



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Toldos*

*29 Chesvan 5772*

*November 26, 2011*

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| <b>Candlelighting:</b>                              | <b>4:15 PM</b>            |
| <b>Mincha:</b>                                      | <b>4:25 PM</b>            |
| <b>Shacharis:</b>                                   | <b>7:45, 9:00 AM</b>      |
| <b>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch</b>     |                           |
| <b>After Hashkama</b>                               |                           |
| <b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>                     | <b>9:20 AM</b>            |
| <b>Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur –</b>          |                           |
| <b>3:20 PM</b>                                      |                           |
| <b>Mincha:</b>                                      | <b>1:30 &amp; 4:10 PM</b> |
| <b>Shalosh Seudos Speaker:</b>                      |                           |
| <b>R. Shraga Silverstein</b>                        |                           |
| <b>Maariv:</b>                                      | <b>5:20 PM</b>            |
| <b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>                           |                           |
| <b>Sun (Rosh Chodesh)</b>                           | <b>7:00, 8:00, 9 AM</b>   |
| <b>Mon. &amp; Thur</b>                              | <b>6:20, 7:05, 8 AM</b>   |
| <b>Tues, Wed, &amp; Fri.</b>                        | <b>6:30, 7:10, 8 AM</b>   |
| <b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b> <b>4:20PM</b>        |                           |
| <b>Weekday Maariv</b> <b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>    |                           |
| <i>Rabbi Luban's Monday night Sheilos U'tshuvos</i> |                           |
| <i>Shiur is at 9:10PM.</i>                          |                           |
| <i>Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM</i>                   |                           |
| <b>Daf Yomi Schedule</b>                            |                           |
| Sun.-after 8 AM Shacharis. Mon.-Thu.-after          |                           |
| 7:30 PM Maariv. Friday-after Maariv. Shabbos-       |                           |
| 3:20 PM.  |                           |

### **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 introduce yourself.

### **KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**

Kiddush sponsorship is available for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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 Rifky and Jack Atkin on the birth of a son to Shuli and Zack Fuchs. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Heidi & Alan Fuchs, to the baby's great-grandmother, Ethel Roth, and to the entire Atkin, Roth and Fuchs families. *The Shalom Zochor will iy'H take place at the Atkin home, 16 Hamlin Rd at 8 PM.*

...to Aryeh and Shelly Zinkin on the engagement of their son, Donny to Rebecca Silverstein of Caldwell, NJ. Mazel Tov to the entire Zinkin and Gerszberg families and to Rabbi and Mrs. Silverstein and family.

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER**

Ohr Torah will proudly honor two exceptional couples at our annual dinner on December 18th. Please join us as we pay tribute to Hedy and Lou Smith, our dinner honorees, and Aliyana and Eugene Wasserman, our service award recipients. Invitations have been mailed out and we look forward to the full participation of our membership at this important event. Please respond by December 1.

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos this week is being sponsored by Allan and Dorene Schwartz Weitz:

- as a thanksgiving (offering) to the community for their being our source of Torah and comfort during our time of need.
- as a celebration on the birth of our granddaughter, Prielle Batya.
- as a celebration of our 38th anniversary.

### **CONDOLENCES**

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Laura Mintz on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Brill. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

### **DOUG STAHL MEMORIAL VOLUME**

If anyone wishes to contribute material to this memorial volume, or to help fund its production, please contact Josh Rapps, [jrapps@bloomberg.net](mailto:jrapps@bloomberg.net), no later than Sunday, November 27, 2011.

### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the entire community for their comfort and support during my Shiva.

- Aryeh Zinkin

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MISHMAR**

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

### **RJJ WOMEN'S TEA**

The Rabbi Jacob Joseph School of Edison New Jersey cordially invites you to attend our Annual Ladies Luncheon honoring Mrs. Chanie Zeilberger In memory of Malky Herzig ע"ה. Guest Speaker: Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein. Renowned speaker and mechanech, Founder and Director, Ohr Naava. Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon at Congregation Ohr Torah.

### **ORTHODOX FORUM**

The Orthodox Forum will host a program on "Democrats, Republicans and the Orthodox Community" on Motzei Shabbat, December 3, at 8:00 PM, at Congregation Ahavas Achim. Speakers will be Rabbi Adam Mintz and Mr. Jonathan Greenspun, who will discuss the approaches of the Republican and Democratic Parties to domestic and international issues that are important to Orthodox voters. In addition, they'll discuss the upcoming presidential election and its implications for the Orthodox community. The program will be chaired by Mr. Seth Berman.

