



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Tazria

29 Adar II 5768

April 5, 2008

Candlelighting: 7:07PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos: 7:15 PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama

Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:47AM

Early Mincha: 1:45 PM

Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 5:55 PM

Mincha: 6:40 PM

Please note earlier Mincha start time to accommodate the Scholar in Residence

*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Moshe Taragin
Scholar in Residence*

Maariv: 8:10 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun (Rosh Chodesh) 7:05, 8 & 9 AM

Mon., Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM

Tue., Wed, Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:15 PM

Weekday Maariv: 10:10 PM

*Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur
Monday 9:10 PM*

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Monday – Thur: After Maariv, Fri: After 1ST

Minyan, Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha

Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

The Gabbaim request that all Kaddish sayers gather around the Bimah. This will allow kaddish to be said out loud and answered in unison as befits the sanctity of Kaddish. Thank you for your cooperation.

BARUCH HABAH

Ohr Torah would like to welcome newcomers, visitors and guests who are joining us. If our President, Allen Kessel 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 April 5th & 12th. 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 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Gail and William Bogner on the wedding this Sunday of Dina to Daniel Heiss.

...to Suri and Heshy Granek on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos for Leah and Elie Kurtz.

...to Adrienne and Aviv Orani on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos this week for Maya and Elchonon Juritsky.

...to Janice and Arnie Lustiger for being honored by RJJ at their dinner this Sunday.

...Susan and Hillel Raymon on the marriage of their daughter Yael to Shai Stahl of Brooklyn, this coming week. Mazel Tov to her grandmother, Rebbetzin Raymon.

... Debbie and Alex Diamant on the birth of a daughter Esther Leah, to their children Leora and Zevi Spitz.

KIDDUSH

Suri and Heshy Granek are sponsoring Kiddush this week in honor of the Sheva Brachos of Leah and Elie Kurtz.

SELLING CHOMETZ

Rabbi Luban will be available to sell chometz starting this Sunday morning.

WOMEN'S HAGGADAH SHIUR & TEA

Congregation Ohr Torah Sisterhood cordially invites you to a Women's Haggadah Shiur and Tea. Barbara Kessel, Riki Kreitman, and others from our community will share Haggadah insights that can be retold at your own Seder! Please join us on Shabbos, April 12 at the home of Penny Kaplan, 6 Opatut Court. Edison, 4:30 PM Please RSVP by Tues., April 8 via email to Shelley.Schoenfeld@CMPMedica.com or call 732-572-5808.

PESACH WINE ORDER

You should have received the Ohr Torah Pesach wine order list. Please order all your Pesach and all year around wine needs through this service. All orders benefit Congregation Ohr Torah. For further information, please see Terry Walzman.

Scholar in Residence

Cong. Ohr Torah will be hosting Rabbi Moshe Taragin, RAM at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Gush Etzion, as a Scholar in Residence, this Shabbos. He will present the drasha at the main minyan on Shabbos, a shiur for college age students in shul before Mincha, and will speak after Shalosh Seudos. Please consult the flyers for more detail

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

On Sunday evening April 6th Ohr Torah will take a NJ Transit train to New York City to the NY Knicks vs Orlando Magic basketball game (Grades 3 - 8). We will be meeting at the Edison Train Station starting at 5:20 PM...train departs at 5:38 PM! We will return back to the Edison Train Station at

10:45 PM. The cost is \$30 and ONLY 30 seats are available...first come first serve! Snacks will be provided. Advance reservations are required.

-The Ohr Torah Youth Program is having their annual fundraiser for Kids Opening Weekend at Shea featuring the NY Mets vs Milwaukee Brewers baseball game on Sunday April 13th. Game time is at 1:10 PM. All tickets are \$10 for Upper Reserved seats! You will need to provide your own transportation. Please contact Lyndon Goldsmith or Mayer Berg if you are interested in purchasing tickets. Please register by emailing Mayer Berg at mgberg@optonline.net or by phone at (732) 572-3429.

