15 and after Hashkama Minyan. Weekdays after 7:30 Maariv

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 November 20th and January 1st, 8th & 15th. 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 Esther and Yechiel Posen on the birth of a son, Natan, to their children Chana Sara and Menachem Posen. *The Shalom Zochor will iy"H take place at 7:30 at the Posen home, 12 Fairhill Road*

...to Penny and Michael Kaplan on the birth of a boy and girl to their children Marni and Arkady Broder. Mazel Tov to big sister Ahuva, to great grandparents Fay and Joseph Kahan, to Aunt Sari and Uncle Michie Klerer and family, and the entire Broder and Kaplan families. *The Shalom Zachor is tonight iy"H at the Kaplan home, 6 Opatut Ct., at 8:30 p.m*

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being jointly sponsored by Temima and Symcha Klerer to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Symcha's mother Hinda bas Mordechai A"H and Terry and Rose Walzman to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Rose's mother Chaya bas Avraham Arye Leib A"H and Terry's father Dovid ben Menachem Alter A"H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Rivka & Joel Adler in memory of the Yahrzeit of Joel's father, Zev Ben Shmuel Halevi A"H.

MOSSAD HARAV KOOK

R. Shizgal of Mossad Harav Kook will be at the home of Bill Gewirtz, 15 Celler Road on Wednesday, November 17, at 8:30PM. This provides an opportunity to assist the work of the institution and its objective. Please RSVP and feel free to send to as many of your friends as you are able. (ask them to rsvp as well!) EMAIL: wgewirtz@att.net.

KNIFE SKILLS CLASS

Save the date - Wednesday evening, November 24 - Congregation Ohr Torah Sisterhood presents a knife skills class! Chef Yony Fox, graduate of The French Culinary Institute in Classic Culinary Arts, will present an interactive class to learn to efficiently and skillfully slice, dice, and julienne vegetables like a professional chef. Class will be held at Congregation Ohr Torah at 8PM. Cost: \$20. Class size will be limited to 20 participants so RSVP as soon as possible to Debby Atlas datlas4@yahoo.com or 732-937-5021 or Aviva Siegel siegelmom@optonline.net or 732-572-4408.

A NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING

Please join together with the Highland Park/Edison community for an inspiring

evening in support of the Koby Mandell Foundation. With an introduction by Rabbi Moshe Rothchild, Sherri Mandell, author of "The Blessings of a Broken Heart" will share her account of the murder of her son Koby at the hands of terrorists and how she and her husband transformed their tragedy into healing for others. Sunday, November 14, 2010, 8:00 PM Hosts: Rabbi David and Chani Moss, 321 Grant Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. For those of you who have already pre-registered, we look forward to seeing you at this event.

RSVPs can be made directly by Friday, November 13, 2010 to Shelley R. Schoenfeld at srschoenfeld@hotmail.com

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Paul & Marcia Pheffer in memory of Larry Berman's father William Berman Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Sheldon Waltuch's mother Erna Waltuch Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Susan Frank's mother Audrey Piller Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Arthur Atlas' father Rabbi Seymour Atlas Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Debby Atlas' father Nathan Schoenfeld Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Robert Kreitman's father Jack Kreitman Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Susan Wiesel's father Imre Lefkovits Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Rosa Liebowitz Z"L (mother of Tamima Klerer)
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Hela Klerer Z"L (mother of Simcha Klerer)
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Moshe Weisz Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Shirley Streifler Z"L (mother of Zina Freundlich)
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Lorraine Spiler's father Marcus Amigo Z"L
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in memory of Perer Kassai's father Mike Kassai ZL
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in honor of Tai Gerszberg's Bar Miztva
- Debbie and Bill Gewirtz in honor of the engagement of Shoshi Wolf and Asher Dworetzky

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BONE MARROW DRIVE

Sunday Nov 14th 11AM-5PM Bone Marrow drive sponsored by Gift of Life Bone marrow foundation. Held at the 11th Annual Rutgers NJ Jewish Film Festival, Royal Cinema Conference Center, 2399 US Route 1 South, New Brunswick NJ. While they are currently looking for a bone marrow match for Ezra an 18month old jewish toddler, there are many others in need of a donor match also. For more info contact Ruthy Shor, ruthymshor@gmail.com

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

ORTHODOX FORUM ON MEDICAL ETHICS

On Motzei Shabbat November 13, 8:30 PM at Congregation Ohav Emeth, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman on the topic: "If the Rambam Were Alive Today - Contemporary Medical Ethics through the Eyes of Maimonides". Dr. Reichman is Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor of Philosophy and History of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, where he teaches Jewish medical ethics. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. The program will be chaired by Dr. Marc Hanfling. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more info, please email hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com.

TIME CONTROVERSIES IN JEWISH LAW

For the next two Sundays (14th and 21st of November) at 9:00PM there will be interactive video shiurim on *Zemanim*, providing perspective on various famous conflicts. Go to www.torahinmotion.org and click on e-tim Programs in order to register. The shiurim will be given by Bill Gewirtz; the system allows you to throw *virtual tomatoes*.

