



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Beshalach-Shabbos Shirah

13 Shevat 5769

February 7, 2009

Candlelighting:	5:04PM
Mincha:	5:10PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:39AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 4:10 PM	
Mincha:	5:00 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Meir Kornfeld	
Maariv:	6:10 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue, Wed & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	5:10 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 PM and 10:10 PM
<i>Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM</i>	
WINTER SCHEDULE FOR DAF YOMI	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30pm Maariv, Friday-after Maariv, Shabbos-After Hashkama and also at 8:15am, Sunday-after 8am Shacharis.	

MAZEL TOV
...to Miriam and Larry Greenman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Avraham Moshe. Mazel Tov to Avi's grandmothers Mrs. Gloria Greenman and Mrs. Esther Sporn and all of the family and friends who have gathered to celebrate this Simcha.
...to Susan and Hillel Raymon on the birth of a daughter, Serach Yehudit, to their children Yael and Shai Stahl. Mazel Tov to the entire Raymon, Stahl, Gottdiener, Bixon, Abrahams, Klavan and Landesman families.

KIDDUSH
Kiddush is sponsored by Miriam and Larry Greenman in honor Avraham Moshe's Bar Mitzvah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Bonnie and Motty Schwartz in memory of Bonnie's mother, Nachama bas Mordechai Shlomo Halevi Z"L.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORPAC
Concerned about Israel's safety and security? Do something about it: NORPAC Mission to Washington May 20, 2009 Buses leave for Washington 6:15 am Buses return between 9-10 pm. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided and all meals are glatt kosher. Early registration discounts are offered for registration completed on or before March 10th – rates will be \$75 for students and \$125 for adults. After 3/10, rates will be \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Refund requests must be received in writing by May 5, 2009. Must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Contact: H. Atlas, Allen Kessel, Barry Wolf, Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com. Don't be left out! Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133.

MEET, GREET AND DIALOGUE WITH YU PRESIDENT RICHARD JOEL
The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park Winter 5769 Series this Motzei Shabbat, February 7, 2009, 7:30 pm Cong. Ohr Torah . Richard Joel President, Yeshiva University Session Chair: Rabbi Ronald Schwarzbarg *Higher Education Anchored in Sacred Values* Next Orthodox Forum: Rabbi Marc Angel, Rabbi Emeritus of Cong. Shearith Israel, discusses *Leadership Issues and Ideological Tensions within Orthodoxy* on Motzei Shabbat, March 7, 2009 at Cong. Ahavas Achim. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships (\$200 recommended). Please send your tax deductible check, made out to Congregation Ohr Torah Gemach Fund, to Henry Lerner, 1 Celler Road, Edison, NJ 08817.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED
Blood Donations needed: A member of our community, who is being treated for cancer, has

been receiving regular blood transfusions at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, and will continue to need them for the foreseeable future. We have been asked to assist in ensuring that an adequate supply of O+ blood is available. Donations may be made at the Blood Center, 4th Floor, Clinical Academic Building 125 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901, (732) 235-8100 (reservations preferred, although walk-ins are welcome).

CHILDREN'S FUND PURIM CARDS
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. This year alone, we have been able to provide the necessary financial assistance for student-shadows, tutoring, counseling and food vouchers. To obtain the cards, send e-mail to: childrensfundhp@gmail.com or contact: Shoshana Diskind - (732) 572-7755, Tova Josefovitz (732) 572-9432 or Janice Lustiger - (732) 819-4919. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

EMUNAH PURIM CARDS
EMUNAH Purim cards are in! Same low price as last year! Send beautiful Purim cards in lieu of mishloach manot and show your loved ones that they are in your thoughts while giving tzedakah. Please call Sharon Hirt at 914-445-7825 or e-mail sharon.hirt@pfizer.com to purchase cards and support EMUNAH. The cards are \$2.00 each. Thank you for supporting EMUNAH projects in Israel.

ACTT
Come hear Rabbi Chaim Leiter, Rebbe, Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli of Central NJ and Moreh D'Asra, Union Hill Congregation of Manalapan, NJ, speak about "More Than 'Just' a Chesed - The Incredible Potential of Your Words" on Saturday night, February 21, 2009 at 9:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. This community-wide event is sponsored by the ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) organization. Admission is free. Sponsors are welcome. For more info, call Jonathan Abrahams (732) 220-2946, Wendy Bar (732) 220-8765, Joe Friedman (732) 732-985-8014, Michael Lafond (732) 432-9860, Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408. Web-site: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR
Rabbi Yisroel Hoffman's Choshen Mishpat Hilchos Dayanim shiur takes place Wednesday nights at the Agudah at 8:30 pm. To download previous shiurim, please visit <http://csisol.com/shiurim.aspx>

RPRY DINNER
The Annual Dinner of Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva will take place Sunday Evening, February 22nd 2009 at The DoubleTree Hotel at Somerset, NJ. Cocktails begin at 5:20 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. The honorees will be Miriam & Shmilu Weiss, Mayor Jun H. Choi and Marsha & Michael Wasserman. For additional information, please go to www.rpry.org or call the RPRY office 732-572-5052.

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM

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 Feb. 14th, 21st & 28th and March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. 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 ludeju@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.