Dear Rabbi Luban,

I just want to give you some feedback about my impression from shul this weekend. I haven't been to the "upstairs" main minyan in a number of years on Shabbos morning, and actually planned to daven at hashkama until the family asked that we all daven together. I must say however that I was wonderfully surprised at the great strides that the shul has made with regard to decorum in davening. I don't know if it's easy or hard to tell the difference when you're there every week, but to me the difference was striking, both during leining and also mussaf. In addition, I thought that the idea that a baal habus got up and spoke was very powerful. I give you and your decorum committee kudos for the energy and effort that goes into this long-term effort to change the culture of davening.

Again, thanks for the warm welcome, and I look forward to seeing you again soon,
Fondly,

Reuven Spolter
Rabbi, Young Israel of Oak Park (MI)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLAND PARK SHAATNEZ LAB

We are pleased to announce that the Highland Park Shaatnez Lab under the direction of Moshe Eisner operates at the following times:
Wednesday evenings -- 8:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
Sunday mornings -- 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
The drop-off for clothing to be tested is at the Agudah 1st Floor (bear right in the lobby to the classroom past the elevator).

JEWISH FEDERATION

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County (our local Federation) is sponsoring the following events, in honor of Israel's 60th anniversary: On Thursday, May 8 at 8PM - a lecture by Prof. Alan Dershowitz at the Nicholas Music Center in New Brunswick. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available in the OE office, as well as Trio Gifts on Raritan Avenue, and the Federation Office.

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is in the Beis Medrash Chazzon's shulchan.
PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

On Thursday, May 22 at 7:45 PM – a musical celebration at the State Theater in New Brunswick. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance. Contact Abby Hochhauser or the Jewish Federation office.

Sunday, June 1 - Support the Salute to Israel Parade in NYC either by marching or as a spectator. All shul members are invited to march with the Middlesex County contingent. Pre-registration is required in order to march. Among those marching with our Federation will be MAYHS, RPRY, Young Israel of E. Brunswick, Solomon Schechter of E. Brunswick, the East Brunswick Jewish Center, and many other local Jewish organizations. Please come and show your support and be counted – participants are counted by our legislators and others. For more information, contact Abby Hochhauser (abby.hochhauser@gmail.com) or the Federation Office (732-432-7711).

OHAV EMETH

You may join PART 2 of Toras Chaim Hashkafa and Kiruv Training Program, a 3-part course combining the ability to explain Judaism's relevance and beauty with "hands-on" kiruv experience. Develop awareness and tools for kiruv r'chokim /and / chizuk k'rovim. Co-sponsored by Project Inspire and Congregation Ohav Emeth at OE, April 6, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Cost: \$25. For *Late* Registration, please call 212-391-6710, ext. 23 or e-mail mtropp@aish.com.

EMUNAH NEWS

Have you ordered your Mother's Day gift? Mother's Day is May 11th - 2 weeks after Pesach! Achva Chapter of EMUNAH will be offering a delicious assortment of non-perishable breakfast items and gifts for local delivery on Mother's Day morning...or surprise your out-of-town loved ones with a beautiful gift basket. Chalav Yisrael available upon request. Please call Pauline Mykoff at 732-572-0457 for further details and to place your order. Your generosity and support will bring joy to your loved ones and make a much-needed contribution to EMUNAH.

PRE-PESACH RPRY PTA COOKING DEMO

RPRY PTA is featuring on Tuesday Night April 8th Emily Kline a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, experienced chef from top NY restaurants, Napa Valley and the Piedmont region of Italy. She will be demonstrating and preparing pesach foods for tasting. Cost is \$25 in advance \$30 at the door. To RSVP and for more info, contact Ida Schiner 732 247-3073

CHARITY FOOD COLLECTION

Looking for a place to give your leftover shaloch manos? Are you trying to get rid of your chametz? We will gladly collect the food to distribute to needy families. Closed packages only; no homemade goods. Drop off location: Bodlander home, 134 North 10th Avenue. For more information, please call Nitza Bodlander (732) 339-0908 or Rikki Samel (732) 249-5116.

