



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Simchat Torah/Bereshit 5772

24 Tishrei 5772

Oct 22, 2011

Hoshanah Rabba, Erev Shemini Atzeres
(Wednesday October 19)

- Shacharis: 6:00, 6:30, 8, 8:15* & 9 AM
- Candlelighting 5:54 PM
- Mincha 6:00 PM

Speaker: Rabbi Effie Kleinberg

Eruv Tavshilin Before Candlelighting

Shemini Atzeres (Thursday October 20)

- Shacharis: 7:45 & 9 AM
- Yizkor not before 9:00, 10:30 AM*
- Mincha 1:45 & 6:00 PM
- Candlelighting not before 7:01 PM
- Maariv/Hakafos: 6:55 PM

Simchas Torah (Friday October 21)

- Shacharis: 6:45 & 9 AM
- Candlelighting Erev Shabbos: 5:51 PM
- Mincha 5:55 PM

Shabbos Parshas Bereishis (October 22)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after hashkama
- Mincha: 1:45 & 5:45 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Rosh Hashanah shiur – 4:55 PM
- Maariv: 6:55 PM, Shabbos ends 6:58 PM

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.

In addition there will be a Youth Program on Shmini Atzeret, Thursday October 20th starting at 10 AM however there will be no program on Simchat Torah. We will resume on Shabbat October 22nd at 10 AM.

Lastly, Ohr Torah Youth are headed to the Arenas at Woodbridge (formerly United Skates of America) on Motzei Shabbat November 12th at 6:30 PM for a fun evening of roller skating. We will return to the Shul at 9:15 PM...cost is \$20 per child. Price includes bus transportation to/from facility, 1 1/2 hour use of roller skating/blading rink, roller skate or blade rentals and snacks/drinks at facility. Any children who own their own skates are encouraged to bring them as rentals will be limited. Any questions...contact Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net <<mailto:marcberg@verizon.net>>.

YEHUDA AVNER AT OT

On Friday evening, Nov. 4, at 8:30 PM, Yehuda Avner, former Israel Ambassador to Great Britain and author of the current bestseller, *The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership*, will be speaking at Ohr Torah on the topic "Champions of the Jewish People: Israel's Prime Ministers Past and Present." On Sat. evening, Nov. 5, Ambassador Avner will be speaking at Cong. Ahavas Achim on "Presidents & Prime Ministers."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FORUM

SPECIAL SHABBAT PROGRAM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park is coordinating a special Shabbat Program with local shuls to host Dr. Alan Kadish, President of Touro College on Shabbat Va'Yerah, November 11-12, 2011. On Friday Night, 8:15 pm, Dr. Kadish will speak at Congregation Ohav Emeth on "The Paradox between Free Choice and Divine Providence - Why HaShem Created Quantum Mechanics". On Shabbat morning, he will give the drasha at Congregation Ohr Torah, "How to Pass a Test - Akeidat Yitzchak". Congregation Agudath Israel will host Dr. Kadish for Shalosh Seudos at 4:15 pm, "Hagar's Exile - Necessary but not Sufficient". Saturday night, Dr. Kadish will speak at an Orthodox Forum event at Congregation Ohr Torah at 8:00 pm, "The Jewish Intellectual Tradition: Insights from Bezalel". After Dr. Kadish' presentation, the community is invited to meet Dr. Kadish at a reception to be held at Ohr Torah **RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA OPEN HOUSE** Families with children currently in 8th grade are invited to a Community Informational Meeting for the Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 8:00pm at the home of

MAZEL TOV

...to Allen and Barbara Kessel on the birth of twin boys to their children Jon and Rachel Kessel. Mazel Tov to Aunt and Uncle Rona and Seymour Kessel and to the entire Kessel Family.

...to Albie and Abby Hochhauser on the marriage of their son David to Ahuva Nusbacher of Far Rockaway, this coming week. Mazel Tov to the entire Hochhauser and Nusbacher families.

...to Rona and Seymour Kessel on the engagement of their daughter Mellisa to Ezra Blain of Cherry Hill. Mazel Tov to Ezra's parents Susan and David Blain, grandparents Mrs. Sima Kessel and Mr. Bennett Koppelman and the entire Kessel and Blain families.

KIDDUSH

Please join us for Congregation Ohr Torah's annual elaborate, sumptuous, hot Simchat Torah Kiddush, after Leining on Friday. The Kiddush is being sponsored by many generous Ohr Torah members. A list of sponsors will be distributed at the Kiddush.

