



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Vayechi*

16 Tevet 5770

January 2, 2010

**Candlelighting:** 4:23PM  
**Mincha:** 4:30PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur - After Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:41AM  
**Early Mincha:** 1:30 PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Maseches Megillah Shiur – 3:30 PM*

**Mincha:** 4:20 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos speaker: Dr. Ira Krumholtz*  
**Maariv:** 5:30 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sunday-**  
**Mon, Thur** 6:17, 7:05 & 8AM  
**Tue, Weds Fri** 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

*Note earliest Talis And Tefillin:*

*6:23 Monday, 6:23 Thursday*

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 4:30 PM

**Weekday Maariv** 7:30 & 10:10 PM

*Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur:*

*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 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING**

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.

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Debbie and Moshe Schneider on the engagement of their daughter Yael to Elisha Domb of Cleveland Ohio. Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Domb and family, to brothers and sisters Azaryah and Tova Schechter, Yaakov, Mayer and Michal Katz, and Batsheva. and to grandparents Mrs. Beverly Libin and Dr. & Mrs. Ellie Schneider.

... to Donna and Jack Mensch on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Binyamin. The Mensch family would like to invite everyone to a kiddush at their home, 24 Marshall Drive, following davening at Agudath Israel.

....to Lorraine and Ira Spiler on the birth of a daughter, Miriam Shoshanna, to their children Ora and Mikey Rapfogel. Mazel Tov to big sister Emma and great grand mother Bubby Marcia Spiler.

...to Jeanne and Eric Lankin on the birth of a daughter, Ayelet Emunah, to Shira and Scott Sheps.

...to Gail and William Bogner on being honored by the Highland Park Community Kollel this Sunday

**KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by Mira and Mark Epstein to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Mark's father, R' Nachman B'R Yitzchak Halevi z'l.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh seudos this week is sponsored by Debbie and Moshe Schneider in memory of the Yahrzeit of Debbie's father Emanuel ben Shimon A'H.

**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.

**EPI YEAR-END UPDATE**

The Emergency Parnasah Initiative committee that was formed to assist members of our community who have been affected by recent economic turmoil would like to inform you that to date 31 families in our community have received assistance. Please do your very best to redeem the remainder of your pledges by year end or under the schedule you originally pledged. The committee thanks you for your extremely generous support.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Ora and Yossi Avni  
 Noa and Judah Elbaum  
 Rebecca and William Felsen  
 Gregory Olf  
 Chaviva and Jonathan Rosenbluth  
 Tamar and David Rudnitzky  
 Elie and Awi Salomon

**YOUNG FAMILY MINYAN**

The Young Family Minyan meets each Shabbos morning at 9:15am in the Beis Medrash. For more information, please see Neer Even-Hen, Jeff Klein or Evan Orgel.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL**

The Highland Park Community Kollel is pleased to invite the entire Community to the 2nd Annual Kollel Breakfast, which will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah **this Sunday Morning**, January 3rd 2010 at 9:30am. The Guests of Honor will be Mr. & Mrs. William Bogner. The Ahavas HaTorah Award will be presented to Mr. Solomon Blumenfeld. For further information, please contact the Breakfast Chairman, Mr. Avi Kamelhar at (917) 597-0932 or [avi@eastchestercenter.com](mailto:avi@eastchestercenter.com) - We look forward to greeting you there!

**GEMARA IYUN SHIUR WITH**

**RABBI YAAKOV BUSEL**

Rabbi Yaakov Busel, Rosh Yeshiva of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva, has been giving a Gemara shiur be'iyun to local ba'al habatim on Thursday nights at 8:30 PM for over 25 years. The shiur is now starting a new gemara, maseches Niddah, next week. This gemara was chosen because there is much lomdus: the basic sugyos dealing with chazakos appear in the first perek. The shiur greatly welcomes new members for the inauguration of the new masechta on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> - for more information contact Arnie Lustiger at 732-718-0811.

**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.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Next blood drive, scheduled for Sunday, January 3, 2010. Donors are welcome from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. We'll have fresh baked cookies and child care will be available. Please contact Heidi, Ira or Natasha at 732-393-1018 to schedule a donation slot (walk-ins are also welcome).