CLOTHING DRIVE

A clothing drive will take place Be'ezras Hashem on April 6th, 10 AM until 4 PM at 236 Highland Avenue (near Marshall) in Edison. Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only and bring in tied garbage bags. Everything will be picked up by Yad Leah & distributed throughout Israel. Receipts will be available. The following will also be accepted: linens, tablecloths, handbags, cosmetics & hair accessories. If anyone is able to

defray the cost of shipping & processing, money donations would be greatly appreciated (Suggested \$18). If anyone is available, including our young people who may be looking for chesed opportunities, to assist at the collection site, please advise. This is a tremendous opportunity to help our brothers & sisters in Israel and assist you in your pre-Pesach activities. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Mordy Brill at 732-819-8351 or e-mail at mordb@msn.com <mailto:mordb@msn.com> Tizku Lemitzvos

HEALTHY EATING

Dear Community members, friends and colleagues!!!

Please come and hear Joanne speak again about the importance of healthy eating for you and for your family. Especially now that Pesach is almost here and Spring is upon us, we need to focus on our health and spirit!!! Please come and hear how "fixable" your eating habits can be with a little focus on the positive!!!

We hope to see you on the 6th of April, Sunday from 7pm to 8pm at RPRY in the Beit Midrash. Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva Cindy Boda C.P.T. Fit for Life

PESACH FOOD DRIVE

JFVS (Jewish Family & Vocational Services of Middlesex County) Pantry Needs Your Help- Each week JFVS provides needy families throughout the community with non-perishable food from the JFVS Emergency Food Pantry. With the holidays upon us, the pantry shelves are almost bare. A list of the needed items are in the magazine rack. Please bring your donations to JFVS, 200 Metroplex Drive, suite 200, Edison NJ. For more information, please don't hesitate to call JFVS at 732-777-1940.

SENIOR NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hey Everyone! Its that time of year again. A time of fun and excitement, a time of no crumbs. A time for flipping upside down and waiting on lines! That's right people its SIX FLAGS TIME!! We will be leaving on April 22nd at 9AM from RPRY, and returning to RPRY by 8PM. The cost for this trip is \$45 if signed up and paid by April 14th, and \$50 after April 14th. Unfortunately, because almost 100 people signed up for Hershey, we will need to know who is coming before the morning we leave. Also, as the school year comes to a close please get SPRING REGIONAL on your minds! Registration will start before you know it. We need EVERYONE there since this year, there is no doubt we will win CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!!! For more info please call: Avi Eserner (732) 718-4786 Shira Lankin (732)-406-3844 Zahava Singer (732)-421-4559

NORPAC UPDATE

NORPAC Mission to Washington- Strengthen the American-Israel relationship in Congress. Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Wash DC, Wed. May 21st. Buses leave for Washington at 6:15 am from Edison and Highland Park, NJ. Buses return between 9-10 PM. There will be briefings on each bus. Register online at www.NORPAC.net or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Elie Borger, or Marc Hanfling (docdad@aol.com).

JR. NCSY ACTIVITIES

Highland Park Jr. NCSY will be having an Oneg this Shabbos Parshat Tazria, April 5, from 4:00 - 5:15 PM at Yakira Gerzberg's House, 446 Harrison

Ave, Highland Park. All 6th 7th & 8th graders are invited. We hope to see you there.

The NCSY Pesach Spectacular at Great Adventure is Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Information on tickets for NCSY'ers recently went out in the mail. The cost for tickets are \$30 if purchased by April 14. \$36 from April 15 - April 22. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.njncsy.com>. We will be providing a bus for Jr. NCSY'ers ONLY. The bus will be leaving from RPRY at 9:00 am and returning at 7:00 PM. The cost for the JR. bus is \$15. If you would like to sponsor an event or drop-in-zone, please contact Moshe or Phili. Also if you have not signed up for membership yet, you can sign up online. Membership is mandatory to attend any shabbaton but not an event. For more info please call Phili Hernandez at 609-647-6842 or Moshe Stern at 732-777-1325 or check us out online at <http://www.njncsy.com/>

RJJ HALACHA SERIES

Halachos of Shabbos by Rabbi Zvi Goldman on 9:15 AM Sundays at RJJ, 1 Plainfield Ave.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S

WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzin Eichenstein's Navi and Parsha classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickenstern@yahoo.com
MRS. MIRI COHEN'S LADIES PARSHA CLASS
Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613 or Chana Weinstein 732-572-0471.

