



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Vayikra - Zachor

8 Adar II 5768

March 15, 2008

Candlelighting: 6:45PM
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:55 PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Gemara Avoda Zara Shiur – after Hashkama
NOTE: There will be additional lainings of Parshas Zachor immediately following 9AM Shacharis and preceding 6:40 PM Mincha
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 10:00AM
Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Yoma Shiur: 5:55 PM
Mincha: 6:40 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Avi Tiefenbrunn
Maariv: 7:50 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue., Wed 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Thurs, Fri - see Purim Schedule
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:55 PM
Weekday Maariv: 10:10 PM
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM
Rabbi Luban's Halachic Responsa Shiur: 9:10 PM Monday.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
Monday – Thur: After Maariv, Fri: After 1ST Minyan, Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

TAANIS ESTHER/ PURIM SCHEDULE

Taanis Esther – Thursday March 20

Fast Starts: 5:48 AM

Shacharis: 6:10, 7:05 & 8AM

Mincha: 6:40 PM

Maariv: 7:45 PM

Megillah: 8:00 & 9:30 PM

Purim – Friday March 21

Shacharis/ Megillah: 6, 7 & 8 AM (earliest Talis and Tefillin – 6:06 AM)

Late Megillah reading: 10 AM

Chatzos: 1:05 PM

Candlelighting: 6:53 PM

Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos: 7:00 PM

Preferably, the Purim Seudah should be eaten before 1:05 PM, but if this is not possible, it can take place until sunset.

SHALACH MANOT DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The sisterhood is in great need of drivers to deliver Mishloach Manot on Purim morning. Please contact Penny Kaplan at 732 777 9594 or penkap@optonline.net

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is being sponsored by the Tiefenbrunn in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Larry's father, Mr. Moshe Chaim Tiefenbrunn.

MAZEL TOV

...Randi and Menachem Lipkin on the birth of a grandson to their children Etana & Zev Hecht in Israel.

...Rhona & Michael Eserner on the marriage of their son Avi to Abby Mandel of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to Abby's parents, Karen & Larry Mandel, to Avi's grandmother Sylvia Leskowitz and the entire Eserner, Tuchman, Leskowitz, Mandel, & Krupnick families.

OHR TORAH CHILDRENS PURIM PROGRAM

On Thursday night March 20th from 7:45 - 9:15 PM we will be celebrating Purim in style with children's entertainment in the classrooms downstairs featuring two clowns who will be face painting and creating balloon animals in addition to a caricaturist.

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.

LIBRARY CARDS FOR THE RARITAN VALLEY TAPE LIBRARY

The grand reopening of the vastly upgraded tape/cd library is around the corner! If you or your family intend to use the library, they will need a Bar Coded library card. Please call Larry Greenspan at 732-828-5642 or 732-501-5455 email him at:

genew@compugene.com to have a laminated card produced for your family. Tapes/cd's can only be borrowed if you have a valid Raritan Valley Tape Library card.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Carol & Samuel Federman in honor of Charles & Anna Plittman
- Carol & Samuel Federman in memory of Debbie Schneider's father Emanuel Libin Z"l
- Carol & Samuel Federman in memory of Hesh Granek's father Dov Granek Z"l
- Alan & Susan Redlich in the merit of a Refuah Shleimah for Neal Pomper.
- Barry & Maureen Arnow in memory of Debbie Schneider's father Emanuel Libin Z"l
- Barry & Maureen Arnow in memory of Barry's sister Phyllis K. Arnow Z"l
- Pam & David Avraham in memory of Lyndon Goldsmith's mother Rose Goldsmith Z"l

CHUMASH DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY

The (teen minyan) has outgrown the OT Beis Medrash and now davens in the RPRY Beis Medrash on Shabbos. There is a great need to provide that minyan with proper Chumashim & Siddurim. OT has purchased 100 of the ArtScroll travel size combination

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 March 22, 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.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

If you have any Ritual Committee issues or questions that need to be addressed, please E_mail Rabbi Israel Poleyeff <rispol@optonline.net>

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at louis.w.smith@verizon.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.

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

Stone Chumash & Siddur. Dedications are available for \$30 per Chumash/siddur. Please let Barry Siegel (siegeldad@optonline.net), Mayer Berg or Harvey Atlas know if you would like to dedicate these. Thanks for your help To date 80 of the new Teen Minyan Chumash/Siddur have been dedicated, just 20 more to go.

SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection **this Sunday, March 16** from 9 AM to 6 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. (coordinator/questions) Barry Siegel, siegeldad@optonline.net

SEFORIM SALE

There will be a used Seforim sale **this Sunday, March 16** at Ohr Torah. Great Bargains!!! A huge Jewish book sale with Hebrew/English Seforim & books and Children's books (mostly used & some new). You will find bargains galore. Hours 9-6. Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a General Membership Meeting on Tuesday March 25, 2008 at 8:30 PM. Agendas have been mailed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missing - Black Raincoat

If you took a black raincoat from the back-left corner of the coat room this past Motzaei Shabbos (black raincoat 38R missing a button and with a black plastic hat cover in the pocket) please return it before someone gets soaked from shabbos rains. Thanks!!

ACTT ORGANIZATION

ACTT says THANK YOU! Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT March 1st event with Rabbi Jay Yaacov Schwartz so successful and meaningful! The Events page of the ACTT web site, www.actt613.org, contains the audio of the 12 shiurim from the first 2 years of the ACTT program and the Modules page contains the corresponding module packets. The 3rd year of the ACTT program is scheduled to begin in the June-July 2008 time frame. More details to follow. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer or for more info, e-mail info@actt613.org, see the ACTT website: www.actt613.org, or call Jonathan Abrahams (732) 220-2946, Wendy Bar (732) 220-8765, Joe Friedmann (732) 732-985-8014, Michael Lafond (732) 432-9860, Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

RJJ DINNER

Please Reserve **Sunday, April 6, 2008** Rabbi Jacob Joseph School Annual Dinner at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Edison. We will be paying tribute to Rav Yechiel Drillman and our honorees will be Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Lustiger.

COSTUME GEMACH

Do you wish you could do something about your children's old costumes sitting around your home? Do you wish you can answer your child's please for

a new costume every year? The O.E. Purim Costume Gemach is the answer. Drop off your children's old costumes in clean, wearable conditions on Motzoi Shabbat, Saturday night March 15th after Maariv until 10PM at OE. For every costume you will receive a ticket good for one costume to borrow. You can then pick up a "New to You" costume on Sunday, March 16th at the Shul 10AM to 2PM. (Donation of \$5 per costume borrowed). Costumes should be cleaned and returned on Sunday, March 30th to 207 South Fifth Ave, HP. Any questions, or to drop off costumes earlier than March 15th, please call or email Shari Gordon at 732-572-9192 or shariq1@gmail.com

PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE

There will be a community wide pre-Pesach boutique that will take place Tuesday night March 18th from 6:30PM-9:30PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Items for sale will include papergoods, tablecloths, hats, jewelry, clothing, giftware and Judaica. For more info you can contact Ida Schiner at 732 247-3073 or Rena Klein at 732-317-3742

JUDAICA GALLERY

JUDAICA GALLERY has made a special deal with ArtScroll and has brought our community, Passover By Design by Susie Fishbein, at an unprecedented price of \$17.57!!! They will be available till Pesach or while supplies last.

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.

CHUG IVRIT

The next Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Speaking Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will meet on Sunday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m. at a 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. Hadassah membership is not required in order to attend. For location and more info. contact Rachel Weintraub atrachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298.

NORPAC UPDATE

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. Shachrit davening will be at 5:45 am in OT and AA. There will be a minyan for mincha and maariv on the way home. Three meals will be provided. Early registration discounts are offered for registration *completed* on or before Friday, March 14th - rates are \$75 for students and \$125 for adults. After March 14, rates will be \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Participants must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those **under 18** MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Full Refunds available, requests must be received *in writing* at mailing@norpac.net by May 5, 2008 Register online at www.NORPAC.net or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact

Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Elie Berger or Marc Hanfling (docdad@aol.com).

Jerusalem United Rally and Concert

National council of Young Israel, the Jerusalem Reclamation Project, and Israel solidarity Fund of America present "Jerusalem United- The City that Uplifts us all, an Uplifting Rally and Concert. Sunday March 23, 2008 Shushan Purim at 2:30 pm at the Armory West 168th Street and Fort Washington, NYC. Starring Yaakov Shwekey and Shalshelas. Ticket prices: \$36 and \$100. For tickets and sponsorships please call 917.683.1512, www.jerunited.com, jerunited@gmail.com. All Proceeds to benefit victims of terror in Israel, displaced families of Gush Katif, and projects in Jerusalem's Old City.

DISCOVERY SEMINAR

Come hear the renowned Discovery Seminar that has changed the lives of thousands of secular Jews around the world, bringing them to Torah and Mitzvos. Exclusively for the Highland Park-Edison Orthodox community on Shabbat March 15th at Congregation Ohav Emeth, in partnership with Project Inspire. Between 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM, presentations include Seven Wonders of Jewish History; ID Info Only the Author Could Have Known and G-d's Control of History as well as Mincha, Maariv and refreshments. On Motsei Shabbat at 9:20 PM, Alan Proctor, master marketer formerly of Partners in Torah and Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation presents Overcoming Our Fears in Reaching Out. For more info, call OE office (732-247-3038) or Project Inspire (212-391-6710, ext 23).

