



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Allen Kessel - President**

*Parshas Terumah*

4 Adar 5769

February 28, 2009

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>5:29PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>5:35PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45 and 9:00AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur- After Hashkama</i>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:21AM</b>
<b>Early Mincha:</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 4:35 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos speakers: Harvey Atlas (siyum) and Akiva Lustiger</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>6:35 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9AM</b>
<b>Mon &amp; Thur</b>	<b>6:20, 7:05, 8 AM</b>
<b>Tue, Wed, Fri</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>5:35 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>7:30 PM and 10:10 PM</b>
<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>	
<b>WINTER SCHEDULE FOR DAF YOMI</b>	
Monday-Thursday after 7:30pm Maariv, Friday-after Maariv, Shabbos-After Hashkama and also at 8:15am, Sunday-after 8am Shacharis.	

- Mr. and Mrs. David and Lisa Goldberg

### **RABBI'S SHABBOS DRASHA**

In order to achieve greater decorum during the Rabbi's Shabbos Drasha, the Board has determined that both the Front and Rear Doors to the Shul will be locked during the Rabbi's weekly presentation. This action will prevent any entry into the Shul but will still allow anyone to exit the Shul. Immediately after the Drasha's completion, the Back Doors will be unlocked and operate normally. We will initiate this policy starting next Shabbos, March 7th, so please inform your spouses and children in advance about this important change.

- Dr. and Mrs. Robert Schanzer.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you and remember that the deadline for ordering the mishloach manot is Sunday, March 1st.

### **MATANOS LEVYONIM**

Rabbi Luban is now accepting Matanos Levyonim donations.

### **PURIM BREAK-FAST**

The Sisterhood invites everyone to a delicious break-fast following the megillah reading on Purim night. There will be dinner for the adults and pizza for the children so please plan on joining us!

### **SHAIMOS COLLECTION**

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this years community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 15 from 9 AM to 5 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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net)

### **BIRCHAS HACHAMA VIDEO**

We are looking for someone to show the video for Birchas Hachama on March 15 and the video for Tisha Baav, from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. If you are interested in this please contact Debbie Schneider at 732 572-4713 or Allen Kessel at 732 572-9493.

### **MAZEL TOV**

...to Rachel and Myron Gurrell on the birth of a daughter to their children, Ahuva and Dani Lilkev. Mazel Tov to big brother Aharon and to the entire Gurrell, Lilkev and Reinitz families.

### **KIDDUSH AND SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Both Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos this week are being sponsored by Charyn and Harvey Atlas in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Harvey's father, Moshe Yehuda ben Shalom, z"l.

### **MISSING BEIS MEDRASH**

#### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

The 3rd volume (Vayikrah) of the Netivot Shalom has been missing from the Beis Hamedresh for at least a month – Please check if inadvertently someone took it home and return it ASAP.

### **CHESED HOURS OPPORTUNITY AND THE TORAH TAPE LIBRARY**

There is temporary need for individual[s] to open and close the torah tape library. The start date is March 3 and continues for 2 months. The library needs to be opened 2 nights a week and on Sundays. This is an opportunity for young adults and adults who want to do chesed. It can also be an opportunity to fulfill chesed hour needs. There is very little actual work that needs to be done for this task. Please contact President Alan Kessel or Larry Greenspan at 732-828-5642 or 732-501-5455.

### **SISTERHOOD NEWS**

Please note that the following names were inadvertently omitted from the mishloach manot list sent out by the sisterhood:

- Dr. and Mrs. Billy Gewirtz
- Dr. and Mrs. Fred Glatter
- Rabbi and Mrs. Daniel Lasar
- Mr. Bernie Leff
- Mr. and Mrs. Imre Lefkovitz

### **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 Mar. 7, 14, & 28th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to the following new members:

- Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brandwein and Chani Roth

### **TELEPHONE TREE**

The OT Telephone Tree has been updated with current information from the 2009 Membership Directory. If you are not receiving shul messages please contact Aliyana at [aliyanaw@optonline.net](mailto:aliyanaw@optonline.net) with any information that may need correction. There are now 279 telephone numbers on the list and it can take up to 7 hours to complete the full round. If you include your email address for notifications, you will get shul messages immediately.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

If anyone found a gold earring that was recently lost please call Sharon Chesner at 732-572-4045. Thank you.

