



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Mikeitz – Vayechi

14 Tevet 5769

January 10, 2009

Candlelighting:	4:31PM
Mincha:	4:40PM
Shacharis:	7:45 and 9:00AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:43AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 3:35 PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:25 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Gershon Klavan</i>	
Maariv:	5:35 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:17, 7:05, 8AM
Tue, Wed & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
<i>Note earliest Talis and Tefillin 6:22</i>	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:40 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.	

EMERGENCY TEHILLIM

Tehillim has been scheduled all next week on behalf of Israeli soldiers and citizens in light of the Gaza war. Tehillim times are as follows:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:50 PM (preceding Maariv)
Monday 10:20 PM (following Maariv)

ADDITIONAL TEHILLIM

Community Tehillim at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva is scheduled for 6:00PM, Sunday January 11. Rabbi Yosef Eichenstein shlit"a, Rosh Yeshiva of RJJ, will offer brief introductory remarks of inspiration.

STREET PARKING ON EDMOUNT ROAD

When parking on Edgemount Road, please do not block curbside mailboxes. Please allow 6 feet of clearance for the curbside mailboxes. This will allow for mail delivery by the postal vehicle which must have the space to approach the street mailbox. Please be considerate of our neighbors' need to receive their mail without any inconvenience from poorly parked cars. In addition, to maintain a good relationship with a neighbor, it is critical that no one park in front of 44 Edgemount Road (next door to Yoel and Karen Schwartz) over Shabbos.

MAZEL TOV

...to Sari and Greg Sholom on the celebration of Shabbos Sheva Brochos for their children Rachel and Morris Chalouh, who were married this past Sunday. Mazel Tov to Bella and Amin Chalouh and the entire Sholom and Chalouh families.
 ...to Marcia and Phil Rosen on the birth of a daughter, Avigayil Shaindel to Esti and Reuven Rosen.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being sponsored by Jonas and Clara Waizer in memory of Clara's father, Moshe Ben Yisroel Hakohen.

OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD:

The Ohr Torah Sisterhood is conducting an Activity Interest Survey to gauge interest in proposed events for this coming year. Ladies, please take the time to complete this brief survey and return it to Shelley Schoenfeld so that the sisterhood has your preferences in mind when coordinating events. The survey can be taken by navigating to the Ohr Torah Website: <http://www.ohrtorah.net>, or, by

completing the survey that was mailed to each of the women in our congregation.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum presents their next lecture **this Motzei Shabbat**, Jan 10, 2009 at 8pm at Cong Etz Ahaim - 230 Denison Street, Highland Park, NJ. Topic: The State of Modern Orthodoxy. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Dr. Barry Freundel of Keshet Israel in Washington DC. He is a noted professor and lecturer and has taught seminars on Government ethics on Capitol Hill and on medical ethics at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and served on the Theological Commission of the Human Genome Project. Rabbi Freundel is the author of Contemporary Orthodox Judaism's Response to Modernity as well as many scholarly articles and publications.

RJJ LADIES LUNCHEON

NOTE CORRECTED DATE: Rabbi Jacob Joseph School cordially invites you to their Annual Ladies Luncheon honoring Mrs. Esther Komet Sunday, January 11th 12:00 Noon to be held at Congregation Ohr Torah.

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).

ACTT

Save the date: Motzei Shabbos, Feb 21, 2009 - next Community Wide event. More details to follow. To volunteer or for more info on ACTT, e-mail info@actt613.org, see the ACTT web-site: www.actt613.org.

RABBI HOFFMANS 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 MISHMAR PROGRAM

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

ROSEN FAMILY SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

The Rosen family is pleased to announce its next blood drive will be this Sunday January 11, 2009. It will take place from 9:30-3:00 at our home, 120 Highland Ave. HP. Babysitting and hot cookies will be available (as always). Please call 732-393-1018 or email to ira_rosen@yahoo.com to reserve a donation slot. Walk-ins are also welcome.

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

AA University and the Torah Conferencing Network present Rabbi Yissocher Frand, every Thursday at

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 Jan. 24th and Feb. 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 Natby 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 luddeju@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

9pm, live via satellite from Baltimore. AA University also shows Rabbi Yisroel Reisman's Navi shiur which takes place Saturday Night: Admission: \$5.

