



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Vaeirah

1 Shevat 5770

January 16, 2010

Candlelighting:	4:37PM
Mincha:	4:45PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:42AM
Early Mincha:	1:30 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 3:40 PM</i>	
Mincha:	4:30 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Robert Kreitman</i>	
Maariv:	5:40 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sunday-	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Mon, Thur	6:17, 7:05 & 8AM
Tue, Weds Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
<i>Note earliest Talis And Tefillin: 6:20 Monday, 6:19 Thursday</i>	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:45 PM
Weekday Maariv	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: 9:10 PM Monday</i>	
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.	

MAZEL TOV
...to Barbara and Jerry Belsh on the birth of Bracha to their children Shmuel and Tova.

KIDDUSH
Kiddush this week is sponsored by Yael Raymon and Shai Stahl, together with Susi and Hillel Raymon, in honor of Serach Yehudit Stahl's first birthday.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT
It seems that tapes and CD's have been taken out of the library without scanning the cards and media. This creates a number of difficulties and makes it easier for the media to get lost from the library. Please remember to always scan tapes and CD's along with your library card when using the library.

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.

CONDOLENCES
Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Shalom Cohen on the recent loss of his father, Aharon Magen Cohen, Z"l. Shalom will sit shiva at the hotel Lev Yerushalayim, in Yerushalayim, Israel, until Tuesday morning. The phone numbers are 011-972-528-744-977 or 011-972-2-530-0333.
May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

LAST CALL FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTORY
Changes and/or additions to any information currently published in the 2009 Member Directory must be made by Wednesday, Jan. 20. To have additional information published in the new directory (email addresses and/or children's names) please email the info. to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net.

CRISIS in HAITI
The Orthodox Union is serving as a collection point for donations, which will be directly forwarded to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC has already helped send an Israeli relief team of medical, search and rescue, and post-trauma counseling experts to assist survivors and will continue to assist with the help of our contributions. Your support is needed immediately.

Go to www.ou.org to donate.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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'maisseh. 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. After the speaker (which is for men and women!!), Rachel Gurell will be introducing her new organic and natural face and neck anti-aging serum recommended for women 35 years and older. A percentage of all orders placed that evening will be donated to EMUNAH. 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

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>

ACTT
ACTT will be privileged to have Dr. Chaim Presby speak about "The Evolution of Speech" at its next Community-Wide event and launch of Shmiras HaLashon Module 4 on Motzei Shabbos, January 23rd, at 8:30pm at Congregation Etz Ahaim. For more info about ACTT, please call Jonathan Abrahams 732-220-2946, Wendy Bar 732-220-8765, Joe Friedman 732-732-985-8014, Michael Lafond 732-432-9860, Phil Rosen 732-572-8762, or Aviva Siegel 732-572-4408. Website: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org.

MITZVAH HEROES FUND, INC
Become a Mitzvah Hero -For my upcoming Bar Mitzvah, I am collecting money for wounded Israeli soldiers who are having financial difficulties. The money is being collected for The Mitzvah Heroes Fund, Inc, a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting funds for various Tzedakah projects. Their website is www.mitzvahheroesfund.org. Channa is one of the Mitzvah Heroes and I want to help her continue her important work for the soldiers

BARUCH HABAH
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 January 30th and February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. 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 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.

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.

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Please send checks payable to "Mitzvah Heroes Fund, Inc. and write Channa in the memo. The U.S. IRS tax id number is 26-1913966. Please send the checks to Zachary Caplan (7th Grade RPRY) 25 Olden Road Edison, NJ 08817 and I will forward them to the organization and Channa.

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: Misconceptions about Judaism, How to get others involved in Kiruv, Entertaining and Educational Videos...and more! The Seminar will take place on Sundays February 7th and 14th. Doors open at 7:30 PM; Program begins at 8:00. Location: Congregation Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Road Questions and RSVP: Marsha Eiserman mandme3000@yahoo.com or 732-777-1155

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

FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

-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 tehilim.

HIGHLAND PARK JUNIOR NCSY

Winter Regional is quickly approaching! Regional is in West Orange, Feb 5th through 7th. To sign up, go to njncsy.org. Please contact Gavi (732) 406-3744 or Tzvi (732) 991-2252 or

jrnscsyhp@gmail.com with any questions. If you would like to be included on the parent email list, please email jrnscsyhp@gmail.com

EMUNAH

EMUNAH Purim cards are in! Please contact Sharon Hirt at 732-777-0462 or 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.

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 14th.

SOFER

The Sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday January 17th. Store hours are 10am to 5pm. Although walk-ins are welcome it is helpful if you call 732-828-7722 and let us know you will be coming.

JEWISH FEDERATION

Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County Presents Winter Wednesdays 2010
Treat yourself to four fun nights of warmth with friends. Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County is excited to announce the launch of Winter Wednesdays 2010! Sign up online for the series now and save \$12. Secure a spot to come in from the cold to enjoy these fun and interesting events:

1. Mind Meets Body: Yoga 101 Lift your spirits. Flex your muscles. Brighten your mood.

Co-Chairs: Andrea Tobias Kostick & Catherine Mermelstein When: January 13 at 7:30 pm
Where: Federation Office, South River
2. The Secret Lives of First Ladies: with author Cormac O'Brian What your teachers never told you.....!

Co-Chairs: Judith Harrison Gross & Lisa Spiegel
When: February 10 at 7:30 pm Where: Home of Iva Dyckman, East Brunswick

3. Spice It Up: The Tastes of Syrian Cuisine
Crushed allspice, ground cumin and more.
(Dietary laws observed.)

Co-Chairs: Didi Deitcher & Stacy Kaplan
When: March 3 at 7:30 pm
Where: Home of Rachel Lerner, Edison

4. The Truth about Twinship: with author Abigail Pogrebin The struggle to be singular.

Chair: Jennifer Greenstein Altmann When: April 28 at 7:30 pm
Where: East Brunswick Public Library
Couvert for the series is \$72. Register online now and pay only \$60.

A \$36 minimum gift to Federation's Annual Community Campaign welcomes you to these events. For more information or to register, please visit JewishMiddlesex.org!

MAYANOT

Girls Night On

An open mike night for women, by women. Saturday night, February 6th, 2010 at 8 PM at Ma'ayanot High School, 1650 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck. Admission: \$15, Students \$10 (Performers receive \$5 off admission)
Check out our website at girlsnighton.com
Sponsored by the Ma'ayanot Parent Council

YESHIVAT NETIVOT OPEN HOUSE

Please join Netivot for an Open House, on Sunday, January 17th. Times & locations:
Pre-Primary (18 months-3 years) & Primary (3-6 years) from 2:00-2:45 p.m. classroom tour and teacher presentation. All classes from 2:45-3:30 p.m. general presentation and slide show: 91 Jefferson Blvd., Edison. Lower Elementary (6-9 years) from 3:45-4:30 p.m. classroom tour and teacher presentation: 33 Lakeview Blvd., Edison. RSVP to 732-985-4626. Walk-ins welcome.

AUCTION/WINE TASTING

Young Israel of East Brunswick will be having an auction featuring Judaic/Israeli art and sports/music memorabilia this Saturday night, January 16, 2010, at YIEB, 193 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick. Viewing begins at 8pm with the auction to take place at 9pm. A wide variety of items will be available, all with affordable opening bids. A wine tasting, featuring the wines of Herzog and Royal Wines, and wine sale (through Rite Aid Liquors in Highland Park) is included as part of this exciting event. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance, \$15 at the door.

For information, please call Jeff Dantowitz at 732-254-5425.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbat Bo	
Candlelighting	4:45 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:55 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.



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