



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Shabbos Korach

23 Sivan 5771

June 25, 2011

Pre-Plag Mincha:	6:00 PM
Shabbos Candlelighting:	8:14 PM
Mincha:	7:00: 7:30 & 8:20 PM
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):	9:14 AM
<i>Kollel Seder 4-6 pm</i>	
Kollel Mincha:	6:00 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur – 7:15 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45, 6:00 & 8:05PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Chait – Mechinat Nokdim</i>	
Maariv:	9:15PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Tues, Wed & Fri	6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	8:20 PM
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shailos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday Night: 9:10 PM Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM</i>	
Daf Yomi Summer Schedule	
Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis	
Monday-Thursday at 7:30 PM	
Friday-after 7pm Kabbolas Shabbos	
Shabbos- one hour before Mincha	
<i>Daf Yomi is starting a new Masechta Tuesday June 28 - Maseches Chulin. It is an ideal time to start Daf Yomi. If one wants to learn the particulars of doing shechita, this is the big moment.</i>	

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 Linda and Michael Salzberg on the birth of a son, on Sunday June 19th, to their children Danielle and Danny Kochavi. Mazel Tov to Matthew and Sheryl and to the entire Kochavi family.

...to Sharon and David Stern on their son Jacob completing Shisha Sidrei Mishna.

...to Audrey and Daniel Mondrow on the birth of a son, Akiva Simcha, to their children Stephanie and Mike Cooper. Mazel Tov to the entire Mondrow family.

...to Ophira and Heshy Gottlieb on the birth of a girl to their children Josh and Lisa Gottlieb. Mazel Tov to Lisa's parents Stu and Esti Schor, and the great grandparents Beverly and Joseph Gottlieb and Miriam Ringler, and the entire Gottlieb and Schor families.

...to Judy and Motty Tannenbaum on the engagement of their daughter, Sorah, to Eli Sklar of Cedarhurst, NY. Mazel Tov to Esther and Menachem Sklar, as well as siblings Chili, Yisroel, and Shmuli, and to the Pianko, Bomzer, Rapps, and Bloom families.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored in honor of all our graduates.

We would like to congratulate the following Ohr Torah graduates:

- Ariel Adler
- Talia Atlas
- Rebecca Berman
- Noah Botvinik
- Aiden Brandwein
- Amiad Callen
- Dani Caplan
- Benji Dessau
- Nina Even-Hen
- Shep Gerszberg
- Emma Goldberg
- Eliana Goldblatt
- Eitan Griboff
- Yoni Griboff
- Benjamin Kaplan
- Jordan Kaplan
- Matan Krasner
- Yovel Krasner
- Cheryl Kreitman-Zeffren
- Eliana Moss

- Isaac Reich
- Anna Schanzer
- Natan Schanzer
- Raimee Schanzer
- Ezra Sholom
- Yedida Singer
- Boaz Smith
- Leead Staller
- Zach Stokar
- Amalia Waizer
- Gabriel Welner
- Alyssa Wiesel
- Dovid Wiesel

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Mel Barenholtz in commemoration of the 10th Yahrzeit of his wife, Mynda Kate Barenholtz, A"H.

OHR TORAH BARBECUE

This Sunday we will have our second annual Shul BBQ at Donaldson Park, Grove #4. The event will take place from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will have 3 attractions for children including a giant slide. BBQ will be open from 11:30-1:30. Registration at the event is \$25 per family.

CONDOLENCE

...to Elena Orgel on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Florence Shafran. Elena will sit Shiva in her home, 19 Brookfall Road, Edison, through Tuesday morning. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

In honor of the Third of July, we will celebrate with a blood drive, to be held on Sunday, 7/3, from 9AM to 3PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim, 216 South First Ave. in Highland Park. Though we would generally encourage positive folks to support us negative and neutral folks (A-, B-, AB-, O- and O+ that is) can have double the impact by donating a double unit of red cells rather than a single unit of whole blood. Donation reservations are encouraged, though walk-ins are fine. Please contact Ira, Heidi or Eli Rosen at 732-393-1018 or ira_rosen@yahoo.com for further info or to reserve a donation slot.