SHALOSH SEUDOT

Shalosh Seudot is being sponsored by Moshe and Susie Wiesel In memory of Moshe's father Yehoshua Ben Menachem Zev Z"L.

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

On Thursday night October 20th from 5PM to 6PM, Ohr Torah will host its Second Annual Childrens Hakafot in the Kiddush Room. Israeli flags and song sheets will be provided as we dance with the Torah to usher in the start of Simchat Torah. In addition, a light pareve dinner will be provided for children and their parents including bagels, tuna and egg salad and cupcakes for dessert! Candy bags will be handed out at the Shul Hakafot later that evening. There is no registration necessary...just come and enjoy!

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. 6:17 (earliest T&T – 6:24), 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed, 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Thur 6:20 (earliest T&T – 6:28), 7:05 & 8 AM
Fri. (Rosh Chodesh) 6:15 (earliest T&T 6:29), 7:05, 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:50 PM

Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM

NOTE START OF 7:30 MAARIV

Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM

Daf Yomi Schedule

Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis
Monday-Thursday after 7:30 PM Maariv
Friday-after Kabbolas Shabbos

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 Nov 12, 19 & 26. 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

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

Melissa and Leeor Jerushalmy, 30 Perry Road in Edison. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend.

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON

The second annual Chai Lifeline Shabbaton in HP/Edison will take place the weekend of Oct 28-29, at Ohr Torah. The first shabbaton was a resounding success, thanks to the participation of the community. We gave the children of Chai Lifeline, who suffer from chronic or life-threatening illnesses, a Shabbat to remember. The Seduah Shelishit on Shabbat at OT at 5:40 will be open to the community. All residents are invited to share in the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim, and to enliven the weekend with joy and song.

Last year many people asked to be notified of the Shabbaton in advance of the date, and many asked if they could volunteer this year. There will be "buddy" opportunities for high school boys, and other opportunities throughout the weekend for adults, teens, and children to be involved, either through sponsorships, helping driving kids to/from their host families, catering assistance, or help at the Saturday night event.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail your name and, if you are under 18, your age, to Alan Borck at borck99@gmail.com.

If you would like to help sponsor the weekend, please contact Eli Reinitz at eli@isourcenyc.com.

YIEB ISRAEL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The Young Israel of East Brunswick Israel Advocacy Committee, in partnership with The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, presents Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin, Founding Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel as its YIEB Scholar In Residence on Religious Zionism. Rabbi Riskin will deliver the Raritan Valley Jewish Community Lecture on Saturday Night, November 19, 2001 at 8:00PM at The Young Israel of East Brunswick, 193 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ. The lecture is free of charge & the entire Raritan Valley area Jewish community is invited. Rabbi Riskin's lecture entitled "Israel Today: Enemy from Without, Enemy from Within", will not only provide an insider's view & insight, but will expound on a bold new approach to resolving one of the most serious challenges facing Israel today. For more information, contact YIEB Israel Advocacy Chairpersons Cheryl Shmulewitz or Judy Goldrich at RIskinLecture@yieb.org

RPRY

- RPRY is pleased to offer the Culinary Temptations the RPRY cookbook. Learn new and easy recipes before Yom Tov. Books are \$25 and available through the school office. Please contact pta@rpry.org to purchase books. -RPRY PTA is pleased to present. Let's Be Safe! We all want to keep our children safe, secure, confident and happy. With its delightful pictures child-friendly rhyming text, Let's Stay Safe helps us give our children essential life lessons in safe and unsafe behavior.

The PTA is offering this book at a discounted price of \$10.50. To order please contact pta@rpry.org or call the office at 732-572-5052.

- RPRY is selling Kidstuff Coupon Books the valuable, family-friendly are now available through our school! Use just a few coupons and quickly save more than the \$25.00 cost of the book...Remember to keep the book in your car! Family and friends will love saving with

KidStuff...They are great for gifts too! To purchase please contact Rena Klein at renalg@aol.com or the RPRY office at 732-572-5052.

JCC OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The JCC of Middlesex County on Oak Tree Rd in Edison is offering separate swim times for men and women. Men: Wed 8:30-9:30PM; Women: Sunday 4:30-5:30PM AND Monday 8:30-9:30PM. Membership is NOT REQUIRED. Purchase a \$50. water fitness card at the JCC front desk good for 10 swims. For more info please call Diane Mael, Dir of Adult Services at 732-494-3232 ext 614.

