



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Robert Kreitman - President

Shabbos Shelach

16 Sivan 5771

June 18, 2011

Pre-Plag Mincha:	6:00 PM
Shabbos Candlelighting:	8:12 PM
Mincha:	7:00: 7:30 & 8:20 PM
Shacharis:	7:45 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch</i>	
<i>After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:12 AM
<i>Kollel Seder 4-6 pm</i>	
Kollel Mincha:	6:00 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur –</i>	
<i>7:15 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45, 6:00 & 8:05PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Yosef Kassorla</i>	
Maariv:	9:15PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Wed, Tues, & Fri	6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	8:20 PM
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM
<i>.Rabbi Luban's Shailos Uteshuvs 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 at 7:30 PM	
Friday-after 7pm Kabbolas Shabbos	
Shabbos- one hour before Mincha	

MAZEL TOV
 ... to Murray Katz upon his forthcoming installation as President of Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County.
 ... to Rachele Stern who will be installed as a Vice-President of JFVS.

KIDDUSH
 Kiddush this Shabbos is being sponsored by David & Miriam Hanfling to commemorate the Yahrzeit of David's mother Fruma bas Dovid Leib A"H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sheldon Goldstein in memory of the Yahrzeit of his mother, Leah Mindal bas Aryeh Leib Hakohen, A"H.

SHUL PICNIC
 Please reserve Sunday, June 26th for our Shul Picnic. The BBQ Registration form can be found on the Shul web site. Please note that deadline for early registration for BBQ is Sunday June 19th. Early registration must be accompanied by a check for \$18.

GRADUATION KIDDUSH
 Congregation Ohr Torah is planning a Kiddush in honor of all our graduates, on Shabbos, June 25. Please contact Lisa Schanzer at 732-572-0559 or bfschanzer@aol.com to be a sponsor. Reservations with checks are due by Wednesday June 22nd.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

KESIVAS SEFER TORAH
 Jonathan and Nadine Teitelbaum invite everyone to their home this Sunday, June 19th, between 10am-12pm, at 77 Lexington Ave, for a kesivas Sefer Torah to benefit the Bensalem community. Bensalem is a suburb of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia, where an estimated 50,000 unaffiliated Jews reside. Many of these Jews have already begun to assimilate. Rabbi Moshe Travitsky, the Rosh Kollel of the Bensalem Kollel, has established a Mikvah, a Sunday Hebrew School, a Shul with daily minyanim, and an active Outreach Center. This Sefer Torah writing campaign is in an effort to help fundraise for the outreach he does in his community.

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 (like Ira, to whom "be positive" is not just his personality, it's also his blood type), 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.

YESHIVA TIFERES NAFTOLI ANNUAL DINNER
 Sunday June 19, 2011 Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli Annual Dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Yaakov Dobin and Memorial Tribute for Mr. Buddy Fingerhut A"H. 5:30 PM Holiday Inn of East Windsor. For info and reservations please call 732 446 5841.

RPRY RAFFLE
 RPRY announces its annual raffle for Jewish Education. Grand prize are 2 tickets to Israel plus 2nd & 3rd 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, Leeor Jerushalmy, Brian Dube or Josh Caplan.

FIRST AID SQUAD DISCOUNT CARDS
 The First Aid Squad Discount Cards for the coming year are now available! The Cards are available from most Squad Members, Leah Paretzky at (732) 985-0764, and David Loewenstein at (908) 416-1523. There are 4 cards this year. The price is \$25 for any 2 cards or \$40 for any 4.

CHUG IVRIT
 The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, June 19, at 11:00 a.m. at a private home in the Highland Park area. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. You do not need to be a member of Hadassah to attend. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We sometimes do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. We also sometimes watch Israeli sitcoms on the internet. 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 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
 -Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, June 22 at 9:15 AM at the

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 July 9th, 16th, & 23rd. 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 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.

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

home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. This will be the last class until the fall.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday morning, June 19 and Monday evening, June 20. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-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 siegelmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. *The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher Inishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.*

-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.

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

Beginning Sunday, June 12th, the Park Mikvah WILL BE CLOSED until Friday, June 17th for repairs. If the Mikvah will remain closed beyond this date, a message will go out via email and will be on the machine at the Mikvah. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. 732-249-2411 East Brunswick mikvah: 732-257-4121 Chabad of Rutgers/New Brunswick: 732-296-0613 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

YIEB MIKVAH FUNDRAISER

The Young Israel of East Brunswick is hosting an amazing bootcamp exercise class for girls and women led by Marla Ottenstrich of Mekor Dance & Fitness on June 19th 10am-12pm. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for girls 11-18. The money

raised will help fund needed renovations for the YIEB mikvah. There will be a raffle with unique goods and services as well as a nutritious salad bar. To RSVP or become a sponsor contact Sharon Weinstein at sharwein@aol.com or 732-354-5913. Complimentary babysitting will be available for children 18 months and older only if requested by June 12th.

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 Korach	
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 I

There were many *gedolim* among the *tannaim* and *amoraim*, but few who might be called super-*gedolim*. Among the limited few who can be classified as such is R. Akiva. Interestingly, this great *tanna* who lived about the year 100 did not study Torah in his youth and was even considered an *am haaretz*. Only through his wife's encouragement and his own diligence did he achieve greatness. Little is known about his early life, but we do know that Akiva was a simple shepherd for the rich Kalba Savua. His daughter, it is related, asked Akiva that if they married would he go learn Torah. He agreed and they were married. Her father was so upset at the marriage that he threw Akiva out of the house. As he left to learn he promised his wife that he would some day get her a "*yerushalayim shel zahav*". He then left and learned for 12 years at the feet of R. Yehoshua, R. Eliezer and Nachum Ish Gamzu.. Upon his return, before he even came to his house he overheard a conversation between an old man and his wife. The old man said: How long are you going to live like an *almanah*? She responded that she wouldn't care if he stayed another 12 years. Hearing this he returned to the yeshiva for 12 more years of learning. Some say he started learning at age 40. Be that as it may he was an unbelievable *masmid* and it did not take long before he was recognized as an outstanding scholar. In time he was credited with being one of the very few who saved torah from being forgotten. When he became famous his father-in-law, Kalba Savua, regretted the vow he made years before not to have anything to do with R. Akiva. Accordingly, he was *matir neder*, and gave R. Akiva half of his property. Now R. Akiva was able to keep his promise to his wife and in recognition of her sacrifices he made her a 'city of gold'.

(end of part I - Part II, if you can wait, next time).