CHUG IVRIT

For more information, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net

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

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 for July 16th & 23rd and August 6th & 27th. 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 732-759-8558. 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 siegelad@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

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

month). For more info or to register, contact the director at TorahKidLeagues@yahoo.com or call (732) 985-1050. Please register early!

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, contains the audio of the shiurim from the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday morning, June 26 and Monday evening, June 27. 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 resume in the fall.

-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 and Rav Chaim Zev ben Ettl Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or EJPartyworks@aol.com.

- Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Keren Kol Kallah has one main fund-raiser, a *gala Sheitel Sale*. Donated *custom sheitels*, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. The 2010 sale raised over \$60,000!! Collection has begun for next year's sale. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. For more info, please see the web site:

<http://www.kerenkolkallah.webs.com/> or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 sieglmom@optonline.net.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will be meeting on Motzai Shabbos, July 9 at 10:00 PM at the home of Debbie Schneider, 19 Harrison Street, Edison. An inspirational DVD by renowned speakers, containing practical ideas, inspiration, and tools to make ones home the place one wants it to be, will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. For more information, please contact Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. *The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.*

JCC OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The JCC of Middlesex County invites Jewish Singles ages 45-60 for a Singles Summer Fest on Sunday, July 10th 8-10:30 pm at Mei Garden, 229 Raritan Ave, Highland Park, NJ. \$25 per person; must register by 7/6. For more information, please contact Jennine at 732-494-3232 or jshpigel@jccmc.org

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@ebglaw.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 from 9-11pm Sunday-Thursday. Friday nights by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Saturday night, June 25th, and all Saturday nights in July EXCEPT July 30th, the Mikvah is open from 10-11:30pm. Fee \$15. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Phone number is: 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.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbos Chukat	
Candlelighting	8:14 PM
Mincha	7:00, 7:30 & 8:20PM

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: R. Akiva Part II

R. Akiva's reputation as a prodigious scholar was wide spread. He was sought out as a *posek* because he was known to carefully analyze every *halacha* very carefully. Even when he was in jail some of his thousands of students found means to communicate their halachic questions to him. Some acted as peddlers and called out their questions as they passed below the window of his cell. He interpreted (*doreish*) every single word and every single letter in the Torah. R. Yehuda haNassi called him the repository of all scholarship. When bar Kochba led a revolt against the Romans R. Akiva threw his full support behind bar Kochba. He even went so far as to call him the *moshiach*. R. Akiva had 24,000 students many of whom died between Pesach and Shavuot (*sefirah*). It has been suggested that they died fighting in bar Kochba's army. At that time the Romans forbade the study of Torah. R. Akiva defiantly continued to teach torah publicly. Pappus b. Yehuda reminded him that what he was doing was dangerous and he would be thrust into jail. R. Akiva responded with the famous *mashal* of the fox and the fish. A fox was walking along the banks of a river when he noticed the fish rushing about nervously. When he was told that they were concerned because the fishermen had cast nets to catch them, he suggested they come on shore. They answered that even if they were in danger in their natural habitat, the water, how much more dangerous we would be on land. So too, R. Akiva said, we are in greater danger without torah, our natural habitat. R. Akiva was indeed jailed but defiantly kept learning torah. When they finally came for him it was the time for *kriat shema*. He turned to his students saying that all his life he wondered at the phrase *uvechol nafshecho* which our sages explained as 'even if they take your life'. Now, he concluded, I will be able to fulfill that *pasuk* as well. He died as one of the *asoro harugei malchus*, the one whose body was tortured with metal combs. R. Akiva ben Yosef: No one remembers his tormentors, but R. Akiva will be remembered forever.

That's all, folks.