



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Va'eira

25 Tevet 5771

January 1, 2011

Shabbos Candlelighting:	4:22PM
Mincha:	4:30PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:41AM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 3:25 PM	
Mincha:	1:30 & 4:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: David Waizer	
Maariv:	5:25 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon	6:17, 7:05 & 8AM
Thurs (Rosh Chodesh):	6:10, 7:05 & 8AM
<i>Earliest Talis & Tefillin M&Th : 6:23 AM</i>	
Tues. Weds. & Fri.	6:30, 7:00, & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:30PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 & 10:10 PM
.Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM</i>	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
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 January 22nd & 29th and February 19th & 26th. 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 732-442-8022. For more info. Call Moish at 732-442-5751 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 luddeju@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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Shanie and Alan Singer on the birth of a son to their children Racheli and Noam Singer in Jerusalem. Mazel Tov to the entire Singer and Gamss families.

...to Anna and Charles Plittman on the engagement of their son, Yosef, to Elisheva Goldberg of Richmond Hill, NY. Mazel Tov to Elisheva's parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Gideon Goldberg and Judy Goldberg, to siblings, Bracha and Meir Berg, Dina and Judah Miller, Baila, Yaakov, Rivky, and Machi, and to Elisheva's Aunt and Uncle, Rabbi and Mrs. Eliyahu Kaufman.

...to Rabbi Yisrael and Sharon Hoffman on the engagement of Ephraim to Zissy Dohany of Toronto.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos will be sponsored by Allan Weitz & Family in memory of his father's Yahrzeit, Moshe Meier ben Avraham, z'l.

CONDOLENCE

Condolences to Mildred Goldblatt on the loss of her sister Helen Vogel. Mildred will be sitting shiva through Motzei Shabbat at the Goldblatt home, 8 Celler Road.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND

This is a reminder that the Shul is collecting funds in response to the terrible fire and tragedy in the North of Israel. Checks should be made out to Ohr Torah with a note in the memo line "Israel Emergency Fund".

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Jonas and Clara Waizer in memory of Clara's father Morris Grosberg Z"l

-Anonymous in memory of Moshe Weisz Z"l

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:

-Arya and Lani Eisner

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S FUND

The Children's Fund of Edison/HP was established in memory of Dina Eisner (Dina Yehudis bas Dovid Yehuda HaCohen) A"H, whose 10th yahrzeit is now approaching. We're pleased to report that since the fund was established, over \$100,000 have been granted to enable local children to receive tutoring, therapies, camp and Israel subsidies, as well as other necessities above and beyond what the recipient families could afford. We have achieved this milestone through direct contributions to the fund as well as through our various fund-raising initiatives. Continuing fund-raising initiatives include our popular Tablecloth gemach, Purim Cards, Tribute Cards, and Simcha

Tefillos booklets. Please consider giving an "end of 2010" tax-deductible donation to the Children's Fund. Address is 111 Washington Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904. Additional information can be obtained by calling Shoshana Diskind (732- 572-7755), Tova Josefovitz (732-572-9432), Minah Kamin (732-819-0923) or Janice Lustiger (732-819-4919). Tizku L'mitzvos.

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.

ONEG SHABBAT WITH THE MEKOR CHAIM/STEINSALTZ AMBASSADORS

Come join all seven Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors from NJ, DC and Arizona this Shabbat night, Jan 1st, 8:30PM, at the Greene residence, 38 South Fourth Ave., for an inspirational Oneg Shabbat.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum is sponsoring a free lecture by Rabbi Yehuda Sarna and Mrs. Michelle Waldman Sarna on motzei shabbat, January 8, 2011, 8 PM, at Ohr Torah. The Sarnas will speak on the topic of The Orthodox Community and the New College Experience.

YESHIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 16 - 91 Jefferson Boulevard, Edison. Come see for yourself how our Montessori yeshiva is right for your child by exploring our classrooms, using our materials, and watching our children at work. Full school tours, toddler through sixth grade, offered 1:00-3:30 and 2:00-4:30. If you would like to visit only one particular grade level, please call or e-mail our office: 732-985-4626 or office@netivotmontessori.com. RSVP's much appreciated. Walk-ins welcome. Child care provided on site.

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 Rd, Edison. For more info, please see the web site: <http://www.kerenkolkallah.webs.com/> Or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net.

ACTT MODULE BOOSTER EVENT

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 on Motzei Shabbos, January 29, 2011 at 9PM at Cong Ahavas Achim. This brand new module will start on Jan 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

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info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

RPRY SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday January 9, 2011 at RPRY 2 Harrison Street, Edison. Tu'bShevat program....planting, storytelling, Singing and much more. For more info, to sign up or schedule a tour contact Stacey Rockman at 732-572-5052 ext 215.