The JCC of Middlesex County invites all Baby Boomers to the following: Trip to the Grounds for Sculpture, Thursday, Oct 27. \$40 for JCC members; \$45 for non-members includes admission, docent-led 1-hour tour, and coach bus transportation. Bus leaves JCC-1775 Oak Tree Rd in Edison at 9:30am-returns approx. 5 PM.

-Film, "Ginger and Fred" and discussion with Susan London, Sunday, Nov 13, 2:30-6 PM at the JCC. \$5 for JCC members; \$8 for non-members.

-Trip to see "Shlemiel The First" (in English) at the NEW Folksbiene National Yiddish Theatre at NYU's Jack H. Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, Sunday, Dec 18, 1:15 PM. \$65 for JCC members; \$75 for non-members includes coach bus transportation, and theatre ticket.

CALL Diane Mael, Dir of Adult Services at 732-494-3232 extension 614 for more info about these and other Baby Boomers programs at the JCC.

10 EASY STEPS TO BUY A HOME IN ISRAEL

In 2003 a network of interested Highland Parkers and Edisonians meet on a regular basis to understand what is needed to fulfill a dream of buying a home in Israel. The result, nearly 3 dozen of your friends and neighbors, who have participated in these sessions, have purchased homes in Israel since the formation of that social network. On November 6, 2011 at 8 PM at Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Avenue, a broker, lawyer and some of your friends will describe how you can fulfill your dream of buying a home in Israel.

JFVS

- JFVS has openings in its Elderday, social adult daycare program. The program provides a safe, supervised environment for frail senior adults with medical and/or cognitive impairments. It meets 3x/week from 9AM-2PM. A continental breakfast and glatt kosher lunch are provided. For info, call JFVS: 732-777-1940 or 609-395-7979.

- Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County is raising critical funds through the sale of cruise raffle tickets. This year's raffle prize is a 7-day cruise for two on a Celebrity Cruise Line ship to the destination of your choice, a \$2,500 value. Raffle tickets are \$36 each or three for \$100. The winner will be chosen on Dec 11, 2010. All proceeds support the agency's Kosher Food Pantry, Kosher Meals on Wheels, and other vital social service programs for the Jewish Community.

To purchase a ticket or tickets please contact Murray Katz at 732-985-7348 or katzmurray@yahoo.com.

- Jewish Family & Vocational Service looking for Committee Members. This is not just another routine request for occasional volunteers or food for the needy. This is an urgent request for talented, thoughtful, committed, and hard-working members of the community to join an extremely worthy organization. We are looking for people for

the following committees: Career Services, Fund Development, Professional Services, Marketing/Public Relations, Senior Services, and Volunteer Services. We are particularly seeking people experienced in Marketing and Public Relations. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Murray Katz, President of JFVS at 732-985-7348 or katzmurray@yahoo.com or Sara Levine, Executive Director of JFVS at 732-777-1940 or saral@jfvs.org.

MTJ ANNUAL MELAVE MALKA

The annual Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem Melave Malka will be held on Motzei Shabbat, November 19, 2011 8:00 PM at Ohav Emeth. The Guest of Honor is Rabbi Zvi Weiss who will receive the Distinguished Kesser Shem Tov Award. Hagaon Harav Reuven Feinstein, Shlit'a, will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for information and reservations at (732) 246-1037.

ACTT

Save the date - ACTT will be sponsoring a community wide event on Sunday evening, November 20, 2011 at 8:00 PM. Speaker: Rabbi Steven Miodownik, Moreh D'Asra of Congregation Ahavas Achim. Title: The Jewish Pursuit of Happiness. Source book: Rabbi Pliskin's Artscroll book, "Happiness - Formulas, stories, and insights". More details to follow. For more information, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

TIFERES

Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will be meeting Motzai Shabbos, Oct 29 at 9PM, at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. For more info, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malka Herzig.

THE KESHER WIFE WORKSHOP

THE KESHER WIFE WORKSHOP presents a marriage workshop to be given by Sara Yoheved Rigler, a popular international lecturer and author of Holy Woman, Lights from Jerusalem, and Battle Plans: How to Fight the Yetzer Hara. This three-hour workshop for married women utilizes the successful methods of scripts, guided visualization, and innovative exercises to acquire practical, life-changing tools to enhance one's shalom bayis. Workshop will be held on Sunday, Nov 6, 2011, 10AM. in Highland Park, exact location to follow. Fee: \$30 (Financial Assistance on request). Space limited. For details and to pre-register call Cheryl Farkas at 845-304-1040. *Note: The workshop is not recommended for women in situations involving abuse or addiction.* All proceeds will go to the Children's Fund.

