



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Vayeira

20 Cheshvani 5770

November 7, 2009

Candlelighting: 4:30PM
Mincha: 4:40PM
Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:08AM
Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 3:30 PM
Mincha: 4:20 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Jeffrey Ney
Maariv: 5:30 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday: 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Rabbi Billowitz shiur -after 8 AM Shacharis on Sunday
Mon., Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM
Tues, Wed., Fri. 6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:30 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shiur She'eilos Uteshuvos: Monday 9:10PM
Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
 Monday -Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. This Shabbos, Shiur is 1 hour before Mincha, 4:30 PM. For the winter, Shabbos 8:15AM or after Hashkama Scharharis. Sunday after 8am Shacharis.

MAZEL TOV
 ...to Tzippy and Josh Rapps on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Meshulam & Talia Rapps of Far Rockaway. NY.
 ...to Ophira and Hashy Gottlieb on the birth of twin boys to their children Malky and David Gottlieb. Mazel Tov as well to Blossom and Jack Neuman, to great grandparents Beverly and Joseph Gottlieb and Miriam Ringler and to Mr. and Mrs. Fogel. *The Sholom Zochor will take place a 7:45 PM at the Gottliebs, 8 Opatut Court.*

KIDDUSH
 Kiddush this week is sponsored by Lorraine and Ira Spiler in memory of the Yahrzeit of Ira's father Avraham ben Simcha, Z"L.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Lori & Leslie Ney and Eva & Moriss Weisz in memory of the Yahrzeit of Leslie's and Eva's father Tibor Ney, and Lori's father Benjamin Katz, Z"L.

WELCOME JR. NCSY
 Ohr Torah extends a warm welcome to the Jr. NCSY'ers who are celebrating their Shabbaton with us this week.

BOARD MEETING
 There will be a meeting of the COT Board on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 @ 8:00 PM.

CONDOLENCES
 ...to Michael Reiss on the passing of his mother Tamar Reiss Yadgarov. Michael is sitting Shiva at his sister's house in Israel until Tuesday morning. He can be reached at 011 972 97 486 588.
 May Hashem provide comfort to the family among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAMS
 - Next Motzei Shabbat November **14th** at 8PM at Ohr Torah, come join us as we head to United Skates of America in Woodbridge for a fun night of roller skating and arcade games. We will return to the Shul at 11:30PM. Cost is \$20 per child. Contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429.
 - On Sunday November 15th from 10AM to 12:00PM, Ohr Torah will be hosting a Childrens Shabbat Arts & Crafts Program. In addition, a pizza lunch will be provided. All this fun for only \$18 a child!

CPR BATTERY REPLACEMENT
 The Ohr Torah Defibrillator is in need of a battery change. If you would like to make a donation to cover the replacement cost, please see Allen Kessel or Marc Hanfling.

OT COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER
 Please join Cong. Ohr Torah for our 5th Community Shabbat dinner next Friday

evening, November 13. Dinner will be followed by a lecture from our scholar in residence, Rabbi Paysach Krohn entitled, "Making Tefilla Meaningful".

R. PAYSACH KROHN: SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
 On the Shabbat of Nov. 13-14, Cong. Ohr Torah will be hosting Rabbi Paysach Krohn, as a scholar-in-residence. Rabbi Krohn's first lecture at 8:00 pm will follow the annual community Shabbat dinner. R. Krohn will also speak Shabbat morning before musaf, and in the afternoon, following mincha.

MISHMAR LEARNING PROGRAM
 Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00 pm. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles. Starting with November 6, Mishmar switches to 7:00 pm.

SURI GRANEK MEMORY BOOK
 We are in the final phases of gathering individual stories, anecdotes, memories or impressions of Suri to be included in this book which will be presented to the family. If you have an entry, long or short, please email rkreitman@sidley.com by Nov. 11.

ONEG SHABBOS
 Danny and Audrey Mondrow are proud to host Rabbi Dr. Yehudah Bohrer of the Beit El community for an Oneg Shabbos in their home this Fri. at 9:00 P.M., 25 Marshall Dr. Rabbi Bohrer will be updating us on the current situation in Israel as well as speaking on an interesting and compelling topic.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORUM ON ORGAN DONATION
 On Motzei Shabbat November 14, 8:30 PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents its first program of the year - a panel discussion on the topic of Organ Donation. Speakers will be:
 - Robby Berman, founder and director of the Halachic Organ Donor Society
 - Rabbi David Goldwasser, lecturer, author, radio commentator, and spiritual mentor of Congregation Bais Yitzchok in Brooklyn
 - Dr. Michael Eleff, Assistant Professor of Medicine, UMDNJ.

MESIVTA TIFERES JERUSALEM
 The Annual Mesivta Tiferes Jerusalem Melave Malka will be held **this Motzei Shabbat** Nov. 7, 8PM at OE. The Guest of Honor will be Dr. Moshe Schneider, who will receive the Amod HaChesed Award. Hagaon Harav Reuven Feinstein, Shlit"a will be the guest speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for information and reservations at (732) 246-1037.

RJJ ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON
 The Rabbi Jacob Joseph School of Edison New Jersey Cordially invites you to attend their Annual

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 Nov 14th, & 21st and December 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. 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.

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

Ladies Luncheon In Memory of Mrs. Suri Granek
ה'נ"ח honoring Mrs. Mira Septimus Sunday,
November 22nd 11AM at Cong. Ohr Torah .

**ISRAELI ARTISTS COME TO
AHAVAS ACHIM THIS WEEKEND**

Ahavas Achim will be hosting artists from Israel
this Motzei Shabbat, Nov. 7, from 8:00-11:00p.m.,
and Sunday, November 8, from 10:00 am to 5pm.

