



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Allen Kessel - President

Parshas Vayishlach

18 Kislev 5770

December 5, 2009

Candlelighting: 4:12PM
Mincha: 4:20PM
Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama

Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:27AM
Early Mincha: 1:30 PM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur –
 3:15 PM

Mincha: 4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Billowitz
Maariv: 5:15 PM

BEGIN SAYING "VESAIN TAL UMATAR"
TONIGHT MOTZAI SHABBOS DEC. 5TH

Weekday Shacharis:

Sunday: 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Mon & Thur 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM

Tues, Wed & Fri 6:30, 7:10, & 8AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:20 PM

Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Rabbi Luban's Shiur She'eilos Uteshuvas:
Monday 9:10PM

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday after 7:30 Maariv. Friday after Maariv. Shabbos 8:15 AM or after Hashkama Schacharis. Sunday after 8 AM Minyan.

BARUCH HABA

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 December 19th & 26th and January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. 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.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING

Please see the Ohr Torah website, www.ohrtorah.net, for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah for members of our shul and community.

MAZEL TOV

...to Sharon and David Stern on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jake at RPRY. Mazel Tov to Jake's Grandparents Margo Sturm and Barbara and Harold Stern.

...to Gail and William Bogner on the birth of a daughter, Kaylah Rivka, to their children Beth and Ezra Bogner. Mazel Tov to the entire Bogner family.

... to Ophira and Heshy Gottlieb on the upcoming Britot of their grandsons, the twins of Malkie and David Gottlieb. IY"H the Britot will take place Tuesday 12/8/09 at Cong. Ohr Torah, at the 7:10AM Minyan.

...to Anna and Charles Plittman on the engagement of their son Yaakov to Sivan Yitzchokov from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Rabbi Malkiel and Leah Yitzchokov, and siblings Bracha and Mayer Berg, Dina and Judah Miller, Baila, Yosef, Rivky and Mechi.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Mira and Mark Epstein to commemorate the yahrzeit of Mark's mother, Tzippah Hana bas R' Moshe Meir, z"l and the recent Shloshim of Mira's cousin, the Lelover Rebbe, z"l; and by Mimi and Charlie Gershbaum to commemorate the yahrzeit of Charlie's father, Dr. Samuel Joseph ben Yechezkel Gershbaum, z"l.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by Rivka and Joel Adler to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Joel's mother Rachel Rivka bas Azriel Hirsch Z"L and by Mel Barenholtz to commemorate the Yahrzeit of his mother Charna Leah bas Aryeh Z"L.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next General Membership Meeting will take place Tuesday - December 22nd at 8:00 PM. Agendas will be mailed shortly.

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH

ELECTION BALLOTS

Election ballots have been mailed. The election will take place in Shul Wed Dec 9th, 8:00 - 10:00 PM. Absentee Ballots are being accepted. Only Full Members in good standing may cast ballots. Consult Yoel Schwartz, our Financial Secretary, if you have any questions regarding your Status.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

Please plan on joining us Sunday, December 20, 2009 when we will give thanks and Hakaras Hatov to two outstanding couples who have and continue to do so much for our Shul: Service Awardees:

Mimi and Charles Gershbaum
 Guests of Honor:

Fran and Rabbi Shmuli Leitman

Deadline for Dinner Journal Ads is Fri. Dec. 11th. Please contact Marcia Freedman at marcia104x@yahoo.com or 732-819-7871 to place your Journal Advertisement.

OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

--This Motzei Shabbat December 5th, Ohr Torah will be heading to the New Jersey Devils vs Detroit Red Wings hockey game. We will be meeting at the Edison Train Station at 5:45 PM sharp to catch a 5:56 PM train to Newark.

--On Motzei Shabbat December 26th at 5:45 PM sharp at Ohr Torah, come join us as we head to the New Jersey Nets vs Houston Rockets game at the Izod Center with a special visit to the NJ Nets Practice Training Facility beforehand. The training facility is a replica of the Izod Center with the same flooring, lighting and much more! Cost is \$45/child which includes a ticket to the game, transportation on a coach bus and snacks on the bus. Only 45 tickets available. Please make all checks out to Ohr Torah with your phone number and the name of the your child/ren coming to the game .

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

In preparation for the 2010 membership directory, please submit any name, title, address, or phone number change to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. A maximum of two email addresses and all children's names will be accepted for each family entry.

SHALOSH SEUDOS SETUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

6 volunteers are needed to daven at the 1:30 PM early Mincha and then meet at 4:00 PM in the Kiddush Room to set up Shalosh Seudos. Please see Moish Wiesel or Allen Kessel to participate.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FORUM OF H.P.

The Orthodox Forum of Highland Park/Edison hosts Gary Rosenblatt, Editor of The Jewish Week, on Motzei Shabbat, December 5 at 8:00 at Cong. Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. Mr. Rosenblatt, an engaging and provocative speaker, will discuss "Responsible Journalism and the Orthodox Community." A Q&A period will follow his presentation. The entire community is welcome including college students and high school seniors. Admission is free. For more info about this event or The Orthodox Forum, please email hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com.

