



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Vayeira

15 Chesvan 5772

November 12, 2011

Candlelighting: 4:25 PM
Mincha: 4:35 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:10 AM
Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur – 3:30 PM

Mincha: 1:45 & 4:20 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Effie Kleinberg
Maariv: 5:30 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8:00, 9 AM
Mon. & Thur 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed, & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:25 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Monday night Sheilos U'tshuvos Shiur is at 9:10PM. Topic: Trading Terrorists for Hostages (cont.)
Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM
Daf Yomi Schedule
 Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis. Mon.-Thurs.-after 7:30 PM Maariv. Friday-after Maariv. Shabbos-8:15 AM or after Hashkama.
 The Daf yomi will be starting a new Masechta, Maseches Bechoros, on Wednesday, Nov. 16. It is a relatively short Masechta which can be completed in around 2 months. This is an ideal time to start Daf Yomi.

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. 19th & 26th and Dec. 10th, 24th & 31st. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or 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.

MAZEL TOV
 ... to Marion and David Kornfeld on Meir's Aufruf this Shabbos and his forthcoming marriage to Chaya Alt. Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Reuven Alt and to the grandmother Mrs. Maimon.
 ... to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the engagement of their daughter Shana to Chananya Kopciel of Monsey. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Mr. Hersz Hanfling and Mrs. Ellen Schochet and to the Slepoy family.
 ... to Debbie And Moshe Schneider on the Shabbos Sheva Brochos of their children Chaya and Yaakov Schneider. Mazel Tov to Chaya's parents Louis and Sarah Leder, and the entire Leder, Bassiur, Libin and Schneider families.

KIDDUSH
 Kiddush this Shabbos is being sponsored by Marion and David Kornfeld in honor of Meir's Aufruf.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Shalosh Seudos this week is being co-sponsored by:
 - Esther and Michael Reiss in memory of Michael's Mother, Tamar Bat Pinchas.
 - Marion and David Kornfeld in honor of Meir's Aufruf.

WOMEN'S SHIUR
 There will be a women's shiur by our Rabbinic intern, Rav Effie Kleinberg, this Shabbat, November 12, at 3:15 PM at the home of Effy and Devora Zinkin, 487 Harrison Ave. The Shiur is entitled "Jewish Heroism – Living With Consistency".

UPCOMING SHUL ELECTIONS
 The Initial Slate of Officers and Members of the Governing Board has been posted on the shul web site. Please contact Evan Abrahams, Brian Allen, Arthur Atlas, Moshe Schneider or Shelly Schoenfeld if, after reviewing the list of nominees, you would like to nominate any member or be nominated for any position. All members in "good standing" may be nominated. Nominations should be made by no later than midnight, Monday, November 14th.

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS
 Ohr Torah Youth are headed to the Arenas at Woodbridge (formerly United Skates of America) on Motzei Shabbat Nov. 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 ½ hours use of roller skating/blading rink, roller skate or blade rentals and snacks/drinks at facility. Children who own their own skates are encouraged to bring them as rentals will be limited. Questions...contact Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net <<mailto:marcberg@verizon.net>>.

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 will be mailed shortly and we look forward to the full participation of our membership at this important event.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
 Please mark your calendars. Dr. Nathan Aviezer will be a scholar-in-residence at Congregation Ohr Torah next week, Parshas Chayei Sarah, November 19th.

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, no later than Sunday, November 27, 2011.

SEFORIM DONATIONS
 Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Sharon's father Meyer Cooperberg Z"L
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Sharon's uncle William Markowitz Z"L
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Sharon's aunt Eileen Henzel Z"L
 -Chaya Gurkov in memory of her parents Michel & Chana Briana Gordon Z"L

SIYUM HASHAS
 All those who would like to attend the Siyum Hashas on August 1, 2012, please contact Yussi Strauch by this Sunday, Nov. 13. This is a REAL DEADLINE.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FORUM SPECIAL SHABBAT PROGRAM
 Dr. Alan Kadish to Visit HP/Edison.
 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 this Shabbat, 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

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Congregation Ohr Torah, "How to Pass a Test - Akeidah 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. High school students are also invited to meet Dr. Kadish and learn more about Touro College.

MISHMAR

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

OU JOB BOARD

The OU Job Board is proud to announce the official opening of it's new updated website at www.oujobs.org. Please if you have not yet seen the new page, go to www.oujobs.org to sign up now! As usual, everything is No Charge and easy to use. So if you are looking for a job or looking for an employee, the OU Job Board is the place to be. Michael Srulie Rosner.