**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.

**CHUG IVRIT TO MEET**

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at 11am at a private Highland Park area home. Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is

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free and open to both men and women. You do not need to be a member of Hadassah to attend. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We will also do a Hebrew crossword puzzle. For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net)

#### **UPCOMING EMUNAH ART AUCTION**

EMUNAH's annual art auction will take place Saturday night, January 9, 2009, at Ohr Torah. Dinner (for sponsors) 8pm; General Admission 8:30 pm; Auction 9pm. General admission \$5.00; Sponsors (includes dinner for 2): \$36, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$18 (includes dinner for 1). Special this year, for sale: Framed lithographs by Micki Caspi and Yonah Weinrib, Judaica, Unique personal and decorative giftware by premier artists, Original handcrafted sterling silver/semi-precious stone jewelry. A portion of all sales will support EMUNAH programs in Israel. Please RSVP to Sharon Hirt 732-777-0462 or Pauline Mykoff 732-572-0457.

#### **ORTHODOX FORUM SPEAKER**

The Orthodox Forum presents Mr. Mutty Weiss and Rabbi Yosef Blau to speak on the topic of Facing Up to Sexual Abuse in the Orthodox Community: A Survivor and Rabbinic Leader Speak Out, on Motzei Shabbos, January 9, 2010, 8PM, Congregation Ohr Torah.

#### **ACTT**

"PLEASE SAVE THE DATE – ACTT will be privileged to have Dr. Chaim Presby speak about "The Evolution of Speech" at its next Community-Wide event on Motzei Shabbos, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:30pm. Details will follow. 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. Web-site: [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), e-mail: [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org)."

#### **NEW FRI. NIGHT ONEG SERIES AT OE**

Friday night January 1, 2010 - Rabbi Yehoshua Lewis, director of the Rutgers Jewish Experience program; Friday night January 8th - Rabbi Tzvi Weiss, shiur leader: Friday night January 15th - Rabbi Shlomo Ziegler, baal koreh and shiur leader. More speakers to be scheduled shortly. Each Friday night Oneg will start at 8pm at the

shul with a brief talk by the evening's speaker on a select midrash, followed by a question and answer period. The talk will be accompanied by a light reception. For more info on this Oneg series, speak with Steve Deutsch or send him email at [forsang@juno.com](mailto:forsang@juno.com)

#### **CLASSES FOR WOMEN/GIRLS**

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday mornings, Jan 3 and Jan 10 at 10AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, January 4 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. There will not be class on Monday, Jan 11. Classes are for women only. For more info, 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 mornings, Jan 6 and Jan 13 at 9:15AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. If there is any change, it will be posted on the Edison/Highland Park bulletin board.

-The Women's AMEN Group will be continuing to meet weekly, Sunday mornings at Congregation Ohr Torah, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 after dark or Friday) please contact E.J. at the above email address. It should be in the zechus of a refuah sheimamah 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.

#### **TEFILLAH INITIATIVE E-MAILS**

Send an e-mail to: [tefillah@actt613.org](mailto:tefillah@actt613.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".

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

Free job networking session: Wednesday, January 13th 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 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 7:30pm; the program begins at 8 pm and ends at 10 pm. Meira Findel will discuss "How to Save Taxes Through Your Own Home Based Business." For more info, go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org), or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRV@verizon.net](mailto:ENRV@verizon.net).

Please help: If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the info to [enrv@verizon.net](mailto:enrv@verizon.net). Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary. For more info, 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 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 Shemot	
Candlelighting	4:30 PM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:40 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. **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.

#### **A Message from Allen Kessel**

**Thank you all so much for the sumptuous, hot, fleishig kiddush the Board sponsored on my attaining the highest and most sought after elected position in our Shul.....Past President.**

**As my last official act as President of our wonderful Shul, I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your sage counsel, advice, support and your sense of humor for putting up with me (some of you for 4 years no less).**

**A very special thank you to our Mara D'asra Rabbi Luban for all he does for our Shul on a daily and nightly basis. You may think the President has a tough job but think again.....it pales in comparison to what our Rabbi so skillfully deals with every day of the year. It has been a thrilling and productive 4 years and I am looking forward to getting back to my usual seat this Shabbos.....I hope it still fits!!!**

**With very fond memories, I remain your humble servant,**

**Allen (it's been a blast....really!!!)**



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