



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Tzav

19 Adar II 5771

March 19, 2011

Shabbos Candlelighting:	6:49PM
Mincha:	6:55PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch	
After Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	10:04 AM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 5:55 PM	
Mincha:	1:45 & 6:45 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Avi Tobias	
Maariv:	7:55 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:00, 8 & 9 AM
Mon & Thurs	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues. Weds. & Fri	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	
7:00PM	
Weekday Maariv	
10:10 PM	

Rabbi Luban's Shailos Uteshuvos Shiur:
Monday 9:10 PM
Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
 -Daf Yomi has just started a new Masechta - Maseches Menachos. This Masechta includes topics on Tefillin and Tzitzis. Please join us.
 -Continuing through Oct., on Shabbos the Daf Yomi will meet one hour before Mincha - not 8:15am nor after Hashkama

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 March 26th & April 9th. 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.

PURIM SCHEDULE

Maariv: 7:55 PM

Purim preparation such as wearing costumes should not begin until Shabbos ends. We have allowed ample time to go home after Maariv, recite havdalah, don costumes and then return to shul for Megillah reading.

Megillah: 8:45 & 10 PM

Shacharis: 7, 8 & 9 AM

Women's Megillah: 10:30AM

Mincha: 1:45 and 7 PM

Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

PARSHAS ZACHOR

There is a biblical Mitzva to hear Parshas Zachor. There will be additional Zachor Iainings right after Shabbat Mussaf (at approximately 11:15) and 10 minutes before Mincha at 6:35 PM.

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Barbara and Alan Lustiger in honor of their children, Chana and Shlomo Snyder's wedding,

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Riki and Robert Kreitman, Janice and Arnie Lustiger, Susie and Moishe Wiesel, and Debbie and Moshe Schneider.

SHUL POLICY-PURIM

Please make sure that no one does anything which will destroy or damage Shul property, including our pews and carpeting. No explosive devices whatsoever will be permitted in Shul. We would greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

-Purim night March 19th at Ohr Torah will be a blast! We are privileged to be hosting 2 amazing childrens entertainers starting at 8:45 PM. First, John Carlson, the Northeast's Most Popular Magician, Ventriloquist and Family Entertainer will be dazzling us with some magic tricks that will leave you mesmerized! Simultaneously, Tickle the Clown will be painting our childrens faces. More surprises await. Come join us in the back of the Kiddush Room and in the classrooms for loads of Purim 5771 fun!
 -We will heading on Sunday 4/10 to the NJ Devils vs Boston Bruins hockey game leaving by bus from the Shul at 2:00 PM and returning to OT at 6:45 PM. All children (2nd grade and up), teenagers and parents are welcome to join. This is fan appreciation day at the Prudential Center, home of the NJ Devils, and there will be lots of giveaways. Furthermore, each person in attendance will

receive a \$10 food and beverage card which can be used at the kosher stand in the arena! All this Pre-Pesach fun is just \$45 per person! Tickets will go quickly so please contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429 or sign up online at ohrtorah.net to reserve space for this fun and exciting event!

RABBI LUBAN'S ANNUAL PRE-PESACH SHIUR

Rabbi Luban's pre-Pesach shiur for women, will take place Wednesday March 23, 8:00PM in the OT Bais Medrash.

MAZEL TOV

...to Lani and Allan Kaye on the engagement of their son Yoel to Elianna Sable, daughter of Debbie and David Sable of Riverdale, NY. Mazel Tov to Yoel's siblings David, Talya, Dani, Gabi and Carmi and to his niece Olivia.