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew speaking club) for intermediate to advanced speakers will be on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 11am, at the home of Cheryl Amdur, 89 Lexington Ave., Edison. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew article or story. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is free and open to both men and women. For more info, contact: Rachel Weintraub at rachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298.

RPRY COOKBOOK DEBUTS

RPRY PTA is pleased to announce that their new cookbook, Culinary Temptations is here! Please contact Michele Weiner 732-819-8292 or Ida Scheiner at 732-247-3073 to arrange to pick up a copy. Cost per cookbook is \$25.00.

JR NCSY ONEG

For anything having to do with Jr. NCSY, please contact Chana Lustiger at 908-209-1820 or Tzvi Hametz at 732-991-2252

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.

BIKUR CHOLIM HEALTH FAIR

RESCHEDULED

The Bikur Cholim Health Fair, cosponsored with St. Peters, is being rescheduled to March 15th, 1PM-5PM at RPRY. More info will follow. Any questions, please call 732-985-4501.

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.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK RARITAN VALLEY

Our next job networking session will be on Wednesday, Jan. 14th at Cong Ahavas Achim in HP. This free session is an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear about job leads, and share ideas, resources and info. Be prepared to present a 20-30 second elevator pitch summary and bring about 15 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10 pm. For more info, go to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansay at ENRV@verizon.net or 732-819-8651.

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

HOLD THE DATE!!!!

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event will take place on Sunday, 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 watch your mail for invitations and make every effort to attend and support this worthy community organization.

RALLY FOR ISRAEL

On Sunday, January 11th at 11:00am the JCRC and the UJA-Federation of New York, in cooperation with the Conference of Presidents and Council of Young Jewish Presidents (www.cyjp.org), will be sponsoring a community-wide rally in support of Israel.

ALL INDIVIDUALS, SCHOOLS, YESHIVOT, RABBIS, EVERYONE ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IN THE BATTLE AGAINST HAMAS TERRORISM IN GAZA. * BRING YOUR SIGNS AND FLAGS!! *

The rally will take place near the Israeli Consulate at 42nd street at 2nd Avenue. Contact Info Phone: 212-983-4800

SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Irgun Shiurai Torah will be presenting a women's shiur reviewing the halochos of Tahara Hamishpocha Wed. Jan.28 at Cong Ohav Emeth AT 8pm. The speaker will be Mrs. Debbie Selegut of Passaic. For more info. please contact Lynn Hanfling 732-777-0225

REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR

WOMEN

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will not be having classes, Sunday, January 11 and Monday, January 12. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com or 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, January 14 at 9:15 AM at the home of Lynn Hanfling, 47 Leslie St., Edison. For more information, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

CERTIFICATION IN INFANT/CHILD CPR

DON'T MISS THIS LIVE SAVING CLASS: Certification in Infant / Child CPR for ladies. TIME: January 12th, 2009, 7:30pm – 9:30PM. COST: \$60.00. PLACE: Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Pre-school,

425 Cleveland Avenue, Highland Park. INSTRUCTOR: Yitzky Selengut - member of Queens Hatzolah. All women are invited to join. Upon completing the course you will have the choice of certification from the American Safety and Health Institute, or Red Cross (The Red Cross charges an additional \$5 for card). GIRLS OVER THE AGE OF 13 ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Reservations preferred but walk-ins are welcome. RSVP: Mira Septimus mirasepti@aol.com or Vicky Krief vickykrief@gmail.com

WOMEN'S GROUPS

The women's ongoing weekly tefillah and tehillim "Amen group" will meet this Sunday, January 11 from 9:30 until 10:00 am at the home of Rebecca Rivkin, 1 Opatut Court, Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. It should be in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. For more information please call E.J. at 732-985-2118 or e mail EJPartyworks@aol.com

Looking for women to say Shir Hashirim (in your own home) this Friday night, January 9, after licht bentchen and/or baking challah for this coming Shabbos on Thursday night or Friday (hafrasha should be done Thursday night after dark or Friday) in the zechus of a refuah shleimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. Remember to please say a tefillah for Menachem Mordechai when you do the hafrasha AND when the dough is being kneaded. It could be your own personal tefillah or tehillim. If you would like to be included in either one or both of these segullahs, please call E.J. at 732-985-2118 or e mail EJPartyworks@aol.com

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Shemot

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| • Candlelighting | 4:38 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 4:45 PM |

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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.