SHOP FOR SCOUTING!

Highland Park's Cub Scout Pack 5 is sponsoring a holiday bazaar on Sunday Nov 14th at the Jewish Heritage Center in East Windsor, 639 Abington Drive, from 11am-3pm.

Vendors: We still have a few remaining tables on a first-come, first-served basis. Call now to reserve one of our very affordably priced tables! Contact Amy Warshowsky at 908-415-4979 or Nora Tillman at ntillman@yahoo.com

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley will be having its annual Eli and Frieda Stern Memorial Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, Nov 14 from 9:30 - 11AM at Cong Ohav Emeth. Everyone in the community is invited to join us in honoring the "Shofar Blowers" squad: Neal Ginsberg, David Katzenstein, David Krul, Saul London, and Josh Rapps. Admission is free. Reservations are not required. For more info, please call Diana Hakakian 732-393-0506. or Irene Siegelman 732-819-9371.

RPRY PTA PRE-CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE

The RPRY PTA invites the Highland Park/Edison community to a Pre-Chanukah Boutique at RPRY on Sunday, Nov. 21st from 5:30-9:30 pm. We are pleased to present a nice variety of goods and services, including: the newest selection of winter hats; exciting Judaica, especially for Chanukah; beautiful jewelry; great housewares

and hostess gifts; children's accessories; and much, much more. For more info please contact Ida Scheiner (732) 247-3073.

RPRY SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

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

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization's web-site, www.actt613.org, contains all the module program materials and the audio presentations of events. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

ANNUAL CHAI LIFELINE CHANUKAH TOY

DRIVE

November 8th- November 22nd the toy drive will be running. The drop off location is the RPRY lobby. All toys must be new and unwrapped. For further information please contact Bobbi 732-819-7842.

JR NCSY

Jr NCSY will be going ice skating, November 20th (Next Motzei shabbat) in Bridgewater sports arena!! The price is \$25, including the bus. Exact times for leaving and pick up from RPRY, are TBA.

SRS NCSY

*ONEG: *Our first oneg of the year will be at Menachem Samels house, next shabbat* Nov 20th. *Exact time TBA.
PAINTBALL: On Sunday November 28th, we are going paintballing!! The price is \$35 is you are signed up for regional, and \$55 if you are not. We will be leaving from RPRY at 12, and returning around five. Go to mynetsy.com to register for this event.

Registration online for *WINTER REGIONAL* is available!! (njncsy.org) Regional will be December 9th through 12th. Scholarship forms for regional are included in the online application. Our chapter is giving additional scholarships away through our writing an arts competition! SIGN UP NOW BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP.

Call or text Gavi 732.406.3744 or Tzvi 732.991.2252 with any questions

PARK MIKVAH

NEW HOURS BEGAN NOVEMBER 7th!
The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Saturday-Thursday, 8:30-10:30pm. Friday nights are by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular mikvah hours. Standard time hours end Saturday night March 12th.
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

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, November 14 at 11:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, November 15 at 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. Save the date - RJJ ladies luncheon - Sunday, November 21.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, November 17 at 9:15 AM at the home of Ricki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Beraishis.

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 Vayishlach	
Candlelighting	4:19 PM
Mincha	4:25PM

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Sof davar...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim: R. Yishmael b. Elisha

This third generation *tanna*, lived a life that began with danger and ended in tragedy. The danger occurred in his youth when he was kidnapped and taken into captivity to Rome. As it happened on a trip to Rome R. Yehoshua heard about the kidnapping and vowed not to leave the city before he had redeemed the young man from captivity. He was successful and all of us are fortunate he was successful because R. Yishmael became one of the top scholars of his generation. Evidence of this is that R. Akiva, no less, was a close associate of his. We best know him as the author of the *shalosh esrei midos she-haTorah nidreshess bohem* that we recite every morning. Also R. Yishmael is known for many analytic principles in studying Torah, such as "*Ein mukdam ume-uchar baTorah*" and "*Dibra Torah belashon bnei odom*". (See your rabbi for explanations.) R. Yishmael was very much concerned about the welfare of the ordinary Jew. Once a man made a vow not to marry the daughter of his sister because she was not pretty. R. Yishmael took her into his home and had her made up to look beautiful. He then turned to the man and asked: Is this the girl against whom you made the vow? Oh no, he replied. R. Yishmael promptly nullified the man's vow and he married the girl. It was during his time that Christianity had its start and R. Yishmael feared its growth and fought against it as best he could. The end of his life was tragic. This great scholar in both *halacha* and *agada*, this giant of a person who always sought the welfare of his people, this *gadol* of his generation met his end as one of the *asoro harugei malchus*, as one of the 10 great scholars put to death by the Romans, the story of which we recite on Yom Kippur and on Tisha b'Av. Begun in danger his life ended sadly in tragedy.