WOMEN & GIRLS DANCE CLASSES

A new session of Israeli and Simcha dance classes is starting. Separate classes for women and girls. For more information, please call Rikki Samel at 732-249-5116.

PARK MIKVAH

PARK MIKVAH HOURS-
Sunday-Thursday evenings: 9pm-11pm. Friday nights. Yom Tov is by appointment only. Call 732-249-2411. Saturday nights in MARCH, the mikvah opens at 9pm. YOU MUST ARRIVE AND LEAVE DURING REGULAR MIKVAH HOURS. Fee \$15. Out of Hours: an additional \$20 fee. Please note the change in wording. Thanks. Shayna Prupis 732-572-3276

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

For info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansley at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Metzoria

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| • Candlelighting | 7:15 PM |
| • Mincha | 7:25 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.

Congregation Ohr Torah Building Items Dedications UPDATE

Building	\$500,000	
Sanctuary	\$250,000	Dedicated
Kiddush Room	\$200,000	
Main Upstairs Lobby	\$175,000	Dedicated
Kitchen	\$50,000	
Menorah Shaped Window - Sanctuary	\$36,000	Dedicated
Yomim Noraim Paroches - Sanctuary	\$30,000	
Bein Hagevarim – Sanctuary	\$25,000	
Da Lefnai...above Aron	\$25,000	Dedicated
Kotel Hamaravi – Flexible Wall Kiddush Room	\$25,000	
Acoustical Glass - Sanctuary	\$25,000	Unique Item
Aron – Bais Medrash	\$25,000	Dedicated
Aron – Hashkomoh Minyan	\$25,000	Dedicated
Classrooms	\$25,000	each – 1 dedicated - 4 available
Dedication Wall Main Lobby	\$25,000	
Window – Large - Sanctuary	\$25,000	all dedicated
Paroches – Beis Medrash	\$18,000	Dedicated
Lobby- Lower Level	\$18,000	Dedicated
Paroches – Hashkomoh Minyan	\$18,000	Dedicated
Bima – Hashkomoh Minyan	\$18,000	Dedicated
Mechitzah Kiddush Room	\$18,000	for all 8. Price varies by # dedicated
Shul Office	\$18,000	
President's Seat and Cover	\$18,000	
Kiddush Room Main Doors	\$18,000	1 set dedicated - 1 set available
Windows - Sanctuary	\$18,000	4 dedicated 8 available
Cloak Room	\$18,000	Dedicated
Bein Hagevarim Sanctuary Yomim Noraim	\$15,000	
Seat Dedication Wall Main Lobby	\$15,000	
Amud – Bais Medrash	\$12,000	Dedicated
Amud – Hashkomoh Minyan	\$12,000	Dedicated
Seats Main Sanctuary	\$10,000	each (limited number available)
Paroches Yomim Noraim – Hashkomoh	\$10,000	
Bima Yomim Noraim - Hashkomoh Minyan	\$10,000	Dedicated
Kisei Shel Elyahu – Next to Rabbi	\$10,000	Dedicated
VP Chair – next to President	\$10,000	
Clock – Main Sanctuary	\$10,000	Dedicated
Keylim Mikvah	\$10,000	
Sets of Windows Kiddush Room	\$10,000	3 sets available
Pillars in Kiddush Room	\$10,000	each - 2 Dedicated, 6 Available
Mezuzuahs – Lower Level	\$12,000-\$8000	Some dedicated Some available
Bein Hagevarim Hashkomoh Minyan	\$8,000	Dedicated
Bein Hagevarim Haskomoh Yomim Noraim	\$5,000	

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