



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Mischpatim-Shekalim*

22 Shevat 5770

February 13, 2010

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

**Candlelighting:** 5:11 PM  
**Mincha:** 5:20 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:33 AM  
**Early Mincha:** 1:30 PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 4:15 PM*  
**Mincha:** 5:05 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos speaker: R. Gershon Klavan*  
**Maariv:** 6:15 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sunday (Rosh Chodesh)** 7:00, 8 & 9 AM  
**Monday (Rosh Chodesh)** 6:10, 7:05 & 8 AM  
**Tue, Wed, Fri** 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM  
**Thursday** 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 5:20 PM  
**Weekday Maariv** 7:30 & 10:10 PM  
*Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Cancelled until March 1st*  
 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.  
**Daf Yomi is starting a new Masechta, Maseches Sanhedrin on Sunday Feb. 14. All are encouraged to take this opportunity to join Daf Yomi.**

**BARUCH HABA**

Ohr Torah would like to welcome newcomers, visitors and guests who are joining us. If our President, Robert Kreitman 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 February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6, 13 and 20. 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**

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**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.

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING**

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Rena and Jeff Klein on the birth of a boy. Mazel tov to grandparents Elisha and Marty Klein and Susan and David Goldsmith, siblings Zevi, Chani and Shmuli and the entire family. Sholom zochor will be Friday evening, 8:30pm at 14 Harrison Street, Edison. Bris will iy"h be Tuesday morning following the 7:10am minyan at Ohr Torah. ...to Naomi and Neal Auman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Effie this Shabbat at RPRY. Mazel Tov to Effie's grandparents and brothers as well. ...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the engagement of their granddaughter, Daniella Kestenbaum of Raanana Israel to Amit Nistenpower of Raanana. ...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the birth of a daughter to their children Shira and Sammie Markowitz. ...to Didi Deitcher & David Matthew on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Juliet. We welcome all their family. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Harvey & Annette Matthew and Leah Deitcher and to the great-grandmother Sabina Folman. ...to Phyllis and Gedalia Reiss on the birth of a daughter to Dani and Dina Hochberg. ...to Smadar and Jerry Parness on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ariele, to Yonatan Fox, son of Ed and Debbie Fox of Teaneck, NJ, this coming Monday, February 15, 2010. Mazel Tov to Ariele who is celebrating her Shabbat Kallah with her mother, sister Elior, and friends here in Edison and davening at OT.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by David & Fay Moskovic in memory of the yahrtzeit of David's mother Rivka bas Dovid A"H.

**UPCOMING BAR OR BAT MITZVAH**

If your child will celebrate his or her bar or bat mitzvah in 2010, please email your child's name and the date of the occasion to Robert Kreitman at [rkreitman@sidley.com](mailto:rkreitman@sidley.com) at your earliest convenience.

**FREE CPR COURSE**

A free CPR/AED course will be offered at OT on Sat. night Feb. 13 Course is AHA Heartsaver AED Adult/Child certificate card available. Time: 7:30 - 10:30 PM. You must register in advance due to limited space respond to Ari Lewitter at [lewitter@yahoo.com](mailto:lewitter@yahoo.com).

**SEFORIM NEWS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
 -Mordechai and Ruthie Paretzky in honor of Adina and Shoshana Paretzky  
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Shalom Cohen's dad Aharon Magen Cohen Z"L  
 -Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Yvonne Beyer's father Eugene Schrenzel Z"L

**CONDOLENCES**

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Tamima Klerer on the recent loss of her mother, Rosa Liebowitz Z"L. Shiva will be observed at the Klerer home, 28 Celler Road, Edison starting Thursday night and through Sunday February 14th. *May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.*

**YASHER KOACH**

Ohr Torah would like to thank Yoel Schwartz and family for their kindness in shoveling the Shul property. We appreciate the extra effort you do for the Shul's sake in making the Shul accessible during snow storms.

**OHR TORAH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE GUEST SPEAKER**

Rabbi Hayyim Angel will join Cong. Ohr Torah as Scholar in Residence for Shabbat HaChodesh (VaYakhel-Pekudei) March 12/13. He will speak Friday night on "ROMANCE AND RELIGION IN SHIR HA-SHIRIM," give the Shabbat morning derashah on "THE BERESHIT-SHEMOT CONTINUUM: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY ARE VIEWED AS A LARGER UNIT and after Minchah on "G-D INSISTS ON TRUTH:Rabbinic Responses to Two of the Sharper Biblical Prayers." Rabbi Angel is Rabbi at Cong. Shearith Israel of New York City (the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, founded in 1654) and teaches advanced undergraduate Tanakh courses at Yeshiva Univ. He has published over 50 scholarly articles, primarily in Tanakh. Twenty studies were collected in a book, Through an Opaque Lens (2006). Another twenty studies were collected in a second book, Revealed Texts, Hidden Meanings (2009).