ONE MILLION DROPS CAMPAIGN

In celebration of Chanukah, we are launching a major Campaign of Unity and Giving called "1 Million Drops" through IsraelGives.org. IsraelGives.org (IsraelToremet.org in Hebrew) is

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

Israel's national charity portal and the central website for Israel's non-profit community. At IsraelGives, you can search for, learn about, and donate online to any of Israel's 26,000 charities, immediately receiving a tax-deductible receipt for all donations made in U.S. dollars.

Feel free to contact us with any questions, or for more information at

<mailto:tova@israeltogether.org>

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.

RPRY SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN AND BREAKFAST

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva is pleased to announce to the community that their 29th annual school breakfast will take place on Sunday, Dec 20th at 9:30 a.m. at RPRY. It is with great pride that they present OT's very own Mrs. Penny Kaplan with the "EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE AWARD" The breakfast campaign is a vital fundraiser for RPRY and with all expenses covered; every dollar given goes directly towards the student scholarship fund. Please support this important community fundraiser and consider showing your appreciation for Penny.

YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION

"Chanukah and Revolutions"

Join us for an intriguing discussion on this subject at a Chanukah Oneg Shabbat with the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors at the Scheiner residence, 238 Harrison Ave., on Shabbat, Dec 11th at 8PM.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Hoffman has resumed his Wednesday night shiur. This year, the shiur will learn mesechta brochos with rishonim, acharonim and halacha l'maaseh. Please join this wonderful learning opportunity. 8:30-9:15 at the Agudah.

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.

UNCLE MOISHY VISITS AREA

Hey dum diddly dum... UNCLE MOISHY IS COMING TO TOWN. CHANUKAH 2009 - Dec 16 from 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm at YST Boys School, 71 Ethel Road West, Piscatway, NJ 08854. General seating - \$10; Preferred seating - \$15. For more information, please call Marla Rottenstreich 732-317-2784 or Aliza Scher 732-985-0720.

CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, December 6 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, December 7 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408

sieqelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

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

JFS FUNDRAISER

The Annual Casino Night Fundraiser for Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is fast

approaching. Please join us on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 6th to help support an organization that does so much for our community. The cost of the evening is only \$36 and that includes glatt kosher hors d'oeuvres and a delicious dessert buffet, not to mention hours of fun. For more information, please call Ricki Samel or Rachele Stern at (732) 249-5116 or (732) 247-0766 or call Jewish Family Services directly at (732) 777-1940.

CONG. POILE ZEDEK

MAGICAL CHANUKAH EXPERIENCE

Cong. Poile Zedek invites the community to a free Chanukah Party featuring Jay the Magician, lighting of the menorah and Chanukah feast on Sunday December 13th at 3PM at the shul, 145 Neilson St., New Brunswick NJ 732-545-6123.

JEWELRY SHOW

This Sunday, December 6th, there will be a Lia Sophia (<<http://www.liasophia.com/carollria>> www.liasophia.com/carollria) jewelry show to benefit Cong. Poile Zedek. It's a great opportunity to do your Chanukah shopping and reward yourself as well. To be held from 10:00 am to 1:00pm at 246 Hilton St., Highland Park. For more information please call 732-985-8306.

AY PACKAGE PARTY

Congregation A.Y. is having their Package Party for Women. Just bring a gift, wrapped, worth at least \$10.00 which will be auctioned off by auctioneer Gedalia Reiss. Motzei shabbos 12/5/09 at 7:30pm at A.Y. If you have any questions/RSVP please call Chavi Taranda at 732-572-6648

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.

YACHAD PARLOR MEETING

Yachad will be hosting a parlor meeting for teens and parents who are interested in learning about their special Summer experience in Israel called Yad B'Yad and their New Leadership program at the home of Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard on Tuesday Dec 8th at 8:30 PM. The parlor meeting is open to all high school students. Attendees will receive a \$150 discount. RSVP to Ahuva at: 212-613-8376 or e-mail Nechama at: Braunn@ou.org

TEFILLAH INITIATIVE E-MAILS

Send an e-mail to: tefillah@act613.org, to receive the Raritan Valley Tefillah Initiative e-mails, including the very informative and inspiring V'ani Tefillah Foundation newsletter "Praying With Passion - A Weekly E-mail Newsletter Focusing on

the Meaning Of The Davening".

NCSY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jr. NCSY Lock in at Fun Time America is now only two weeks away the price for the event is now \$45 and transportation is \$15 were leaving December 5, 11:30 AM from RPRY and returning to RPRY around 8:45 PM. Space on the bus is limited so PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Sign up on njncsy.com. Please join our mailing list by emailing your preferred email address to jrnscsyhp@gmail.com we are also on Facebook Highland Park Homies. Any question or comments please don't hesitate to call.... Tzvi Hametz @ 732 991 2252 or Tocpop@aol.com or Gavi Lankin @ 732 406 3744

Srs. WINTER REGIONAL CONVENTION the shabbaton no to be missed at the Hudson Valley resort to be the one left out in the cold this year. SIGN UP NOW Njncsy.com Any questions or comments please contact Eitan at 908 577 8940 or email at eyg1023@gmail.com.

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, December 6, at 11am at the home of Justin & Susan Hornstein, 701 S. 2nd Ave., Highland Park. You can RSVP directly to them at (732) 214-9631 or jhornstein@att.com. It is free and open to both men and women. You do not need to be a member of Hadassah to attend. For more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

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 Vayeishev	
Candlelighting	4:13 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:20 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.

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