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

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

Ahavas Achim University invites you to a fascinating Genealogy Seminar on Sunday, February 8, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Gary Mokotoff help uncover your family origins! Topics covered will include: Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy, Jewish Genealogy on the Internet, The Changing Face of Central and Eastern Europe, and Holocaust Research. Admission is \$5. Please register by February 1. Please call 732-247-0532 for more information.

THE ZOO RABBI

Ahavas Achim University invites you to experience the wild side of Torah with THE ZOO RABBI, Rabbi Natan Slifkin, on Shabbat, February 20-21. On Friday night there will be a catered Seudah (by reservation only: Adults/\$20, Children under 12/\$10, please call 732-247-0532 by February 17 to reserve your seat). At 8:15 p.m. Rabbi Slifkin will deliver his first lecture on "Dinosaurs and the Age of the Universe." On Shabbat morning, the second lecture before Mussaf in the Main Sanctuary will discuss "The Animal Kingdom in Jewish Thought." On Shabbat afternoon at 4:30 p.m., there will be an Oneg for Teens Only with the Zoo Rabbi featuring a question and answer session and a talk on "Mythical Creatures in Judaism." At 5:20 p.m., Mincha will be followed by Seudah Shlishit and a final lecture: "Man and Beast: Our Relationships With Animals."

The fun continues on Sunday, February 22, when Ahavas Achim University and Ahavas Achim Youth Department invite your entire family to TOUR THE TURTLE BACK ZOO WITH THE ZOO RABBI, Rabbi Natan Slifkin. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange. For \$10/person (under 2 free) Please call (732)247-0532 by February 17 to reserve your spot on the tour.

MAZAL SHIDDUCH GROUP

Please email Sharon at Shcl18@aol.com to request a form and to find out the location.

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.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open from 8:30 to 10:30pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 732-249-2411, Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

SIMPLY TZFAT CONCERT

Mishnichnas Adar Marbim B'simcha! Ahavas Yisrael invites the entire community to receive an injection of simcha with Simply Tsfat. The concert will be on Rosh Chodesh Adar, February 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Ahavas Achim. Tickets for the concert are \$15 adults, \$12

children, and family admission \$36. Sponsorships are welcome and encouraged. For more information please contact Alec Cohen at 732-317-1784.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK RARITAN VALLEY

Our next job networking session will be on Wednesday, February 11th at Cong Ahavas Achim in Highland Park. This free session is an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear about job leads, and share ideas, resources and information. Be prepared to present a 20-30 second elevator pitch summary and bring about 15 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30 pm; the program begins at 8pm and ends at 10pm. Guest speaker: Joel Paul, President of Joel H. Paul and Associates - a nationally recognized executive search firm, will conduct a dialog about searching for the next step in your career. For more info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansey at ENRV@verizon.net.

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event will take place on February 8th at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Jay Yaacov Schwartz, M.A., L.M.S.W. He is the founder and director of Kanfey Shemesh- The Jewish Family Wellness Center which is a non profit organization providing strengthening of faith and healing for Jewish individuals and families. The event will take place this year at a new location, Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 in Edison. Please make every effort to attend and support this worthy community organization. Send in your reservations now!!! For more info or if you did not receive an invitation, please contact Fran Leitman 732-572-9545 or Gila Miodownik 732-565-0744.

RUTGERS HILLEL NEEDS SEFORIM

The Jewish community at Rutgers Hillel, 93 College Ave., New Brunswick, needs Sefarim to support the expanding Jewish community on campus. We are looking for any Sefarim, Hebrew and English, used and new, to help provide for the learning needs of the community, including a new open Beit Midrash program on Mon. nights. If you wish, you can dedicate the Sefer in the honor or memory of the person you choose. To arrange a pick-up or drop-off, please call Beit Midrash coord. Sammy Sacks: (732) 735-3848.

JR NCSY INFO

-On February 15, Jr. NCSY will be going bowling at Stelton Lanes. NCSYers should begin to collect sponsors who will give 10 cents for every pin knocked down.

-Want to stay updated with Jr. NCSY? Join our mailing list! Updates go out as often as we get them, so please email jrnscyhp@gmail.com with your child's name, grade and school. Any questions on any of the above announcements or anything having to do with Jr. NCSY, please contact Chana Lustiger at 908-209-1820 or Tzvi Hametz at 732-991-2252

3rd ANNUAL CHULENT COOK-OFF

The AA 3rd annual chulent cook-off is back on! It will take place on Friday evening, February 27 at 8:30 PM. The chefs' entrance fee is \$36, which will include a new crock pot. To the victor will go the coveted "Battle Chulent" ladle, and a year's worth of bragging rights. Fressers/judges are asked to reserve a place in advance so we can be sure to have enough cholent and refreshments (and beer - what else would one expect with chulent) to go around. Admission is \$5 in advance, \$8 without a reservation. Event sponsors are also welcome. Sponsors of \$180 will receive admission for four to the event, their name in the event program, our gratitude, and the opportunity to help select the beer. To reserve a chef or attendee space, discuss sponsorship (and beer), or for more information, please contact Ira Rosen at battlechulent@yahoo.com or 732-393-1018.

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, February 8 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, February 9 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having a class on Sefer Tomer Devorah on Monday evening, February 9 at 9:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for post-seminary girls only. For more information, please contact Atara Degani 732-306-5727 or 732-937-6823.

MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, February 11 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rosa Katz, 132 North 8th Avenue, Highland Park. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Yitro

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| • Candlelighting | 5:12 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 5:20 PM |

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