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

This Shabbos, Parshas Vayera, is Bikur Cholim Awareness Shabbos.

- Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley will be having its annual Eli and Frieda Stern Memorial Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, November 13 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM at Congregation Ohav Emeth. Everyone in the community is invited to join us in honoring the Volunteer Recruitment committee: Elise Berlin, Chaya Reinitz, and Ronnie Shilcrat. Admission is free. Reservations are not required. For more info, please call Diana Hakakian 732-983-2686.

-Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley has a new website address www.bikurcholimrv.org and a new email address volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org

TABC PARLOR MEETING

Torah Academy of Bergen County (TABC) invites all interested 8th grade boys and their parents to join Rabbi Yosef Adler, Rosh HaYeshiva, and Ms. Donna Hoenig, Director of Admissions for an informal discussion of their Yeshiva High School. The parlor meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 15, at 8:00 PM at the Griboff home, 19 Hamlin Road in Edison. For further information please contact the school at 201-837-7696 or the Griboff's at 732-339-9493.

RPRY PTA

RPRY PTA presents Game Night. Kids, grab your parents and come join the fun as we play some great games. Saturday night November 19th 6:30pm at RPRY. Great gift ideas for Chanukah.

2ND ANNUAL GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH

LEARNING

The entire community is invited to join the Aleph Society, and Jews all over the world, in a day of learning. Subject: "The Sh'ma." Sunday, November 13th, 11 - 12:30, generously hosted, again, at RPRY. Bring the whole family. Children's program for 3-8 year olds. For more info. Call Leslie Ostrin at [848-248-2884](tel:848-248-2884), or go to theglobalday.com.

EMUNAH

Register now for a how-to demonstration of a complete multi-course meat meal in the home of the gifted cook Sharon Starr Heyden, 159 North 8

Avenue at only \$18 per person, benefitting EMUNAH projects in Israel. Nov 13, Sunday night at 7:30 pm. Reserve by e-mailing Barbara Kessel at mayd149@aol.com or calling Sharon Hirt at 732-777-0462 to assure your place and allow us to prepare enough dinner for everyone. This is a delicious way to support our needy clientele with dignity and fellowship.

MOSSAD HARAV KOOK

R. Shizgal, executive director of Mossad Harav Kook will be in our community on Monday, Nov.14, at 7:30 PM at the home of Debbie and Bill Gewirtz, 15 Celler Road. Please support this important institution that continues to publish important works of Jewish scholarship. Donations at various levels help support the institution and build your seforim library.

KEREN KOL KALLAH

Keren Kol Kallah is in desperate need of more sheitels for their annual sheitel sale. Please join us in this wonderful mitzvah and help make this year's sheitel sale a success! Please contact Aviva at sieglmom@optonline.net

ACTT

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". Location: Congregation Etz Ahaim. For more information, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

CHOFETZ CHAIM HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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. For more information, please contact Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.

MTJ ANNUAL MELAVE MALKA

The annual Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem Melave Malka will be held on Motzei Shabbat, Nov 19, 2011 8PM 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. For information and reservations please call Shimon Jakobovic at (732) 246-1037.

AMEN GROUP

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 Etsel Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or EJPartyworks@aol.com.

HADASSAH

The November 15 meeting of the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah will have a Thanksgiving-oriented theme: The program will feature three immigrants who lived through dramatic episodes in Jewish history: Ruth Bickhardt, who came from Germany on the ill-fated *S.S. St. Louis*; Martha Davidovich, who came from Romania and was welcomed by a local family; and Behzad

Hakakian, who came from Iran during the Islamic Revolution, will tell their stories.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. at the Highland Park Conservative Temple, and light refreshments will be served.

NCSY

NCSY will be having another ONEG on Friday night next shabbos. Details will follow, so watch out for updates on Facebook and in next weeks announcements. For questions, feel free to call Ari Neuman at 732 672 5214. Or email him at Yaneuman58@gmail.com.

It is far off, but time flies when you are having fun, so save the dates from December 15th-18th for Winter Regional. More information will follow in the weeks to come.

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 for further info or to reserve a donation slot. Thank you in advance.

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-NEW HOURS

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open from 8:30-10:30pm Saturday-Thursday, BEGINNING November 6th. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. 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.

Parshas Chayei Sarah	
Candlelighting	4:20 PM
Mincha	4:30 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) **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.

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.