



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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*Parshas Vayikrah*

*Nissan 5 5770*

*March 20, 2010*

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>6:50PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM</b>
<b>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</b>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>10 :03 AM</b>
<b>Early Mincha:</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>
<b>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 5:55 PM</b>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>Shalosh Seudos speaker: R. Reuven Billowitz</b>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>7:55 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon &amp; Thurs</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Tue, Wed, Fri</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10 &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>10:10 PM</b>
<b>Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM</b>	
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM	
<b>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
Monday-Thursday after Maariv. Friday after first Kabolos Shabbos Minyan. Shabbos 1 hour before Mincha. Sunday after 8 AM Minyan.	

**MAZEL TOV**  
 ...to Shoshana and Brian Allen on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Shira. Mazel Tov to the siblings, Talia, Dani, and Gila, and to the grandparents, Rochelle and Ralph Dessau and Florence and Manny Allen, and to the entire Allen, Dessau and Gersten families.  
 ...to Danny and Miriam Ravitz on Shmueli receiving Semicha  
 ...to Danny and Audrey Mondrow on the Shabbat Sheva Brachot of Tzivia (Stephanie) and Mikey Cooper.  
 ...to Sara and Ari Welner on the birth of a baby girl.

-David and Fay Moskovic in memory of Madeline Laibovitz's father Jo Amar Z"L  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Menachem Mordechai Gottlieb for a Refuah Shlema  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Malky and David Gottlieb on the birth of twin boys Noam and Eli  
 -David and Fay Moskovic In honor of Briana Moskovic and Dr Sheemon Zackai on their engagement  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Rabbi Yaakov and Faige Luban on the engagement of their son Avrohom to Lieba  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Israel and Rebecca Rivkin on the birth of their granddaughter Tiferet.  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Israel and Rebecca Rivkin on the engagement of their granddaughter Daniella  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Myron and Rachel Gurell on the engagement of their son Mordechai to Brittney  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Gedalia and Phyllis Reiss on the birth of their granddaughter Kailey Shayna Hochberg  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Michael and Linda Salzberg on the engagement of their daughter Daniella  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of David and Miriam Hanfling on the birth of their grandson Mayer Binyamin  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Wiliam and Gail Bogner on the birth of their granddaughter Kayla Bogner  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Rona and Seymour Kessel on the birth of their grandson Moshe Aharon Erez  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in honor of Rabbi Yisrael and Elisheva Gold on their son Moishe's Bar Mitzva  
 -Barry & Hinda Herman in memory of Barry's mother Helen Herman Z"L

**KIDDUSH**

Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by:  
 -Shoshana & Brian Allen and Rochelle and Ralph Dessau in honor of Shira's "birth" and Bat Mitzvah.  
 -Shoshana and Ted Diskind in commemoration of his mother's Yahrzeit.  
 -Awi and Elie Salomon in honor of their new son, Yaakov Yosef.  
 -Sara and Ari Welner in honor of their new daughter.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Susie and Moshe Wiesel in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Susie's sister Judy Lefkovits (Sara Basha Bat Itzchak), z"l.

**MECHIRAS CHOMETZ**

Rabbi Luban will be available for selling Chometz.

**CHOMETZ IN SHUL**

Please help the Shul get ready for Pesach by not having ANY CHOMETZ in Shul starting next Shabbos.

**SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
 -Ora (Spiler) & Mikey Rapfogel in memory of their grandfather Marcus Amigo Z"L  
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Shalom Cohen's dad Aharon Magen Cohen Z"L  
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Yvonne Beyer 's parents Mr & Mrs. Eugene Schrenzel Z"L  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in memory of Rosa Liebowitz Z"L (mother of Tamima Klerer)  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in memory of Hela Klerer Z"L (mother of Simcha Klerer)  
 -David and Fay Moskovic in memory of Shirley Streifler Z"L (mother of Zina Freundlich)

**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 April 7th—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](mailto:karen@norpac.net) by May 1, 2010. Register online at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry

**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 April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408

**HOUSEKEEPING**

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludēju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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**

Wolf, Elie Berger, or Marc Hanfling  
([docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com)).

### **CHUG IVRIT**

Chug Ivrit will meet at 11 this Sunday. The location is moving to the home of Rosey Bell & Eli Leiter. Rosey is in a cast with a broken leg. Refuah Selaima to her. She is so devoted to the chug that in order to not miss out while not being able to walk, she has graciously requested to host it in her home! Thanks, Rosey. Unfortunately, I will not be there this time. Pesach Kasher v'sameach!

Address: 134 Highland Ave., Edison, please RSVP directly to her at [roseybe@idt.net](mailto:roseybe@idt.net) (732) 819-0593

### **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](mailto: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, May 17, 7:30 pm at Cong Ahavas Achim, 216 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, HP. Questions? Please call the school at 732.985.4626 [netivotmontessori.com](http://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](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **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, 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](mailto: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.

### **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 Rachele 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 Tzav	
Candlelighting	6:58 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	7:05 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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net) Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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: R. Yehoshua**

R. Yehoshua was probably one of the most beloved of all the *tannaim*. It was because of the scholars' love for him that led to the deposing of a *nasi*. It all happened during a *shiur* being given by the *nasi* Rabban Gamliel. For the third time the *nasi* embarrassed R. Yehoshua publicly and the scholars decided they had had enough. They proceeded to summarily depose him and replace him with R. Elazar ben Azariah. (After apologizing to R. Yehoshua Rabban Gamliel was restored to his post.) He was a student of R. Yochanan ben Zaccai and was praised by his teacher (in Avos) saying "*ashrei yoladeto*" - fortunate is the one who gave birth to him. His mother brought him to shul even when he was yet a baby so that he would be exposed to the sounds of Torah early in his life. He was a very busy man. As a *levi* he served as *meshorer* in the *bet hamikdash*. He was *av bet din* under Rabban Gamliel. He went on missions to Rome on behalf of his people. He was involved in debates with apostates and invariably won. He was not a handsome man. However, when the daughter of the king commented and said "what beautiful wisdom in such an ugly vessel" he countered by serving her very good, expensive wine in an undistinguished, unsavory clay vessel. He lived in the town of Pekiin, between Yavneh and Lod, and was so poor that he supported himself by the manufacture and sale of pins! R. Yehoshua may very well have been beloved even today for, philosophically, he was strongly opposed to excessive *chumros*. Where are the R. Yehoshias of today?

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