



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Vayechi*

*11 Tevet 5771*

*December 18, 2010*

**Shabbos Candlelighting:** 4:14PM  
**Mincha:** 4:00PM  
*Fast Ends 5:22 PM*  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:35AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 3:20 PM*  
**Mincha:** 1:30 & 4:10 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Eleff*  
**Maariv:** 5:20 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun** 7:15, 8 & 9AM  
**Mon & Thur** 6:17, 7:05 & 8AM  
**Tues, Weds. & Fri.** 6:30, 7:00, & 8AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 4:20PM  
**Weekday Maariv** 7:30 & 10:10 PM  
*.Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM*  
**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**  
 On Shabbos, Daf Yomi will be given at 8:15 and after Hashkama Minyan.  
 Weekdays after 7:30 Maariv

**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 for January 1st, 8th 15th, 22nd and 29th. 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 [siegelad@optonline.net](mailto:siegelad@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 Aviva & Barry Siegel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yaakov Eliezer Siegel. Mazel Tov to all his siblings and to his grandparents, Charles and Evelyn Rindner and Lil Mazer. ... Debbie and Moshe Schneider on the birth of a son Menachem, to their children Tova and Azaryah Schechter of Baltimore Maryland. ...to Marcia and Andrew Freedman upon the birth of a son, Natan Yechiel, to their children Shani and Yitzy Horowitz. Mazel Tov to big sister, Dede, aunts and uncles, Stacey and Avi Horowitz, Michal and Yosef Haber, to grandparents Honny and Mendy Aron, and to the great grandparents, Channah and Chaim Hartman. ...to Mildred and Irwin Goldblatt and Helen and Benjamin Kramer on being honored at our annual Shul dinner this Sunday.

**HASHKAMAH KIDDUSH**

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Aviva and Barry Siegel in honor of their son Yaakov's Bar Mitzvah.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by Janice and Arnold Lustiger, Aviva and Barry Siegel, and Debbie and Moshe Schneider in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Yaakov Siegel and in memory of the Siegel's uncle Eliezer Moshe ben Yechezkel Z"L.

**SHUL BOARD MEETING**

The next shul Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec 29th at 8:30 PM.

**CONDOLANCE**

The entire shul mourns the passing of Douglas Stahl, and extends sincere condolences to his parents, Dr. Eva and Dr. Theodore Stahl. *May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.*

**MISHNAYOS IN MEMORY OF DOUG STAHL**

There is a signup sheet to learn Mishnayos in memory of Doug Stahl Z"L. (Yosef Baruch ben Yitzchak) located in the Beis Medrash. There about 10 Mishnayos slots left so please sign up. For more info, please see Yossi Strauch or Israel Rivkin.

**OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER**

Please join us this Sunday, December 19, 2010, 6PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Somerset, NJ, when we will give thanks and Hakaras Hatov to two outstanding couples who have done and continue to do so much for our Shul:  
 Service Awardees:

- Rabbi Benjamin & Helen Kramer
- Guests of Honor:
- Irwin & Mildred Goldblatt

**SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
 -Shoshana & Ted Diskind In honor of Ricki & Moshe Nat  
 -Anonymous in memory of Moshe Weisz Z"L

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RPRY ANNUAL**

**SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva has kicked off their Annual Scholarship Campaign. As of Nov. 1st, R.P.R.Y. has awarded over \$1 million in scholarship support for the current academic year.

This all important campaign culminates in a community-wide breakfast which will take place on Sunday Morning Dec. 26th, at R.P.R.Y. The Breakfast affords the Yeshiva an opportunity to not only express their HaKarat Hatov to all the generous donors, but to present their distinguished "Educator Excellence Award" to a deserving teacher. This year's recipient is Mrs. Miri Gordon. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Caplan or David Moss, or call Rabbi Zvi Pinter, executive director of R.P.R.Y. at (732) 572-5052 ext. 207. Thank you for your support.

**RPRY**

- Taste of Honey- RPRY open house 9-10am December 24. Come and taste the sweetness of our school.
- Sunday Fun Day January 9 -10-12 pm for current and prospective early childhood families. Come for a fun morning of Tu Bshvat programs! free admission. For more information on both activities, call 732-572-5052 x 215.

**ORTHODOX FORUM ON INTERFAITH RELATIONS**

On Motzei Shabbat December 18, 8:00 PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park, in conjunction with Ahavas Achim University presents Rabbi Dr. J. J. Schacter on the topic: "Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Twenty-First Century America". Rabbi Dr. Schacter is University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. He holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages from Harvard University and received rabbinic ordination from Mesivta Torah Vodaath. Rabbi Dr. Schacter has written an umber of books, and numerous articles. He is also the Founding Editor of The Torah u-Madda Journal, a prestigious academic publication which has gained international acclaim. The program will be chaired by Mr. Daniel Wildman. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more information, please email [hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com](mailto:hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com).

**MISHMAR**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00. Please bring your own

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seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

#### **ACTT**

The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization's web-site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), contains all the module program materials and the audio presentations of events. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

#### **YAAKOV SHWEKEY PERFORMS**

As you may know, Yaakov Shwekey will be performing at the Beacon Theater on Dec. 19th. Areyvut is selling tickets to the event (which is sure to sell out quickly). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (201) 244-6702 or [info@areyvut.org](mailto:info@areyvut.org).