...to Hedy and Lou Smith on the birth of a son to their children Elana and Danny Smith. Mazel Tov also to big brother and sister, Liam and Waverly, to grandparents Haviva and Brian Smith of Montreal. *Shalom Zachar will iy'H be 9 pm., at 16 Cliff Court, H.P. Bris at Ahavas Achim on Monday 3/21. Davening at 7:45 am.*

...to Miriam and Mark Goldblatt on the birth of a son. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Irwin and Mildred Goldblatt, to sisters Eliana and Avital and brother Jonah. *Shalom Zachar will iy'H be 9 PM at the shul.*

...to Barbara and Alan Lustiger on the marriage of their daughter Chana to Shlomo Snyder this past Sunday. Mazel Tov Sherry & David Snyder, and the entire Lustiger and Snyder families. *The Kiddush at the Hashkama Minyan is being sponsored by the Lustigers in honor of the marriage.*

...to Aviva and Barry Siegel on the forthcoming marriage of their son Chaim to Yaeli Kotzen. Mazel Tov grandparents, Evelyn and Charles Rindner and Lil Mazer, and to Yaeli's parents, Sandra and Zalman Kotzen and grandfather, Mr. Mannie Kotzen.

...to Zelda and Danny Wildman on the engagement of their son Dovid to Aliza Boim, daughter of Dr. Eddie and Judy Boim of Long Branch, NJ. Mazel Tov to Grandmother, Mrs. Sala Grinblatt, and to Dovid's siblings, Elie and Rivka Wildman, Rabbi Moshe and Yonit Rothchild, Jon and Chana Fridlender and Temima Wildman.

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 22nd at 8:30 PM. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the Shul's web site <http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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

SHAIMOS COLLECTION, CLOTHING DRIVE & SEFORIM SALE

- Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 27 from 10AM to 5:00PM.

The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bag. Coordinator: Barry Siegel, siegeldad@optonline.net

- In conjunction with the Shaimos drive, there will be a clothing drive to benefit Israel. To offset shipping costs, donors must leave a \$20 donation per large trash size bag to cover shipping.

- There will also be a used Seforim sale at this time, Great Bargains!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

MATANOS LEVYONIM

Rabbi Luban is now accepting Matanos Levyonim donations. Please make checks out to Ohr Torah and write Matanos Levyonim in the memo.

2011 MISHLOACH MANOT PICK UP

Thank you to all who participated in the 2011 Ohr Torah Sisterhood Mishloach Manot Program. As has been communicated previously, Mishloach Manot will be available for pick up ONLY at the shul on Sunday, March 20 between the hours of 745A and 1130A. THERE WILL BE NO DELIVERY OF MISHLOACH MANOT. Thank you and chag sameach!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM – A SHLOSHIM TRIBUTE

Today our community can boast of thriving Torah institutions, shuls, eateries and vibrant Jewish life. But it wasn't always that way! The lifelong dedication and untiring efforts of a noble woman, Rebbetzin Hannah Raymon z"l with her late husband, Rabbi Pesach Raymon z"l, planted the seeds that resulted in the beautiful Jewish community that we enjoy today.

As a display of Hakarat Hatov and in celebration of her life, we invite you to a program including a siyum mishnayot conducted by our students marking the shloshim of her passing. This memorial will be hosted by Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 7:30 8:30 P.M. followed by Maariv.

We invite the entire community to pay tribute to her memory in recognition of all that she has done for us.

For further information contact Rabbi Shraga Gross at 732-572~5052 ext. 206.

BONE MARROW REGISTRY DRIVE

On Purim night, immediately following Megillah reading, our community shuls are running an emergency Bone Marrow registry drive on behalf of a one year old baby from New York, Ayelet Galena, who is desperately seeking a match for a bone marrow transplant. For your convenience, stations will be set up in every shul.

The process, a 'cheek swab', takes under 10 minutes. There is no blood draw required.

For those not able to register on Purim night, there will be a second opportunity at the

community Carnival on Purim day, which is being held at the Highland Park Municipal Parking Lot, Raritan Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Avenues on Sunday March 20 from 11:30-2:30.

