



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

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Shabbos Parsha Emor

3 Iyar 5771

May 7, 2011

Plag Mincha:	6:00PM
Shabbos Candlelighting:	7:40PM
Mincha:	7:00 & 7:50PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:22 AM
<i>Kollel Seder 4-6 PM</i>	
Kollel Mincha:	6 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur</i>	
6:45 PM	
Mincha:	1:45, 6:00 & 7:35PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker:</i>	
<i>Zev Saffer – Elon Moreh</i>	
Maariv:	8:45 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs.	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed & Fri	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	7:50PM
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM
<i>.Rabbi Luban's Shailos Uteshuvos Shiur:</i>	
<i>Monday Night 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM</i>	
Daf Yomi Summer Schedule	
Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis	
Monday-Thursday-starting at 7:30 and continuing after Maariv	
Friday-after 7pm Kabbolas Shabbos	
Shabbos- one hour before Mincha	

MAZEL TOV
to Laya Litton on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Layvi Yitzchak, this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to the Babi, Marlow Greene, and the entire family.
 ...to Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo Ziegler and to Mr. & Mrs. Milton Nussbaum on the birth of a son to their children Atara & Yonatan Ziegler. *The Shalom Zachor will be at 9:30 at 10 Brookfall Road, Edison.*
 ...to Fradie and Arie Rand on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dovie this Shabbos at RPRY. Mazel Tov to Dovie's grandparents and siblings.

KIDDUSH
 As a Hakores Hatov to the community for all the many forms of support provided to the Litton's, enabling them to come to this special milestone, the entire community is invited to Ohr Torah Hashkama Minyan with Kiddush following Davening.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Meir Kornfeld in memory of the Yahrzeit of his grandmother Ethel bas Eliezer Meir Rosengarten A"H.

PEREK ON THE LAWN
 For the inaugural Perek on the Lawn session, the speaker will be Jonathan Caplan. The Perek will take place at 5:30pm at the home of Doctors Barry and Lisa Schanzer, at 25 Perry Rd. Light refreshments will be served.

KOLLEL SEDER AND MINCHA
 The Kollel Summer Learning Program will begin this Shabbos at Ohr Torah and continue for the remainder of the season. Kollel learning will begin at 4:00 PM with Kollel Mincha at 6:00 PM.

NUSACH HATFILOH COURSE
 Congregation Ohr Torah is pleased to present the continuation of a course in Nusach Hatfiloh through the Belz School of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University. Sessions of the Nusach Hatefilah course take place Sundays 10:00 - 11:30 AM in YFM room on lower level. All registrars should go there at that time and walk-ins are welcome. Upcoming dates are May 15, May 22, and June 5, same place and same time. For additional information call Bayrish Schreiber at 732-572-1188..

KASHRUS AND SHABBOS COOKING REFRESHER WITH RABBI LUBAN
 Rabbi Luban will deliver a question and answer session on kashrus, Tuesday, May 10th, 8:30 PM at the home of Nadine and Jonathan Teitelbaum, 77 Lexington Ave, Edison. If you plan to attend, or for further

information please contact Rachele Stern [Rachele_Stern@yahoo.com or 732-247-0766] and let her know so we can set up accordingly (light refreshments will be served.) Please also include any questions that you would like Rabbi Luban to address. So far topics that have been requested include: Ways to heat food on shabbos, how to use the same ovens, dishwashers for meat and milk interchangeably, and clarification of bishul akum.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
CELEBRATE LAG BA'OMER
 Celebrate Lag Ba'Omer at the community wide happening, coordinated by the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program, on Sunday, May 22, 4-7PM at Grove 1 in Donaldson Park. Free admission! Activities for kids, learning sessions for adults and food and drinks for sale! Contact Rabbi Shmulie Greene for more info and sponsorship opportunities at rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org or 732-485-7122

RPRY PTA HOSTS GAME DAY
 RPRY PTA will be hosting a Game Day Sunday, May 15th at RPRY from 10am-1pm. The games are from the company Gamewright. Come learn and play the games. Food available for purchase.

RPRY RAFFLE
 RPRY announces its annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2'nd & 3'rd place prizes. Drawing is scheduled for 6/20. Tickets are \$36 apiece or 3 for \$100. Please see the flyer for more details. For tickets please see OT contacts Russ Adler, Barry Siegel, Leor Jerushalmy, Brian Dube or Josh Caplan.

HELP NEEDED ON MOTHER'S DAY
 Friends, we urgently need drivers and other help this Sunday morning 8 AM at 450 Harrison Avenue for our big-big-big fundraiser to help Israel. Please contact Sharon.hirt@pfizer.com or 732-777-0462.

JFVS BRINGS BROADWAY TO MONROE
 Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County (JFVS) will present the musical revue, They Changed Broadway, on Sunday June 5th at 3PM at the Marasco Performing Arts Center at Monroe Township High School. Proceeds from this special performance will support JFVS social service programs. Programs include Senior Adult Services (Kosher Meals on Wheels, Holocaust Survivor Services, Senior Nutrition Programs, Social Adult Day Care), Family Counseling, Kosher Food Pantry, Passover Baskets, and Career Services. Tickets for this Broadway quality show are only \$25. For tickets, see or call Murray Katz (732-985-7348), call 732-777-1940 or 609-395-7979 or visit www.jfvs.org. Sponsorship opportunities and Playbill advertisements available.