#### **AHAVAS ACHIM CHANUKAT HABAYIT**

Ahavas Achim Chanukat Habayit featuring Leil Iyun with the Vaad Harabanim of Raritan Valley. Saturday Night, December 25 at Ahavas Achim. In honor of the Chanukat Habayit for Congregation Ahavas Achim's expanded facility, we cordially invite the entire community to study Torah with the members of the Vaad Harabanim of Raritan Valley. You will be able to attend two of the following 15-minute shiurim, which will begin at 7:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

-Rabbi Yaakov Luban, Congregation Ohr Torah: The Awesome Kavanah of Tefillah -Standing Before Hashem

-Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe, Congregation Ahavas Yisrael: Man as a Sefer Torah

-Rabbi Reuven Drucker, Agudath Israel of Highland Park/Edison: Parallels Between a Shul and the Mishkan

-Rabbi David Bassous, Congregation Etz Ahaim: Understanding the Format of the Written and Oral Laws In Fifteen Minutes

-Rabbi Jay Weinstein, Young Israel of East Brunswick: Davening Towards Yerushalayim-Halachah and Hashkafah

-Rabbi Eliyahu Kaufman, Congregation Ohav Emeth: The Secret to Mitzvas Ahavas Achim

-Rabbi Steven Miodownik, Congregation Ahavas Achim: The Five Gates of the Temple Mount

-Rabbi Abraham Mykoff, Congregation Poale Tzedek: What's in a Name?

After the Leil Iyun, all are invited to the Chanukat Habayit ceremony, followed by a Melave Malke with live music.

#### **HIGHLAND PARK KOLLEL**

The Highland Park Community Kollel is pleased to invite the entire Community to the 3rd Annual Kollel Breakfast, which will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah Sunday Morning, January 9th 2011 at 9:30am.

We will be perpetuating the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Glatter, by their children Dr. & Mrs. Fred Glatter and perpetuating the memory of Mrs. Marilyn Rudensy by her children, Dr. & Mrs. Ira Krumholtz.

The Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Yaakov Luban of Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison.

For further information, please contact the Breakfast Chairman, Mr. Mordechai Brill at (732) 266-2971 or [mordb@msn.com](mailto:mordb@msn.com).

#### **YOUNG ISRAEL OF EAST BRUNSWICK**

Yehuda Green Concert this Motzei Shabbos! Dec 18th, 8pm, at Young Israel of East Brunswick \$18 a person for Sushi, Song, and Spirit RSVP by Dec 13th to Ilana Adams at 732 651 2320

#### **CONGREGATION AHAVAS YISROEL**

Cong. Ahavas Yisrael is pleased to announce to the community that it will be hosting its 2nd Annual Journal Breakfast on the morning of Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 at Cong. Ahavas Achim starting at 9:30am. The Honorees are Avi and Cyndi Berger and Bruce Jacobi. Special guest star Lenny Solomon of Shlock Rock will be providing the musical entertainment. Please join us for a fun filled morning. Please contact Cindy Borell at (732) 580-5055 or [Simachana@verizon.net](mailto:Simachana@verizon.net) for additional information.

#### **RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR**

Rabbi Hoffman has resumed his shiur on topics in Masechta Brochos on Wednesdays evenings at 8:30 pm at the Agudah. For more info or to be added to the e-mail list to receive notifications of weekly topics, please contact Russell Adler at [radler@ebglaw.com](mailto:radler@ebglaw.com)

#### **NEFESH B'NEFESH**

Please join Nefesh B'Nefesh on Sunday, December 19th at the Nefesh B'Nefesh office in Paramus for the Nefesh B'Nefesh Aliyah Fair and Speed Aliyah Meetings. Hear from professionals from various fields at a range of Aliyah-related seminars and sit down with one of our pre-Aliyah advisors for a quick consultation. For more info go to the Nefesh B'Nefesh website at [www.nbn.org.il](http://www.nbn.org.il)

#### **AA UNIVERSITY**

#### **AA SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

Shabbat, Dec 17-18 is the inaugural Ahavas Achim University scholar-in-residence program, featuring Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter. On Friday night, Dec 17, there will be a seudah in the shul (by reservation and for AAU sponsors - please call the shul for more info) followed by Rabbi Schacter's first lecture: "Orthodoxy in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century America" at 8pm and an Oneg Shabbat. On Shabbat morning, Rabbi Schacter will deliver the drasha in the Main Sanctuary before Mussaf. On Shabbat Afternoon after 4:10 Mincha, Rabbi Schacter will speak at Seudah Shlishit on "Act and Emotion in the Service of G-d."

#### **MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites you to join us for our annual Day of Study in the Liberal Arts and Sciences on Sunday, December 19, 2010, 9:30AM-12:30 PM. Keynote Speaker, Mrs. Tamar Appel, Assistant Principal for Academic Life at Ma'ayanot will speak on "Jewish Immigrants Write Their American Experience" followed by seminars in advanced topics in the sciences and humanities led by Ma'ayanot faculty. For more info, call 201-833-4307.

#### **JR NCSY**

Please call Tzvi 732. 991.2252 or Gavi 732. 406. 3744 with any questions.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Saturday-Thursday, 8:30-10:30pm. Friday nights are by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular mikvah hours. Standard time hours end Saturday night March 12th. Call 732-249-2411

#### **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.

#### **WOMEN'S GROUPS**

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, December 19. Class will be held on Monday evening, December 20 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. 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, December 22 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Shemos.

-The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Congregation Ohr Torah. To participate in challah baking or saying Shir Hashirim in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or [EJPartyworks@aol.com](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com).

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

Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at [enrv@verizon.net](mailto:enrv@verizon.net). We post over 100 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the information to [enrv@verizon.net](mailto:enrv@verizon.net).

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Shabbos Shemot	
Candlelighting	4:17PM
Mincha	4:25PM

#### **VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!**

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