### **GEMARA IN IVRIT**

A new shiur is being formed to for Hebrew speakers. The shiur will be given by Rabbi Erlanger from the HP Kollel. For information, call Aryeh Erlanger - 720-480-2879

### **CHOFETZ CHAIM HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

The Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation presents an Unforgettable Evening of Inspiration, a Worldwide Women's Event – "Rise and Shine" – Tips, Tools and Wisdom for Rising Above the Challenges of Your Family, Home, and Life", a new audio-visual presentation. Hear world class inspirational speakers such as Mrs. Bella Weinreb, Rebbetzin Zlata Press, Mrs. Miriam Swerdlov and more. Also featuring a new musical presentation. Motzei Shabbos, December 10, 8:00 PM, location to be determined. Suggested donation: \$12. For more information, please call Debbie 732-572-4713 or Aviva 732-572-4408.

### **JCC EVENT**

All "Baby Boomers...and Beyond" are invited on a special trip into NYC on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to see the highly acclaimed National Yiddish Theatre – Folksbiene production of "Shlemiel the First" The Klezmer Musical from Nobel Prize Laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer's Folktale. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and include transportation from the JCC. Price per person is \$65. for JCC members; \$75. for non-members. Bus leaves the JCC promptly at 1:15 PM and will return at approx. 6:45 PM.

To make your reservation please make your check payable to JCC of Middlesex County and mail it to: Diane Mael, Director of Adult Services, JCC, 1775 Oak Tree Rd. Edison, NJ 08820. Please write "Yiddish Theatre" in the memo section and include your phone number and the names of those attending.

For more information call Diane at 732-494-3232 extension 614.

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

Just ONE HOUR a month for Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley! Bikur Cholim needs more

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volunteers for its hospital visitation program. Please volunteer for just one hour a month and make a difference! For more information, please contact Bikur Cholim: hotline 732-572-7181, email [volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org](mailto:volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org), web site [www.bikurcholimrv.org](http://www.bikurcholimrv.org) – the volunteer form can be filled out on-line. Thank you!

#### **NCSY**

Also, save the dates of December 15th-18th for Winter Regional. More information will follow in the weeks to come. You can sign up at <http://newjersey.ncsy.org/>. Have a great shabbos and see you at the oneg!

#### **ACHAVAS ACHIM**

-Junior Drop-In: Drop your children off for some homework and fun at AA. Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. - for 2nd-8th grades. Juniors mentored by high school teens. Free snacks. Pizza \$1.75.

-Parsha and Cholent: Weekly parsha shiur for teen boys at AA, delivered by various Rabbis and community members. Thursdays from 8:00-9:00 p.m. (This week's Shiur will be given by Rabbi David Becker.)

-Shabbat Afternoon Programming at AA. (SAGAA): Drop your child off during Mincha for a bit of inspired Shabbat ruach. For grades 1-6. (Please note: there will be no Shabbat afternoon groups this Shabbat. They will resume next Shabbat.)

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, December 18, between 9AM and 3PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim, 216 S. First Ave., in HP. As has become standard at these indoor drives (rather than those fly by night driveway gigs), 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](mailto:ira_rosen@yahoo.com) for further info or to reserve a donation slot. Thank you in advance.

#### **ACTT**

ACTT says THANK YOU! Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT

November 20th event with Rabbi Steven Miodownik so successful and meaningful! The current ACTT module is "Happiness". Source book: Rabbi Pliskin's Artscroll book, "Happiness - Formulas, stories, and insights". To volunteer or for more info on ACTT, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org), see the ACTT web-site: [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

#### **FOR WOMEN**

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will be meeting Motzai Shabbos, December 3 at 8:00 PM, at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, 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 information, please contact Aviva [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, November 27 and Monday, November 28. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, November 30 at 9:00 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Beraishis.

-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](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com).

#### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at

[enrv@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:enrv@verizon.net).

#### **PARK MIKVAH-NEW HOURS**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open from 8:30-10:30pm Saturday-Thursday. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. 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.

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| Parshas Vayeitzei |         |
| Candlelighting    | 4:13 PM |
| Mincha            | 4:20PM  |

#### **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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net) Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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, Assisted by Susan Wolf**

### **Jewish Sports Standouts (2): Naama Shafir**

How about this: A young girl, a Shomeret Shabbat, a junior in a prominent college in Ohio, who was so good that they scheduled their practices to fit into her religious schedule. They even made some adjustments in the regular schedule to accommodate her beliefs. Who is this person? Her name is Naama Shafir. She was born in Hoshaya in the Galil in Israel, the fourth of 9 children and is now 21 years old. She plays basketball for the University of Toledo. It is believed she is the first orthodox Jew to play in the NCAA. Toledo gave her a basketball scholarship and was well rewarded for their decision. In 2011 she led Toledo to the finals of the women's NIT and then scored 40 points in the championship game to lead Toledo to their first ever championship in school history. For her exploits she earned the MVP award of the tournament. As a special reward for the team, the Rockets went on a tour of Israel. Most of the players had never been outside the United States. They made all the usual tourist stops including the Kotel on Friday night and also visited with Naama's family. In addition they played basketball against different women's teams in the country. She is only a junior, so maybe she'll transfer to Stern for her senior year. The basketball team would like that.