#### **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 and return between 9-10 pm. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided - all meals are glatt kosher. Early registration discounts are offered if completed on or before March 10th – rates are \$75 for students and \$125 for adults. After March 10, rates will be \$125 for students and \$175 for

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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, Elie Borger, Allen Kessel, Barry Wolf, Marc Hanfling [docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com) Register at [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call 201-788-5133.

### **BIKUR CHOLIM HEALTH FAIR**

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley County, in conjunction with St. Peters University Hospital, will be hosting a health fair featuring informational booths and exhibits for the entire family. There will be fire safety house, karate, bicycle safety, ambulance, canine unit, balloon animals, and other exciting activities for children. Adults can learn about weight control, recognizing anxiety disorders, memory training, teen stress, ADHD, effective parenting strategies, chiropractic care, basic 1<sup>st</sup> aid, and much, much more. Save the date - Sunday, March 15, 1:00 - 5:00 PM at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva. Children should bring their bicycles and / or helmets for safety checks which will be done by the Edison Police Department. For more information or to volunteer (adults and children 7th grade and up), please call Cindy 732-985-4501 or Susan 732-266-1324.

Also at the health fair: Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive. Any questions, please call Ira Rosen at (732) 393-1018. The HLA Registry, part of the National Marrow Donor Program, the largest bone marrow donor registry in the United States, will be performing simple cheek swabs for bone marrow typing to benefit those needing bone marrow transplants or stem cell transplants. Please increase the odds of finding a match - come and be tested. If you would like to help defray the cost of the screening, make checks payable to Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley and send to Judy Chanowitz, 153 North 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. If you have any questions or for more information, please call Judy Chanowitz at (732) 261-5170.

### **YESHIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI: "A GLIMPSE OF UPPER ELEMENTARY"**

Netivot continues to grow! Join us for a preview of the Upper Elementary program, opening in the fall of 2009. This session will explain how the curriculum continues from Lower to Upper Elementary, providing a rigorous academic experience at the appropriate developmental level for nine to twelve year-olds. We will provide a general overview of the nine to twelve grade and sequence, highlighting certain curricular areas and demonstrating how they extend and develop from one level to the next. This session is recommended for all intrigued parents. Location: Netivot Lower Elementary, 33 Lakeview Blvd., Edison Tue, March 24, 8pm.

### **ORTHODOX FORUM**

The Orthodox Forum presents the final lecture of the 2008-2009 season on Motzei Shabbat March 7, 2009, 8:30 pm at Congregation Ahavas Achim - 216 South 1st Ave, Highland Park, NJ. The guest speaker is RABBI MARC D. ANGEL, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Shearith Israel, NY.

To illustrate the topic of Leadership Issues and Ideological Tensions within Orthodoxy, Rabbi Angel will role-play the fictional search for a Rosh Yeshiva. One candidate is the yeshiva bochur son

of the late rosh yeshiva, and the other is a university graduate. We, the audience, playing the part of the virtual Search Committee, will hear and weigh Rabbi Angel's presentation of the varying viewpoints. The presentation is fictional but in reality many of the arguments on either side are currently being played out on the communal and personal levels.

For more information, email [hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com](mailto:hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com) or Joel Paul at [JHPaul@earthlink.com](mailto:JHPaul@earthlink.com)

### **RABBI JACOB JOSEPH YESHIVA DINNER**

Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva would like to invite the entire community to its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, to be held on Sunday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. Local Honorees are **Mr. and Mrs. Marc Kalton**. For more information, please contact the Yeshiva office at 732-985-6533 or E-mail [RJED@TTEC.COM](mailto:RJED@TTEC.COM)

### **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 we have been able to provide financial assistance for student-shadows, tutoring, counseling and food vouchers for local children, many whose parents are unemployed due to the economic downturn. To obtain the cards, send e-mail to: [childrensfundhp@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sharon.hirt@pfizer.com) to purchase cards at \$2.00 each. Thank you for supporting EMUNAH projects in Israel.

### **EMUNAH EVENT**

March 18th evening cooking demo with Sharon Starr Hayley will take place at the home of Adrienne Orani, 292 North Fifth Avenue. All food/recipes will be kosher l'Pesach. More details to follow.

### **PURIM 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 plea for a new costume every year?

The Ohav Emeth Purim Costume Gemach is the answer to your wishes! Drop off your children's old costumes, in clean, wearable condition. and/ or Pick up a "New to You" Purim Costume Sunday, March 1st, 10 am - 2 pm at tOhav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave., Highland Park. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per costume borrowed.

