



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Vayak'hel*

*22 Adar I 5771*

*February 26, 2011*

<b>Shabbos Candlelighting:</b>	<b>5:26PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>5:35PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 &amp; 9:15 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:23AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 4:30 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 5:20 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Asher Dworetzky</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9AM</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05, 8AM</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05, 8AM</b>
<b>Tues. Weds, Fri</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>5:35PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv</b> <b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>	
<i>.Rabbi Luban's Hailos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM</i>	
<b>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
Shabbos 8:15 AM and after Hashkama Minyan	
Friday night after Maariv. Sunday morning after 8 AM Minyan. Weekdays after 7:30 Maariv	

### 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 come up and introduce yourself.

### KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 [ludeej@gmail.com](mailto:ludeej@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 Susie and Barry Wolf on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos of Shoshie and Asher Dworetzky. Mazel Tov to sisters Rachel, Lizie, and Tani, and to grandparents Rabbi and Mrs. Poleyeff.

### KIDDUSH and SHALOSH SEUDOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Susie and Barry Wolf in honor of the Shabbos Sheva Brachos for Shoshie and Asher Dworetzky.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Leila Guzman's parents Ruth & Harry Fenichel Z"L

-Jonas and Clara Waizer in memory of Marc Hanfling and Rozzie Slepoy's mother Mirla Hanfling Z"L

-Rochelle & Peter Kassai in memory of Susan Borger's mother Paula Zeisel Z"L

### SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 27 from 10 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags.

Coordinator: Barry Siegel, [siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net)

Clothing Drive: 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.

Seforim sale: 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.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ORTHODOX FORUM

On Motzei Shabbat March 5, 8:30 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park, presents Rabbi Dr. Barry Freundel on the topic: "Modern Orthodoxy at the Crossroads". Rabbi Dr. Freundel is the spiritual leader of Keshet Israel: The Georgetown Synagogue. He received his smicha from Yeshiva University and his PhD from Baltimore Hebrew University where he serves as an Assistant Professor of Rabbinics. Rabbi Dr. Freundel heads the conversion committee of the Rabbinical Council of America.

The program will be chaired by Mrs. Marcia Levinson. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more information, please email [hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com](mailto:hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com).

#### MISHMAR

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 8:00. Please bring your own

seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

### ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The ACTT web-site contains the audio of the shiurim from the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

### FILM SCREENING

One film that must be seen ... IRANIUM Sunday, March 13th at 7pm at EBJC. Iranium is about the history of the current leadership in Iran, their involvement in international terror and domestic oppression, and the regime's efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. It will be followed by discussion with former U.S. Ambassador to the E.U. Kristin Silverberg. Sunday, March 13th, 7pm, East Brunswick Jewish Center, 511 Ryders Lane, E. Brunswick. \$10. (Students are welcome, no Charge.) Refreshments served.

### PURIM CARDS AVAILABLE FROM CHILDREN'S FUND

Newly designed Purim Mishloach Manot Cards are available for purchase for \$2.00 each from the Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale support a very worthy local charity. To obtain the cards, send e-mail to [childrensfundhp@gmail.com](mailto:childrensfundhp@gmail.com) or contact: Tova Josefovitz (732) 572-9432 or Janice Lustiger - (732) 819-4919. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

### BIKUR CHOLIM OF RV ANNUAL EVENT

The Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley cordially invites you to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Event on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the evening at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. The guest speaker is Rabbi Benjamin Yudin, spiritual leader of Congregation Shomrei Torah in Fair Lawn, NJ and a noted educator and lecturer. A buffet dinner will be served. Invitations have been mailed. If you did not receive an invitation or if you are not on our mailing list and would like to be included, please call 732-572-7181.

### 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](mailto:volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org). Hotline number: 1-732-572-7181

### EMUNAH'S ANNUAL ART AUCTION

EMUNAH's annual art auction will take place this Saturday Night, February 26, 2011 at Cong. Ohr Torah. Enjoy an entertaining evening out and take home competitively priced art. Many Jewish-themed art pieces at all price levels will be available. Dinner buffet at 8 pm for donors of \$18 per person or more (\$36, \$50, \$75, \$100). Doors open for general admission (\$5) at 8:30 pm,

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auction starts 9 pm. Refreshments, door prize, raffle. Make your reservations now – send check payable to EMUNAH to Sharon Hirt, 10 Olden Rd, Edison, NJ 08817. Questions call 732-777-0462.

### **PARLOR MEETING**

On Sunday, March 13th at 11:00AM, there will be a parlor meeting at the home of Rifky and Jack Atkin, 16 Hamlin Road, Edison, to welcome Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, Executive Director and Founder of Nefesh B'Nefesh. Rabbi Fass will describe the organization's Lone Soldier Program. Each year, approximately 400 soldiers ("chayalim bodedim") come to Israel entirely alone and commit to the full three year army service as the beginning of their Aliyah experience. Please join us on March 13th and help show your support for these brave soldiers. A light brunch will be served. For further information, please contact Rifky and Jack Atkin or Riki and Robert Kreitman.

### **YIEB – NEW SEFER TORAH**

The Young Israel of East Brunswick community invites you and your family to participate in the writing of a new Sefer Torah, in loving memory of our dear friend and member, Taly Cohen a"n.

Please RSVP if you're able to attend the Hachnasat Sefer Torah on March 6th at 10 am to talytorahdedication@yieb.org.

### **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).

### **AHAVAS ACHIM ANNUAL DINNER**

Cong. Ahavas Achim will be holding its 122nd Annual Dinner on Saturday night, March 12, 2011 at 8:30PM at Ahavas Achim. The guests of honor this year are our associate members, Lori and Jonathan Caplan. The young leadership award will be given to Cheryl and Michael Kornfeld, the children of our members, Marion and David Kornfeld. For further info, please call the AA office at (732) 247-0532.