Ayelet's family has spent thousands of dollars & countless hours trying to find the match that may save her life. The cost of processing each kit into the database is \$54. We are seeking 100% participation from the community & would be grateful for checks of \$54 or any amount made payable to 'Gift of Life' (with Ayelet in the memo section). For more information, please contact E.J Berman. at 732-991-8090 or email at EJSBerman@yahoo.com, Elie Borger 732-233-2257 or email at borgerfinacial@aol.com, or Effy Zinkin 347-301-4989 or email at effyz@ecko.com

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, March 29, 2011. 4 PM – 9 PM. 1650 Palisade Ave, Teaneck, NJ. Many new vendors!!! For more information contact Reva Judas spring824@aol.com or Sallie Levi sallielevi@gmail.com

HADASSAH CHICKS WITH STICKS

The monthly meeting of Chicks with Sticks will meet this coming Tuesday night, March 22 at 8:15 PM at the home of Rhea Levine 514 Braun Ave. Highland Park. We are continuing to knit hats for preemies, children with cancer, IDF and American Soldiers....(still need them even though the weather is getting warmer) All you need is a pair of size 8 knitting needles. For further info contact Natalie Herbin at 732-339-8492

YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE

As you do your Pesach cleaning, please bear in mind that a Yad Leah clothing drive will be'ezras Hashem take place Sunday May 15th from 9:30AM until 12:30PM at Congregation Ohav Emeth (O.E.), main entrance on Dennison Ave. thru the parking lot.

Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only. Shoes only in new or like new condition. Linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, cosmetics & hair accessories are also accepted in good condition. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Men's and Boy's black hats in good condition may also be donated. Yad Leah will distribute to over 15 communities throughout Israel. An \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs. We B"H have a donor for the trucking cost for this drive. We are however looking for additional sponsors to cover more of the shipping costs to Israel. Receipts will be provided by Yad Leah for the money & clothing (&/or miscellaneous items) contributed. We are looking for volunteers at the collection site to help with the bags and the paperwork. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer or sponsor shipping costs, please call Mordy Brill at 732-819-8351 or e-mail at mordb@msn.com.

HP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BUDGET

The Highland Park Board of Education Election and vote on the 2011-2012 School Budget are scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, (the day after Pesach). A copy of the proposed Highland Park Public School District Budget may be found online at <http://highlandpark.k12.nj.us>.

YA'AD JUNIORS DROP-IN

Every Tuesday, from 6:45-8:30 p.m., teens converge on Ahavas Achim to tutor and mentor

middle school students from our community. Junior Drop-In (JDI) began only a few weeks ago and has already grown from eight participants the first week to over twenty this week. Students come to Shul and are paired up with a teen mentor who helps them complete their schoolwork. After completing their work, students are welcome to use our YA'AD recreation room equipped with billiards, ping pong, air hockey, foosball and basketball shoot out. Light refreshments are served free of charge; pizza cost \$1.50 a slice. Due to overwhelming request, JDI will now welcome students from 3rd through 8th grade. Should you wish to volunteer as a parent or a teen or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rabbi Becker at 310-625-3481 or rabbidbecker@yahoo.com.

RARITAN VALLEY EMERGENCY PARNASSAH INITIATIVE

Save time and money in the pre-Pesach rush! The Raritan Valley Emergency Parnassah Initiative will be holding its annual pre-Pesach Kids' Clothing Sale (all clothing in excellent condition) on Sunday, March 27th from 10 am-2pm at Ohav Emeth.

RPRY PTA

The RPRY PTA on Tuesday, March 22nd from 5:30-8:30 p.m. will be hosting the Boys from Brooklyn with affordable ladies' and girls' shells and other clothing and Helen the Hat Lady with a large selection of Yom Tov and everyday hats.

EEMA AND ME AT RPRY

Eema and Me at RPRY with Morah Helen Lockspieser. For 12-24 month olds and Eema, Abba or other loving adult. Jewish programming, dance, music, arts and crafts, free play, snack. Held at RPRY, 2 Harrison St, Edison. \$50.00 for a five week session – 9am-10am between Tuesday March 1st and Tuesday March 29th. Call 732-572-5052 Ext 215 to register.

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.

GALA PURIM CARNIVAL

We are pleased to announce the first ever GALA PURIM Carnival for the Raritan Valley on PURIM DAY, March 20TH. The Carnival will be in Highland Park in the Borough Lot between South 2nd and 3rd.