For every costume dropped off, you will receive a ticket good for one costume to borrow. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to drop off or pick up, please call or email Shari Gordon 732-572-9192 / [shari1@gmail.com](mailto:shari1@gmail.com) The OE Purim Costume Gemach is open to the whole community. Purim Sameach! Shari & Michael Gordon

### **MEGILLAS ESTHER: THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY**

Speaker: Mrs. Bat-sheva Kaplan, Girl's Principal, Moshe Aaron Yeshiva High School Tuesday,

March 3, 2009 at 8:30PM at The Heideman's, 19 Ryan Road Edison. Admission is free, but we want to make sure you have a seat! Please email [shelley.schoenfeld@cmpmedica.com](mailto:shelley.schoenfeld@cmpmedica.com) with your name to register.

We will be collecting names for a refuah shelaimah list that will be read at the beginning of the shiur, and it will be for the complete refuah of those individuals that we learn this evening. If you have anyone you would like added to this list, please email their names along with your registration.

### **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).

### **AA 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

Ahavas Achim's 120th Anniversary Dinner and Journal will take place Sunday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. in Ahavas Achim's Social hall. Ad blanks and jewel/yahrzeit forms can be found on [www.ahavasachim.org](http://www.ahavasachim.org), on the wooden rack in the Ahavas Achim lobby and in the Ahavas Achim office. This year's Guests of Honor are Mindy and Seth Berman. A Special Recognition for Lifetime Achievement will be presented to Hannah and Dr. Abe Feigenbaum. Please participate in this major event by soliciting or placing ads in the journal and by attending the dinner. deadline for ads is next Friday, March 6.

### **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 MISHMAR PROGRAM**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:30 Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$2.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

### **MAZAL SHIDDUCH GROUP**

Please email Sharon at [Shci18@aol.com](mailto:Shci18@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.

### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

The next job networking session will be on Wednesday, March 11th at Congregation 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 on your experience and bring about 20 copies of your resume. Informal networking begins at 7:30 pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10 pm. Guest speaker: Naomi Auman, a human resource professional at a major international IT consulting firm. Naomi will discuss job placement from the employers' perspective, including what the employer is looking for in resumes, cover letters, interviews,

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etc. For more information, go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org), or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRV@verizon.net](mailto:ENRV@verizon.net).

### **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.

**\*\*Important\*\*** Beginning Sunday night, March 8th, Sunday-Thursday nights, hours are 9-11pm. Saturday nights in March, the mikvah opens at 9pm.

### **PORTION OF WIG SALES TO BENEFIT PARK MIKVAH**

On Sunday March 8th, you are invited to a Michal Wigs sale! Michal Wigs are available directly to customers and not sold through sheitel machers, thereby eliminating a large markup. Multi directional, no knotting, 6 month guarantee. Prices range from \$290/hatfall, \$365-\$415 band fall, \$475-\$575 sheitel. Sale will be held from 6:30-9pm at 17 Perry Road, EDISON. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Park Mikvah. Any questions? Contact [darasaker@michalwigs.com](mailto:darasaker@michalwigs.com) and/or visit the website at [www.michalwigs.com](http://www.michalwigs.com)

### **YST GIRLS DIVISION PRESENTS A PLAY**

Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Girls division proudly presents The Adopted Princess. A beautiful dramatic, musical presentation adapted from the book by Marcus Lehman. The play is for women and girls (boys up to age 6). Sun March 1st, 1pm, Piscataway High School. For tickets and info, please call: Mrs. Chani Gross 732-257-8910.

### **ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS**

- 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](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com).

- 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 e mail 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.

### **RUTGERS HILLEL NEEDS SEFORIM**

The Jewish community at Rutgers Hillel needs Sefarim to support the expanding Jewish community on campus. We are looking for any Sefarim, Hebrew and English, used or 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 Sammy Sacks: (732) 735-3848.

### **JR NCSY INFO**

-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](mailto: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

### **REBBITZEN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES FOR WOMEN**

Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, March 1 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class, Monday evening, March 2 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only.

For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) or Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com) Rebbitzten Eichenstein will be having a class on Sefer Tomer Devorah on Monday evening, March 2 at 9:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for post-seminary girls  
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, March 4 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 Tetzaveh Zachor**

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| • Candlelighting          | 5:36 PM |
| • Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos | 5:45 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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net) Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto:announcements@ohrtorah.net) Submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.  
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