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OHAV EMETH**

Are you between 2-5 years old, and love groups on Shabbos? Then come to our first ever "Groups on Sunday!" Join Rachel, Dahlia, Sara, Adina, Elisheva and Gittie for a morning of fun on Sunday, February 14th, at 10:00am sharp, and stay until 11:30. (\$2.50 per child).

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

Star in the OE's GOT TALENT SHOW - Motzei Shabbos February 20th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm. 6- 9 yr olds, come and show us what you've got! This will be a fun night for the whole family, with prizes for everyone, right here at OE. \$4 a person / \$20 max per family. Please RSVP to [OEGroups@gmail.com](mailto:OEGroups@gmail.com) to be included in the playbill!

### **NORPAC**

Strengthen the American-Israel relationship in Congress. Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Wash DC, Wed. May 12. Buses leave for Washington at 6:15 am from Edison / Highland Park. Buses return between 9-10 PM.

There will be briefings on each bus. Shacharit davening will be at 5:45 am in Ohr Torah and Ahavas Achim. There will be a minyan for Mincha and maariv on the way home. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided.

Early registration discounts(save \$50) on or before March 15th – rates are \$75 for students and \$125 for adults. Participants must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Full Refunds available, requests must be received in writing at [karen@norpac.net](mailto:karen@norpac.net) by May 1, 2010.

Register online at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Elie Borger, or Marc Hanfling ([docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com)).

### **CANTORIAL WEEKEND WITH SHIM CRAIMER**

Shabbat, February 19-20: Cantorial Weekend with Chazzan Shim Craimer of the Riverdale Jewish Center. A Shabbat of extraordinary tefillah led by one of the outstanding stars of the Jewish music world. Chazzan Craimer will lead Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night, and Shacharit and Mussaf on Shabbat morning. Additionally, there will be a Friday night oneg with his singing at the home of Rabbi Steven and Gila Miodownik, 248 Lawrence Avenue, at 8:00 p.m. There will also be a catered musical seudah in the shul for Shabbat lunch (by reservation only; deadline this Monday).

### **MISHMAR**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:30. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

### **PURIM CARDS AVAILABLE FROM CHILDREN'S FUND**

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 past year, we have been able to provide the necessary financial assistance for student-shadows, tutoring, counseling, food vouchers and hachnasas kallah. 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.

### **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'maisheh. 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.

### **EMUNAH PLANS EXCITING EVENING**

Please join EMUNAH on February 13 for an exciting evening. Zvi Bielski, son of Zus Bielski, hero of the movie Defiance will be speaking at the home of Rachel and Myron Gurell, 482 Lincoln Avenue at 8pm. Light refreshments, \$15.00 per person, sponsorships at all levels needed to defray the cost of the speaker. For more info, or to sponsor the event, please contact Rachel Gurell 732-777-0772, Sharon Hirt 732-777-0462 or Chaya Reinitz 732-777-1980

### **AHAVAS YISROEL**

Congregation Ahavas Yisrael will be hosting Rabbi Shalom Berger as a Scholar in Residence the weekend of Parshas Terumah, February 19 and 20th. Rabbi Berger will speak during davening on Friday night, and will give the Shabbos morning drasha. Rabbi Berger is well known in the field of Jewish Education, having taught for many years in the US and Israel, and now directs educational programs at the Lookstein Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora (<http://www.lookstein.org>). He is also co-author of the book Flipping Out?-- Myth or Fact: The Impact of the "Year in Israel"

### **TABC ANNUAL DINNER**

The Torah Academy of Bergen County (TABC) annual dinner is on Feb 21, 2010. At that time, the school will be honoring Barbara & Ken Strassman and Naomi & Neal Auman with Service Awards for their work in helping to make TABC accessible to boys from Highland Park and Edison. Please join TABC in honoring The Strassmans and The Aumans for their efforts on behalf of the community's high school boys. For more info or to have your name listed on the Scroll of Honor, please contact Mrs. Ceil Olivestone at 201-837-7696 x115 or visit the school's website at <http://www.tabc.org/static/dinner.asp>

### **RABBI HOROWITZ'S SHTEIBLE**

Men, women, and children are invited to a Sheves Achim (farbrengen) of singing, dancing, divrie Torah and refreshments, Friday night February 12th at 8:30 at Rabbi Horowitz's Shteible, 46 N. 8th Ave.