A CRASH COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL AND TRENDY KOSHER CUISINE
 Join us for an evening of culinary excellence! Authors of *Newlywed Kosher: A Marriage of*

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 introduce yourself.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP
 Kiddush sponsorship is available *May 21st & 28th and June 4th & 25th*. 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
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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 732-759-8558. For more info. Call Moish at 732-759-8070 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 ludeej@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 mounted on the wall in the hallway. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION

International and Traditional Kosher Cuisine, Highland Park's very own Yael (Weisfogel) Gevertzman and her husband, Jason Gevertzman, will demonstrate their creative cooking style. Learn innovative techniques and delicious recipes in an evening filled with good friends and great food. May 15, 2011, at 7:45 PM, at the home of Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg. Cost: General Admission, \$40 per person (includes a 3 course tasting menu), Silver Sponsorship \$75 per person (includes preferred seating, 3 course tasting menu, and 5 raffle tickets towards an autographed cookbook), Gold Sponsorship \$100 per person (includes preferred seating, 3 course tasting menu, 5 raffle tickets towards an autographed cookbook and an exclusive pre-show Amuse Bouche course. Program begins at 7:30). Please make checks payable to MAYHS. RSVP to info@mayhs.org or 732-613-7460 or Aliza Goldstein alizag29@aol.com or 732-296-0731

YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE

The Yad Leah clothing drive will Be'ezras Hashem take place Sunday May 15th from 9:30AM until 12:30PM at Congregation Ohav Emeth (O.E.), main entrance on Dennison Ave. thru the parking lot. Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Yad Leah will distribute to over 15 communities throughout Israel. An \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs. Receipts will be provided by Yad Leah for the money & clothing (&/or miscellaneous items) contributed. 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.

TORAH KID LEAGUES

WE'RE BACK FOR ANOTHER FUN-FILLED SEASON!!! Get revved up for the start of TORAH-KID LEAGUES!!! . . . a popular Sunday morning (10:00 am - 11:30 am) baseball, soccer, golf, and flag football skills-building sports league for boys ages 5-12. Divrei Torah included! Spaciously-located in Highland Park, there are 2 sessions running in June and July (four Sundays each month). For more information and to register, contact the director at TorahKidLeagues@yahoo.com or call (732) 985-1050. Please register early!

NCSY NEWS & EVENTS

Jrs: -Sign up for spring regional tonight, at njncsy.com!! (May 12th-15th at Camp Morasha) The earlier you sign up, the easier it will be to get scholarships.

Srs: -Sign up for spring regional tonight, at njncsy.com!! (May 26th-29th) The earlier you sign up, the easier it will be to get scholarships. Please call or text with any questions Gavi 732.406.3744 tzvi 732. 991.2252

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein is having Navi class on Sunday, May 8 and Parsha class on Monday, May 9. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 sieglmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, May 11 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Vayikra.

-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.

-Shira Smiles will be giving a Shiur on Thursday, May 12, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM at the home of Sheri Degani, 10 Cleveland Avenue, Highland Park. Topic: "To Seize the Moment". All women are invited. Shiur is zecher l'nishmas Avraham ben Dov, Sheri's father.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will be starting in the Edison / Highland Park community this Motzai Shabbos, May 7 at 10:00 PM at the home of Debbie Schneider, 19 Harrison St., Edison. Tiferes members benefit from monthly inspirational DVDs by renowned speakers; practical ideas, inspiration, and tools to make ones home the place one wants it to be; and weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting. For more information or to join, please email Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Hoffman's shiur on topics in Masechta Brochos meets on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm at the Agudah. For more info or to be added to

the e-mail list to receive notifications of weekly topics, please contact Russell Adler at radler@ebqlaw.com

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

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open 9-11pm Sunday-Thursday evening. Friday nights are by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Saturday night, May 7th, the mikvah is open from 9:30-11:00pm. All other Saturday nights in May, the mikvah is open from 9:45 to 11:15pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular mikvah hours.

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.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbos Behar	
Candlelighting	7:47 PM
Mincha	7:00 & 7:55 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 Safra

Rav Safra who was a third generation Babylonian *amora* lived about the year 350. He apparently could not sit still as he traveled numerous times between Israel and Bavel. This fact resulted in his not getting *semicha* in Israel. He was told that they never gave *semicha* to anyone who would leave Israel so often. Nonetheless he was recognized as a top flight scholar even by, surprise, the *minim*, the heretics! He was also recognized for his total honesty. It is told that one day he wanted to sell his camel. A buyer came by and offered him a certain sum of money. Rav Safra, however, was in the middle of reciting the *shema* so he did not respond to the potential buyer. The buyer, thinking that he had offered too low a price, raised his offer. Still Rav Safra did not respond. The buyer raised his offer still again. When Rav Safra finished the *shema* he said to the buyer that when he made his first offer he had decided in his heart to accept the offer. Therefore he will only accept the buyer's first offer in payment for his camel. In another incident Mar Zutra was traveling from Sircha to Mechuza. As it happened Rav Safra and Rava were traveling to Sircha and they met on the way. Mar Zutra, thinking that they had come to greet him, protested that they need not have troubled themselves. Rav Safra then replied that indeed they had not come to greet him but had they known that he was going to Mechuza they would surely have gone out of their way to greet such a great *talmid chacham*. Rav Safra appears many times in the *gemara* and deservedly so for he was truly one of the great scholars of his generation.