KEREN KOL KALLAH

Keren Kol Kallah is in desperate need of more sheitels for their annual sheitel sale. All the wigs donated are sold at discounted prices to women who could not usually afford to buy a good quality wig, and all the money goes to help poor kallahs. They currently have a mere 20% of the number of sheitels they usually have by this time of year!! With many kallahs counting on the proceeds from this sale, they are desperate for more so they can

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run the sale in time. Do you have a wig you are no longer wearing? One that never really worked for you or just went out of style? There are women in Israel who would be happy to purchase these pieces and the money goes straight to our needy brides. Please join us in this wonderful mitzvah and help make this year's sheitel sale a success!

Please contact Aviva at sieglmom@optonline.net

REBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be resuming her Sunday morning and Monday evening classes on October 30 and October 31. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408

sieglmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

AMEN GROUP

The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong 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 Ettel Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or

EJPartyworks@aol.com.

HADASSAH

-Hadassah Mitzvah of Love Tribute Luncheon Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah invites you to join us at our Mitzvah of Love Tribute Luncheon on Sunday, Oct 30TH from 12:00-3pm at Cong Ahavas Achim. The luncheon will be honoring: Gittel Footerman and Leah Silver. Certificate Recipients are: Selma Goldblatt, Barbara Nathan, Mollie Reuben and Finette Ziment. Couvert: \$45; suggested tax deductible donation: \$200. Proceeds to benefit Hadassah Medical Organization. Dietary laws observed. RSVP by Oct15, to Marian Campisi, 805 Carpenter Rd, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902. Please make checks payable to Hadassah - Raritan Valley Chapter.

-Hadassah Chai Pushke Brunch Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah's annual Chai Pushke Brunch will take place on Sun, Nov 20, 2011, at 11am at the home of Judy and Paul Rosen, 3 Eagle Rd, Edison. Philip Cantor of the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey will be the featured speaker. His topic is "Jewish Pirates." Cost: \$18; Sponsor: \$10. RSVP by Nov 12 by

contacting Judy Rosen at 732-549-2897 or Marcela Rubin at 732-388-2579.

-Hadassah Life membership on special until the end of 2011 Yes it is true! You can buy a Hadassah LIFE membership for a child or grandchild, or make a man in your life an Associate, or upgrade your own membership to a LIFE membership for just \$100 (a saving of \$260). Please take advantage of this great offer by sending a check made out to Hadassah with member's name, address, phone number, and email address to Rose Reiss, 308 Wayne St., Highland Park, NJ 08904 or to Hadassah National directly. Questions? Contact Rose Reiss at 732-828-7415 or rposes@verizon.net.

-Hadassah Chicks with Sticks Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah Chicks with Sticks knitting group will meet on Wed, Oct 26, at 8:15pm, at 118 Donaldson St Highland Park. We make hats for preemies, children with cancer, and American and Israeli soldiers. Everyone is welcome. Assistance is given to those new to knitting or crocheting. All you need to bring is size 7 and 8 knitting needles. It is best to have bamboo needles as they are easier on your hands. Bring double pointed and/or round needles if you want to learn to knit with them. Yarn and instructions will be provided. For more info, contact Natalie Herbin at safti18@gmail.com or 732-339-8492. The latest batch of 50 hats, knitted by Chicks With Sticks, was given to Tillie Pass to deliver to the local cancer centers. Tillie Pass thanks all knitters who produced hats all summer long and dropped them at her house. She was able to deliver to three hospitals and was thanked profusely by the staff for the knitters contributions. If you want to join in this worthwhile cause by knitting at home, call Tillie at 732-572-0753.

-Hadassah Book Club

The Hadassah Book group will meet on Sunday, Oct 23, at 7:30 p.m. We are reading the last few chapters of The Pity of it All, by Amos Elan. It is the story of German Jewry from the time of Moses Mendelson to the rise of the Nazi regime. Please contact Gustine Matt at 732-545-3147 or gustinematt@gmail.com if you would like to join.

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 info to enrv@verizon.net.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open from 9-11pm Sunday-Thursday. Friday nights and Yom Tov are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Saturday nights until the clocks change November 6th,, hours are 9:00pm to 10:30pm. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. PLEASE BE AWARE WITH DANGEROUS WEATHER AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS, the mikvah may have to make the decision not to open. In such a case, please call the mikvah before leaving home. 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 Noach	
Candlelighting	5:41 PM
Mincha	1:45 & 5:50 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)

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