TU'BSHEVAT SEDER

Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah and Raritan Valley Young Women Hadassah, L'Dor V'Dor Tu B'Shevot Seder, Wednesday, [January 18](#), from [7:30 – 8:30 PM](#) at the Highland Park Senior Center, 220 South Sixth Avenue. Debbie Gerber will lead a very festive and educational Tu b'Shevot seder, celebrating the fruits and nuts of Israel. Couvert \$5. For more info or to RSVP, email YWHadassahEvents@yahoo.com, contact Celeste at [732-236-8486](tel:732-236-8486) or Marnie at [732-816-4712](tel:732-816-4712). Members, non-members, and families are welcome to attend!

HADASSAH REGION BOARD MEETING

All members, associates, and guests are invited to join us for our Mid-Winter REGION BOARD MEETING on [Sunday, February 6, at the](#) The Pines Manor, [2085 Highway 27](#) (Lincoln Highway), Edison, NJ. 9:45 AM (registration and coffee) Come meet our new Center Chair, Donna Gerson, and participate in our exciting Program, The Power of Reinvention led by Dr. Yona Nelson-Shulman Corporate Training and Development Consultant. Couvert \$34 which includes dairy lunch buffet. Please send your check for \$34 to the Region Office (Hadassah, Southern New Jersey Region, [3301C Highway 66, Neptune, NJ 07753](#)) by [January 27, 2011](#).

Life and Associate Memberships ON SALE
The Perfect Gift In honor of the 100th year of Hadassah During 2011, a life membership will cost just \$100, a saving of \$260. Please take advantage of this great offer as soon as 2011 comes around by contacting Rose Reiss at [732-828-7415](tel:732-828-7415) or rposes@verizon.net or Hadassah directly. Don't forget — your check must be dated in 2011. Those of you who are already life members may want to purchase life or associate memberships for your children and grandchildren.

RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH BOOK GROUP

Our book group is reading The Pity of It All, by Amos Elon. Our next meeting is on [Sunday, January 23 at 7:30 PM](#). For meeting place or further information, please call Gustine Matt at [732-545-3147](tel:732-545-3147).

Raritan Valley Hadassah Knitting Groups
Our knitters have been so busy that the chapter was able to deliver hats to the Cancer Institute, the Bristol Myers Squibb Children's Hospital and St. Peter's University Hospital. Our Chix with Stix knitting group will meet on [Wednesday, January 19, at 8:15 PM](#). For details, please call Natalie Herbin at [732-339-8492](tel:732-339-8492). If you would like to join in this worthwhile project by knitting at home, call Tillie Pass at [732-572-0753](tel:732-572-0753).

Hadassah 2011 Education Symposium: Israel: The Power of a Nation
Join Hadasah for a celebration of Israel's

innovations in technology, design, culture, food, fashion, and more! The Education Symposium will meet on [Wednesday, April 6](#), at the Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, NJ.
Raritan Valley Hadassah Morning Walking Groups
For brisk walkers – Join us any [Tuesday morning](#) for a brisk 3-mile walk around Highland Park. We start promptly at [7:45 a.m.](#), at the Highland Park post office on Raritan Ave. For more info, or to RSVP so we know to look for you at the post office, please contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or rachel@weintraubworld.net.
For leisurely strollers – If you prefer a leisurely stroll, join our walking group at Donaldson Park for a relaxed walk Wednesday mornings at [10am](#). Call Leah Silver at [732-249-4321](tel:732-249-4321) for a ride to Donaldson Park.

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, Jan 16, at 11am. at a private Highland Park area home. 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 also do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or rachel@weintraubworld.net.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, Jan 2, 2011 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. There will not be class on Monday evening, Jan 3. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel 732-572-4408

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

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, January 5 at 9:15 AM at the home of Ricki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Shemos.

-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 reuafah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or EJPartyworks@aol.com.

-The Irgun Shiurai Torah Worldwide Shovavim Project Lecture presents a shiur for women focusing on the hashkafos related to Taharas Hamishpacha on January 11, 2011 at 8 pm at Ohav Emeth featuring Rebbetzin Eichenstein.

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, Jan 31, 2011 to raise awareness. My objective is to raise \$10,000 by race day and I hope you will help me reach this goal. All donations are 100% tax deductible. 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 me 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.

HIGHLAND PARK KOLLEL

The Highland Park Community Kollel is pleased to invite the entire Community to the 3rd Annual Kollel Breakfast, which will iy'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah Sunday Morning, January 9th 2011 at 9:30am.

The Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Yaakov Luban of Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison.

For further information, please contact the Breakfast Chairman, Mr. Mordechai Brill at (732) 266-2971 or mordb@msn.com.

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 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

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 Bo	
Candlelighting	4:28 PM
Mincha	4:35 PM

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