There will be a special tribute in the dinner journal in memory of Imre Lefkovits z"l (father of Susie Wiesel) and Ernest Gottdiener z"l (father of Susie Raymon). For further information on participating in this tribute please contact Josh Caplan before the end of this weekend at (732) 572-5991 or by e-mail (jcaplan0264@aol.com) as the ad deadline is fast approaching.

### **POILE ZEDEK ANNUAL DINNER**

Poile Zedek will be holding their annual dinner at the Regency in Somerset NJ on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Reception is at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6:30pm. Couvert is \$160.00 per person. The Dinner is dedicated to the memory of Harry Shopowich, z"l. Guest of honor is Dora Shopowich. Keter Tov Award honorees are Morton and Judith Evans, Chesed Shel Emet Award is Kevin Leff and Bedek Habayit Award is Moshe Kreydi, David Shparber. The journal deadline is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Various ads are available. Fax all ads to 732-545-0394 or email to admin @poilezedek.org. Please make all checks payable to Cong. Poile Zedek

### **RPRY ANNUAL DINNER**

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva Annual dinner will take place this Sunday evening February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel In Somerset NJ. The guests of honor at this year's dinner will be Rochelle & Ralph Dessau And Debbie & Milton Erdfarb. Mr. Nachum Sorkin, who will be receiving a lifetime

achievement award in recognition of his more than twenty years of devoted service to RPRY. In Addition, the RPRY Class Of 1990 Will Be Celebrating 20 Years Since Their Graduation. a special tribute to the members of that class will be presented at the dinner.

Reservations will be accepted until february 22<sup>nd</sup>. forms are available on [WWW.RPRY.ORG](http://WWW.RPRY.ORG)

### **KOLLEL AMERICA BENEFIT**

SAVE THE DATE, Motzei Shabbos March 5, for a gala Melave Malka and Chinese Auction event to benefit Kollel America, the American charity of Rav Meir Baal HaNess, an organization assisting American olim in Israel. The event will take place at Ohr Torah. Entrance is \$15/person which includes a \$10 raffle ticket or \$25/couple which includes a \$15 ticket. The door opens at 8:15pm. The auction begins at 10:15pm. For more info, please contact Chani at 732-985-1866.

### **NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON**

Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Wash DC, Wed. April 6. Register online at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Marc Hanfling, Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Eli Borger

### **KHAL CHASSIDIM OF H.P. ANNUAL MELAVE MALKA**

Rabbi and Mrs. Horowitz invite the community to hear educator and author Rabbi Hanoch Teller at the Khal Chassidim of Highland Park Annual Malava Malka Event, This Motzei Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel, February 26th at 8pm at Congregation Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St.

### **WINE & CHEESE TASTING EVENT**

Motzei Shabbat Saturday evening, March 12th at 8:30 pm at Cong Etz Ahaim 230 Denison St. Featuring the fine wines of Royal Wine Corp. (OU) and the hand-made artisanal cheeses of 5 Spoke Creamery (Kof-K). The tasting will be led by Jay Buchsbaum, International Director of Fine Wine Education at Royal Wine. Cost is \$13 per person /\$20 per couple if paid by March 2nd and \$18 per person/\$30 per couple afterwards. Please note that no one under 21 will be admitted. Make checks payable to Congregation Etz Ahaim (include the number of people attending) or place reservations online at [www.etzahaim.org/tasting](http://www.etzahaim.org/tasting). Please contact Richard Shakarchi at rjshak@yahoo.com.

### **EMUNAH PURIM CARDS**

EMUNAH Purim cards are now available. Purchase cards at the EMUNAH art auction on February 26 or by contacting Sharon Hirt: 732-777-0462 or [Sharon.Hirt@Pfizer.com](mailto:Sharon.Hirt@Pfizer.com) \$2.00/card

### **CHUG IVRIT**

For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

### **WOMEN'S GROUPS**

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, February 27 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. There will not be class on Monday evening, February 28. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 [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 NOT meet this week.

- Sunday, Feb 27 at 8:30 PM, Miri Cohen will be speaking about Purim at the Degani house, 10

Cleveland Ave, Highland Park. All women are invited to attend. The lecture is being given l'zecher nishmas Yehudis Rivka bas Sima.

-The Women's AMEN Group will meet on Sunday at 9:30 AM at the home of Rebecca Rivkin, 1 Opatut Court, Edison. To participate in challah baking or saying Shir Hashirim in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or [EJPartyworks@aol.com](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com).

-Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Girls' School is proud to present their 7th-8th grade play entitled HINDSIGHT on Sunday, March 6, 2011. The performance will be held at the Piscataway HS at 100 Behmer St in Piscataway and is open to Women & Girls Only. Tickets are \$12/\$15 for advance tickets or \$15/\$18 at the door. Sponsorships are available as well. For more info, call Mrs. Esther Komet at 732-339-0677.

- The Irgun Shiurai Torah Worldwide Shovavim Project Lecture presents a shiur for women, featuring Rebbetzin Eichenstein, focusing on the halachos related to Taharas Hamishpacha this Monday, Feb 28, at 8 pm at Ohav Emeth.

- Looking for a group of women to bake challah this Erev Shabbos in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Rav Chaim Zev Ben Etel Chaya, amush. If you are able to bake for this coming Shabbos or any future Shabbosim, please email me at [EJSberman@yahoo.com](mailto:EJSberman@yahoo.com). Please daven for Rav Chaim Zev Ben Etel Chaya when you knead your dough and keep him in mind when you separate your challah.

### **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](mailto: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 Pekudeil	
Candlelighting	5:34 PM
Mincha	5:40 PM

### **VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!**

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**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.

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