### **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

### **COSTUME GEMACH**

Come to Cong. Ohav Emeth's 3rd Annual Purim Costume Gemach, Sunday February 14th or Sunday February 21st, from 10 am to 2 pm, 415 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. We have brand new and some slightly used costumes. Great infant costumes to Adults sizes. There is a suggested \$5 donation per costume and if you donate a costume, you get a credit to borrow a costume. Donated costumes are welcomed before, during and after the dates listed above. If you have any questions, please email us at [sharig1@gmail.com](mailto:sharig1@gmail.com) or call us at (732) 572-9192.

### **FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not be having her classes this Sunday, February 14 and Monday, February 15. For more information, please contact

Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408

[siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, February 17 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park.

-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](mailto: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 afterdark 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.

### **RABBI MORDECHAI BECHER RESCHEDULED FOR MOTZEI SHABBAT, FEBRUARY 20**

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, who's lecture Motzei Shabbat, February 6, was cancelled due to inclement weather, will speak on the topic: "The Rooster, The Tree, and the S.U.V." on Motzei Shabbat, February 20, at 8:30 p.m. This free lecture, co-sponsored by Ahavas Achim University and the Ahavas Achim Environmental Committee, examines a Jewish perspective on our impact on the environment.

### **NCSY**

This motzei shabbat, jr ncsy is going costume bowling! We will be meeting at Stelton Lanes bowling alley, at 7:30. Price is \$15. Don't forget to wear a costume! See you there! If you have any questions, please call Tzvi (732) 991-2252 or Gavi (732) 406-3744, or email [jrnscsyhp@gmail.com](mailto:jrnscsyhp@gmail.com) This shabbat PM, srs ncsy is having an oneg at the Shermans, at 2:30. Can't wait to see you there!

### **PROJECT INSPIRE KIRUV TRAINING**

You are invited to a 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! Topics include: Why do Kiruv? The obligation, Evidence for God and the Torah, Common questions & answers, Fundamental Insights about Judaism, Misperceptions about Judaism, How to get others involved in Kiruv, Entertaining and Educational Videos and more!

The Seminar will take place on Sundays, February 14th and 21st. (Note: Change in dates) Doors open at 7:30 PM; Program begins at 8PM. Location: Cong. Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Road. Questions and RSVP: Marsha Eiserman [mandeme3000@yahoo.com](mailto:mandeme3000@yahoo.com) or 732-777-1155.

### **JFVS PASSOVER FOOD PROGRAM**

Pesach is fast approaching! If you or someone you know could benefit from the free

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

Passover food program that Jewish Family and Vocational Services offers, please contact the agency at 732-777-1940 and ask for Lisa Mason. For over 25 years JFVS has been delivering boxes of Matzah, wine, and other Passover essentials to families across Middlesex County and this year is no different! For more information or to find out how you can get involved, please call Rachelle Stern at 732-247-0766. (Please note; packaging and delivery will take place two weeks before Pesach so please call asap. Thank you!)

**LEARN TO READ HEBREW**

Abraham's Tent presents: NJOP.ORG's - FREE Hebrew reading crash course at: "People of the Book" - Highland Park's used Jewish bookstore 311 Raritan Ave (2nd floor) Sundays at 10:30am starting February 14th Each year tens of thousands of Jewish adults will gather in hundreds of locations across North America to learn to read Hebrew – the language of the Jewish people! These five FREE hour-and-a-half lessons are available for beginners with no Hebrew background necessary. You'll be reading Hebrew by Passover – GUARANTEED! For more info or to

rsvp leave a message at (732) 745 - 7080 or email [info@abrahamstentnj.org](mailto:info@abrahamstentnj.org)

**EMUNAH**

EMUNAH Purim cards are in! Please contact Sharon Hirt at 732-777-0462 or [Sharon.Hirt@Pfizer.com](mailto:Sharon.Hirt@Pfizer.com). Although we have kept the cost at \$2.00 per card for many years, we have decided to increase the cost per card this year to \$2.25. During this difficult economy, this small increase DOES make a difference to the life of someone in need in Israel. We hope that you understand and that we can continue to count on your support.

**ISRAELI ROCK FINDS JEWISH SPIRITUALITY**

The \*Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors Program \*and \*Ahavas Achim \*present \*Israeli Rock Finds Jewish Spirituality on Tuesday, February 16, at 8pm. \*Learn the Songs! Understand their Meaning! Please \*RSVP to Rabbi Shmuel Greene at 732-485-7122 or [rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org](mailto:rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org).

**RJJ**

Rabbi Jacob Joseph School cordially invites you to attend its Annual Scholarship Dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Saul London, at The Pines Manor, Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**LOCAL ERUV**

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

Shabbat Mishpatim	
Candlelighting	5:19 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	5:25 PM

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