SENIOR NCSY

Purim Costume Bowling Leil Purim, this motzei shabbat after megillah, at 9:45 at Stelton Lanes. Ten dollars for bowling and shoes. Wear a costume! See you there! Call Gavi 732. 406.3744 or Tzvi 732. 991.2252 with any questions

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RV NEEDS YOUR HELP

- Bikur Cholim is looking for men who are able to read the Megillah on Purim for people who are in the hospital or home-bound. Please call Ronnie Shilcrat- (732) 690-7193, or (732) 572-5140. -Please note, the need for volunteers has increased greatly over the last year. We urge you to please contact the organization with whatever resources you may have available. Contact:

volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org . Hotline number: 1-732-572-7181

AHAVAS ACHIM BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will take place Sunday March 27, from 9-3, will take place in the synagogue, 216 S. First Ave., HP Please contact Eli, Ira or Heidi Rosen at 732-393-1018 or ira_rosen@yahoo.com to reserve a slot (walk-ins are gladly accepted).

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON

You can still join us (deadline is March 25) as we meet with Representatives and Senators on Wednesday April 6 to establish relationships in support of the Israel-US friendship. *Mission training and orientation will be Motzei Shabbat April 2 9:45 PM.* Buses leave for Washington at 6:30 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 for Mincha and maariv on the way home. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Register online at www.NORPAC.net or by phone at 201-788-5133.

YESHIVAS MORDECHAI HATZADIK FATHER AND SON LEARNING IS BACK!!!

Join over 60,000 fathers & sons worldwide this Purim and be a part of this tremendous Kiddush Hashem. The learning session will take place on Purim day at 12:45 - 1:45 (mincha at 1:45) at Agudath Israel . There will be amazing raffles with fabulous prizes including a chance to win a brand new mountain bike. EVERY BOY WHO ATTENDS RECEIVES A PRIZE!!! Yeshivas Mordechai Hatzadik is an independent project & is not affiliated with any particular shul or school. All of Klal Yisroel is welcome to attend. Register online at www.NORPAC.net or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Marc Hanfling, Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Eli Borger

CHUG IVRIT

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

RPRY VENDOR EXPO

Vendor Expo at RPRY - over 30 vendors! Sunday, March 27, 2011, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Free admission; open to the entire community. For more information, please call 732-239-9434.

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INSPIRATIONAL MEMORIAL SHIUR

All women in the Highland Park – Edison Community are invited to a shiur on Shabbos, March 19th at 4:30 PM at Miriam Widofsky's house, 145 North 10th Avenue, Highland Park, in memory of the four Seidenfeld children from Teaneck, who lost their lives due to a house fire in March of 2005. To mark the Yartzheit, their mother had requested that people come together to learn in their memory. Please come and bring a friend. The inspiring shiur is being led by Mrs. Miri Cohen, who gives a regular parsha shiur in our community, and regularly gives shiurim in other communities. For more information, please email Vicky at vickykrief@gmail.com.

-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 reuaf shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or 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 sieglmom@optonline.net.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having classes this Sunday, March 20 and Monday, March 21. 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 meet Wednesday morning, March 23 at 9:15 AM at the home of Ricki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Vayikra. This will be the last class until after Pesach. Classes will resume on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Hoffman's shiur on topics in Masechta Brochos meets 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

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

We have not had a monthly job networking meeting for a while. If you are interested in attending these free sessions, please email Bob Lansey at enrv@verizon.net. The sessions are an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear

about job leads, share ideas, resources and information, and learn from guest speakers. For more information about ENRV and to sign up for job postings, go to www.ENRV.org If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the information to enrv@verizon.net. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

POSEN PURIM PARTY

Everyone is invited to a (nonalcoholic) Purim Party to be held at the Posen's, 12 Fairhill Rd, after megillah reading this Motzei Shabbos.

THE ULTIMATE

JEWISH SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE!

THE ZONE invites you to an exciting evening out with friends and family to learn more about this awesome camp, at the home of Avi and Cyndi Berger! Sunday March 27, 2011 at 7:30 PM 22 Ely Place (off Central Ave) Edison, NJ 08817 732-572-8911

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PARK MIKVAH

The mikva will be open Saturday night, March 19 (Purim) at 9:45 - 11 PM ONLY.

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 Shmini	
Candlelighting	6:56 PM
Mincha	7:05 PM

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