



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Mishpatim*

24 Shevat 5771

January 29, 2011

Shabbos Candlelighting:	4:52PM
Mincha:	5:00PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00, 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:40AM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 3:55 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:30 & 4:45 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Symcha Klerer</i>	
Maariv:	5:55 PM
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues. Weds.	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Fri. (Rosh Chodesh)	6:10, 7:05 & 8AM
<i>Earliest Talis &amp; Tefillin: 6:09 AM</i>	
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	5:00PM
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>.Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM</i>	
<b>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
Shabbos	8:15 AM and after Hashkama Minyan
Friday night	after Maariv. Sunday morning after 8 AM Minyan. Weekdays after 7:30 Maariv

### 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 for February 19th & 26th and March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. 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 732-759-8558. 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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408

### HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Riki and Robert Kreitman on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos of Cheryl and Marc Zeffren. Mazel Tov to the extended Kreitman, Schanzer and Zeffren families. ... to Mori and Avi Anouchi on the birth of a daughter. Mazel tov to grandparents Debbie and Avi Teitz as well as to the great grandparents Bella and Henry Lerner. ...to Marcia & Paul Pheffer on the birth of a son to Miriam and Yomi Greenstein. Mazel Tov to the entire Pheffer and Greenstein families.

### KIDDUSH/ SHALOSH SEUDOS

Symcha and Temima are sponsoring both Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos in memory of the yahrtzeit of Symcha's father Moshe Yechiel ben Symcha Hacohen A"H and the yahrtzeit of Temima's mother Tzivyah bas Sholom A"H.

### SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

On February 11-12, Rabbi Yona Reiss, Menahel/Dean of R.I.E.T.S will be our Scholar in Residence for Shabbat. A Musmach of R.I.E.T.S and a Yale School graduate, Rabbi Reiss' talks will include a Friday Oneg lecture entitled "Beit Din or Secular Courts: Where Should One Go?"

### DOUGLAS STAHL Z"L SHALOSH SEUDOS

There will be a special "Sheloshim/Siyum Mishnayot" Shalosh Seudot in memory of Doug Stahl Z"l **next Shabbat, Parshat Teruma 2/5. Mincha next week will begin at 4:45 (10 minutes earlier) to accommodate the siyum.** All those who committed to learning should finish by then. Anyone who would like to help sponsor this event is asked to contact Josh Caplan 732-572-5991 or email [jcaplan0264@aol.com](mailto:jcaplan0264@aol.com). Suggested contribution is \$25. The excess money over and above the food costs will go towards something meaningful to his memory in consultation with the Stahl family. Please see Israel Rivkin, Moshe Wiesel, Barry Siegel or Josh Caplan for further info.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL OT COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER!

Please join together for a community Shabbat dinner on Friday, February 11 at Ohr Torah following ma'ariv. Dinner will be immediately followed by an inspirational drasha by OT's scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Yona Reiss, Max and Marion Grill Dean of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University. Registration is open until February 4. Please go to [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net) to download the registration form, or for more information,

please email Shelley Schoenfeld at [srschoenfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:srschoenfeld@hotmail.com)

### 2011 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

In preparation for the 2011 membership directory, please submit any name, title, address, or phone number change to [memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net](mailto:memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net). A maximum of two email addresses and all children's names will be accepted for each family entry. Please send all your inputs in by Sunday, February 13.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MISHMAR

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

#### ORTHODOX FORUM

On Motzei Shabbat February 12, 8:00 PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Rabbi Yona Reiss on the topic: "Challenges for Today's Orthodox Rabbinate". Rabbi Reiss, dean of Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), is a Rabbi, attorney, and jurist who served from 1998 to 2008 as Director of the Beth Din of America, the largest rabbinical court in the United States. He is a summa cum laude graduate of Yeshiva College, and received his law degree from Yale Law School. Rabbi Reiss received his rabbinic ordination from RIETS, where he also earned the distinction of Yadin Yadin. A frequent writer on a variety of topics relating to both Jewish and secular law, he has published widely in Jewish publications, as well as the New York Law Journal and Wall Street Journal. The program will be chaired by Dr. Moshe Sherman. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more information, please email [hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com](mailto:hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com).

#### MAYHS- 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL RIKUDIAH

The Moshe Aaron Yeshiva High School invites all women and girls to the first annual Yeshiva High School Rikudiah on Motzei Shabbat February 12th at 8:30PM. Come watch Central, Frisch, HANC, Hillel, MAYHS, Ramaz, SKA and Shulamith's dance teams compete for the chance to support their school's scholarship fund. Tickets are being sold now at an early bird price of \$5 each. Contact Sharon Weinstein at [sweinstein@mayhs.org](mailto:sweinstein@mayhs.org) or the MAYHS office to purchase a ticket and for sponsorship opportunities. Tickets will be sold for \$10 at the door, so be sure to buy yours early!

#### NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON

Please join us as we meet with Members of Congress to support the US-Israel relationship and establish longstanding relationships with the leaders of our country. Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Wash DC, Wed. April 6. Buses leave for Washington at 6:15 am from Edison / Highland Park. There will be briefings on each bus. Shacharit davening will be at 5:45 am in Ohr Torah and Ahavas Achim. There will be a minyan

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for Mincha and maariv on the way home. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Early registration deadline of Feb. 7 for discounted rates of \$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. Last year over 150 people from this area attended, be a part of it. Register online at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Marc Hanfling ([docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com)), Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Eli Borger

#### **KHAL CHASSIDIM OF H.P. ANNUAL MELAVE MALKA**

Rabbi and Mrs. Horowitz invite the community to hear educator and author Rabbi Hanoch Teller at the Khal Chassidim of Highland Park Annual Malava Malka Event, Motzi Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel, February 26th at 8pm at Congregation Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St.

#### **EMUNAH'S ANNUAL ART AUCTION**

EMUNAH's annual art auction will take place this year on February 26, 2011 at Congregation Ohr Torah. Enjoy an entertaining evening out and take home competitively priced art. Many Jewish-themed art pieces at all price levels will be available. Dinner buffet at 8 pm for donors of \$18 per person or more (\$36, \$50, \$75, \$100). Doors open for general admission (\$5) at 8:30 pm, auction starts 9 pm. Refreshments, door prize, raffle. Make your reservations now – send check payable to EMUNAH to Sharon Hirt, 10 Olden Rd, Edison, NJ 08817. Questions call 732-777-0462.

#### **CHAI LIFELINE FUNDRAISER**

Because I believe so strongly in Chai Lifeline's work, I've decided to run all 26.2 miles of the ING Miami Marathon on Sunday, January 31, 2011 to raise awareness. Please contribute, either by visiting my web page at the Team Lifeline site: <http://www.teamlifeline.org/mypage.php?myid=57070> or by sending a check, made payable to Chai Lifeline, to Yehuda Hecht at 15 Harrison St Edison, NJ 08817. If your company has a matching gift program, your gift may be doubled or tripled. If you send the paperwork to me with your check, Chai Lifeline will complete the form and send it to your employer.

#### **ACTT MODULE BOOSTER**

Come hear Rabbi Yehoshua Lewis, Director of the Rutgers Jewish Xperience, speak about "Can You Ever Tell A Lie?" at the community-wide gathering and "Emes – Telling the Truth" ACTT module booster event this Motzei Shabbos, Jan 29, 2011 at 9 PM at Cong Ahavas Achim. This brand new module will start on January 2, 2011. The Artscroll source book for this module, "Chofetz Chaim: Lessons in Truth" by Rabbi Shimon

Finkelman, can be purchased at the Judaica Gallery in Highland Park at a discount. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

#### **Yachad's program NAIM-**

North American Inclusion Month taking place annually in the month of February. Yachad is an organization under the auspices of the Orthodox Union that provides meaningful social and cultural opportunities for Jews living with a wide-range of disabilities. The mission of NAIM is to promote sensitivity and knowledge of what it means to live with disabilities, and to educate communities how to include such individuals in all facets of Jewish life. You can visit the NAIM website at [www.naim4inclusion.org](http://www.naim4inclusion.org) for more details regarding ways to get your shul involved. For further planning assistance and questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks again and we look forward to your shul's potential participation in NAIM this coming February.

#### **SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY**

The sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday, January 30. Store hours are 10am to 5pm. Although walk-ins are welcome, it is helpful if you call 732-828-7722 and let us know you will be coming.

#### **CHUG IVRIT**

For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

#### **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](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com).

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, is starting in the Edison / Highland Park community. 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 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net).

-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. Last month, the 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 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net).

#### **CONGREGATION AHAVAS YISROEL**

Cong. Ahavas Yisrael is pleased to announce to the community that it will be hosting its 2nd Annual Journal Breakfast on the morning of Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 at Cong. Ahavas Achim starting at 9:30am. The Honorees are Avi and Cyndi Berger and Bruce Jacobi. Special guest star Lenny Solomon of Shlock Rock will be providing the musical entertainment. Please contact Cindy Borell at (732) 580-5055 or [Simachana@verizon.net](mailto:Simachana@verizon.net) for additional information.

#### **RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR**

Rabbi Hoffman has resumed his shiur on topics in Masechta Brochos on Wednesdays 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](mailto:radler@ebglaw.com)

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

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.

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Shabbos Terumah	
Candlelighting	5:01 PM
Mincha	5:10 PM

#### **VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!**

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