AA UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Ahavas Achim University presents Dr. Deena Zimmerman Shabbat, March 29, 2008 Shabbat Morning after Mussaf: Women's Role in the Halakic Process: Evolutionary or Revolutionary? Shabbat Afternoon, 5:30 p.m.

(For Women only): Five Myths Between You and the Mikvah At Seudah Shlishit, 7:15 p.m.: What is the Role of a Yoetzet Halacha? Deena R. Zimmerman, MD, MPH, IBCLC, Yoetzet Halacha, is a pediatrician with a life-long love of Torah learning, who lives in Israel This AAU Shabbaton is made possible by a grant from the Miriam Glaubach Center of Nishmat.

JR. NCSY ACTIVITIES

Highland Park Jr. NCSY will be having a Scavenger Hunt at Menlo Park Mall on Sunday March 16, 2008. The bus will leave from RPRY at 1PM and be returning at 3PM. The cost is \$8:00 Highland Park Jr. NCSY'S "Drop-in- Zone" #4 will be "BINGO NIGHT" to be held Wednesday Night, March 26, 2008 from 7:00 -8:30 PM At Ahavas Achim (A.A.). Win some great prizes (Like an I-Tunes Gift Card). The cost is \$7. 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 at www.njncsy.com (<http://www.njncsy.com/>) 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.

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY

Once again, Rachel Koenigson is combining physical fitness with Tzedakah. She will be participating in the Jerusalem half marathon in

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late March. All monies collected will go to the brave citizens of Sderot. You can sponsor her at <http://runforsderot.connectionsrael.com>. Just click on her name, read her words and hit sponsor. Thank you, Rosanne Koenigson (732-577-1030

RJJ HALACHA SERIES

Halacha shiur by Rabbi Zvi Goldman on 9:15 AM Sundays at RJJ, 1 Plainfield Rd.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S

WOMEN'S NAVI CLASSES

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having classes this week. Navi class will resume on Sunday morning, March 30 and Parsha class will resume on Monday evening, March 31. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at sieglmom@optonline.net or

Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com

MRS. MIRI COHEN'S LADIES PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, March 18 at 9:15 AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. For more information, please contact Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613. Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will also meet on Wednesday morning, March 19 at 9:00 AM at the home of Mrs. Cohen, 115 South 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more

information, please contact 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.

WOMEN'S PRESENTATION

The Highland Park Mikvah and Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center present Deena R. Zimmerman, M.D., Yoetzet Halacha. "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Taharat Hamishpacha but Were Afraid to Ask". Motzai Shabbos, March 29, 2008, 9:15PM at Cong Ohav Emeth. For women only. Sugg donation \$10. For more info, call Aviva Siegel 732-572-4408.

PARK MIKVAH

PARK MIKVAH HOURS- For Daylight Savings Time beginning Sunday Night March 9th from 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 Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Tzav

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| • Candlelighting | 6:53 PM |
| • Mincha | 7:00PM |

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.

Sof davar...

Yes, there really was a small *shtetl* by the name of Chelm. You know it as a place of empty-headed, naive people doing all kinds of zany activities and concocting all manner of mindless schemes (like trying to capture the moon). In reality it was a town like all other towns with its good times and bad, with its distinguished and not so distinguished rabbis, with its yeshivot and its institutions. In fact Chelm, a small town southeast of Lublin, is probably one of the oldest Jewish communities in all of Poland dating back possibly to the 12th century. A *matzevah* clearly indicates a Jewish presence in Chelm by the mid-1400s. By 1522 Chelm had its first rabbi, a Judah Aaron who also was a tax farmer (whatever that is). Few people heard of him but everyone recognizes an outstanding *gadol* who was *rov* of Chelm from 1606 to 1615, the world renowned Meharsha! Outbreaks against the Jews of Chelm occurred with regularity in the late 1500s, and when the Chmielnicki massacres swept the area in 1648 more than 400 Jews of Chelm perished. With the approach of the nazis, *yemach shemam*, many of its citizens fled to Russia but most could not. In 1942 the nazis wiped out Chelm and a 700 year old *shul* was destroyed. In the process, only 15 out of thousands dotted the map of Poland and Russia. Virtually all of them are largely forgotten. Chelm would have suffered the same fate had it not been for a S. Simon who immortalized the town by writing about the fictional madcap antics performed by the good people of that wonderful *shtetl* of Chelm.

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff, research by Talia Moss and Jillian Cumsky **Jewish Communities: Chelm**

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 Eliyahu – 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	

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