MISHMAR PROGRAM

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

BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting our next blood drive on Sunday,
the 21st of Marcheshvan (Nov 8), from 9:30 to
3PM at our home, 120 Highland Ave., in HP.
Babysitting available and hot cookies for donors.
Please contact Ira, Heidi or Batsheva to reserve a
donation slot at 732-393-1018 (walk-ins are ok).

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

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

**JEWISH FEDERATION TEEN PHILANTHROPY
PROGRAM**

The Jewish Federation announces the launching of
the Jewish Teen Philanthropy Program, or
"J.Team". Our mission is to provide teens with
hands-on opportunities to engage in collective
philanthropic giving with their peers, guided by
Jewish values. This program will be comprised of a
select group of 8th-10th grade students who will
learn about grant making and non-profit giving
opportunities. Our goal is to recruit 40 teens for
this program. We are hoping to have
representation from each synagogue in Middlesex
County and are asking for a recommendation of
young people from OT for this program. For
questions about the program or to make your teen
recommendations, please call me at 732-432-7711
or email at Anapchen@jf-gmc.org.

KESHARIM

Kesharim is offering a Sunday morning brunch
class for girls studying at Rutgers on Chumash
Biyun at 10:00 AM. For more information, please
call Leora 732-710-8331.

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.

**PROJECT INSPIRE KIRUV TRAINING
SEMINAR**

Join us for an inspirational evening where you will
learn how to reach out and share the beauty of
Judaism with other Jews. Learn and grow in the
comfort of one's home!

The Seminar will take place on Sundays Nov 5th
and 22nd. Doors open at 7:30PM; program begins
at 8. Location: Cong Ohav Emeth
Questions and RSVP: Marsha Eiserman
mandme3000@yahoo.com or 732-777-1155

CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi
class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning,
November 8 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel
and Parsha class on Monday evening, November 9
at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for
women only. Class for post-seminary girls on
Sefer Tomer Devorah will meet Sunday morning,
November 8 at 11:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel.
For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel
at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki
Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet
Wednesday morning, November 11 at 9:00 AM at
the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St,
Highland Park. For more information, please call
Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

WOMEN'S AMEN GROUP

-The Women's AMEN Group will be continuing to
meet weekly, Sunday mornings at Congregation
Ohr Torah, 1st classroom downstairs to the left of
the stairway. The group will begin promptly at
9:30 AM. All women and girls are invited to join.
The group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem
Mordechai Ben Ophira and other Cholim on
community lists and individual's requests.
- Looking for women to say Shir Hashirim (*in your
own home*) this Friday night after licht bentchen.
Please contact E.J. Berman at
EJPartyworks@aol.com.

-If you would like to be included in a challah
baking segullah for this coming Shabbos on
Thursday night or Friday (hafrasha should be done
Thursday night after dark or Friday) please contact
E.J. at the above email address. It should be 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.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Save the date! Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley will
be having its annual Eli and Frieda Stern Memorial
Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Sunday,
November 15 from 9:30-11AM at Cong Ohav

Emeth. Everyone in the community is invited to
join us in honoring the Erev Shabbos / Erev Yom
Tov food delivery squad: Atara Degani,
Natana Deutsch, Chava Schein, and Friday
Yablonsky. Admission is free. Reservations are not
required. For more information, please call Diana
Hakakian (732-393-0506).

**EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN
VALLEY**

Free job networking session: Wednesday, Nov
11th at Cong. Ahavas Achim in Highland Park. It's
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 on your experience and bring about
20 copies of your resume. Informal networking
begins at 7:30pm; the program begins at 8 pm
and ends at 10 pm. Peter Yurowitz, a local
Transition Coach (www.reachablegold.com), will
present: "Beyond the Resume." For more info, go
to www.ENRV.org, or contact Bob Lansey at
ENRV@verizon.net.

Please help: If you know of any job openings,
please e-mail the info to enrv@verizon.net. Jobs
can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park mikvah will be open
Saturday-Thursday evenings 8:30-10:30pm. Friday
nights by appointment only, and must be made by
Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF
HOURS: additional \$20. Call 732-249-2411

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Chayei Sarah	
Candlelighting	4:23 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:30 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)
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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...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim and Amoraim: Bruriah

OK, she never was an *amora* or a *tanna* but she often discussed *halachic* issues with the *tannaim* of her generation. With those credentials she has earned a *sof davar* all her own. Bruriah was recognized as a *chachamah* and a *melumedess*, a wise and learned woman. One account has it that she learned 300 *halachot* from 300 scholars in 3 years. She not only discussed *halacha* with great sages but they sometimes made their halachic decisions based on her views. The most famous story in the gemara about her involves her husband R. Meir who wanted to offer prayers that a band of unruly gangsters in their neighborhood simply die. Bruriah, however, reminded her husband that the passage reads that sins (*chataim*) be wiped out, not sinners (*chotim*). R. Meir acknowledging her perceptiveness, offered *tefilot* that they do *teshuva* (and they did). Bruriah's family life, however, was filled with tragedy. Her father, R.Chananya ben Teradyon will be recognized as one of the *asara harugei malchus*, one of the ten great martyrs. Her mother was also killed by the Romans. Her sister was forced into a *bet zenus* and her brother also was martyred by the Romans during the uprising. In her own family two of her young sons died on a *shabbat* day and she withheld the information from her husband till nightfall in order not to disturb his *Shabbat* rest. Perhaps the finest memorial to this outstanding woman is the thousands of fine young ladies who study in all the various yeshivot and especially those who have graduated or who attend the yeshiva named in her honor.