



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Vayigash*

*4 Tevet 5771*

*December 11, 2010*

<b>Shabbos Candlelighting:</b>	<b>4:12PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>4:20PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 &amp; 9:15 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 3:15 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 4:05 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Henry Schanzer</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>5:15 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 &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Tues, Weds</b>	<b>6:30, 7:00, &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Fri. (Asarah Beteves)</b>	<b>6:15, 7:05, &amp; 8AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>4:20PM</b>
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>
<i>.Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur: Monday 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM</i>	
<b>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</b>	
On Shabbos, Daf Yomi will be given at 8:15 and after Hashkama Minyan.	
Weekdays after 7:30 Maariv	

### **MAZEL TOV**

...to Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Shep.  
Mazel Tov to his siblings Eitan, Gabriel, Mia and Ella and to the grandparents, Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin and to Rose Gerszberg. We also wish Mazel Tov to all the aunts, uncles and cousins.  
...to Fran & Shmully Leitman on the forthcoming wedding of their son Yoni, this Sunday, to Danielle Bergman of New Rochelle NY. Mazel Tov to the entire Leitman, Bergman and Goldner families  
...to Marcia & Andrew Freedman on the birth of a boy to Yitzy and Shani Horowitz  
...to Barbara and Alan Lustiger on the engagement of their daughter Chana to Shlomo Snyder of Staten Island. Mazel Tov to the entire Lustiger and Snyder families.  
...to Rabbi Reuven & Mindy Billowitz on the birth of a son.

### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg in honor of Shep's Bar mitzvah.

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

- Debbie and Moshe Schneider in memory of the yahrtzeit of Debbie's father Imanuel ben Shimon A"H and in honor of the birth of a baby boy to their children Tova and Azaryah Schechter.
- by Sheila and Henry Schanzer in memory of the Yahrzeit of Henry's father Brachya ben Dov HaLevi A"H.

### **ASARAH BETEVES SCHEDULE FRIDAY DECEMBER 17**

Fast Begins	6:03 AM
Shacharis:	6:15, 7:05 & 8 AM
(Earliest Talis and Tefillin – 6:20 AM)	
Mincha/ Maariv	4:00 PM
Fast ends:	5:22 PM

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER**

Please return your response cards and plan on joining us 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

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE**

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The

cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Barry Siegel, Josh Caplan, Charlie Gershbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Meir Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs. Thank you.

### **WELCOME**

..to new members Aaron and Karen Shapiro.

### **LOST AND FOUND ANNOUNCEMENT**

Man's grey suit jacket found during Sukkot (announced on EHPBB). If your suit jacket fits you loosely, it may be because it isn't yours. I may have yours. Doug Stahl, [DJStahl100@gmail.com](mailto:DJStahl100@gmail.com)

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Ohr Torah will hold a general membership meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8:45 PM.

### Agenda

- Status of Capital Funds
- Discussion regarding the continuation of Rabbi Billowitz as spiritual adviser at the Young Family Minyan
- New Business

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **RPYR 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.

#### **JFVS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY FUNDRAISER**

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County is raising critical funds through the sale of cruise raffle tickets. This year's raffle prize is a 7-day cruise for two on a Celebrity Cruise Line ship to the destination of your choice, a \$2,500 value. Raffle tickets are \$36 each or three for \$100. The winner will be chosen on Dec 12, 2010.

All proceeds support the agency's Kosher Food Pantry, Kosher Meals on Wheels, and other vital social service programs for the Jewish Community. To purchase a ticket or tickets please contact Murray Katz at 732-985-7348 or [katzmurray@yahoo.com](mailto:katzmurray@yahoo.com).

#### **ORTHODOX FORUM ON INTERFAITH RELATIONS**

On Motzei Shabbat Dec 18, 8PM at Cong Avavas Achim, The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland

### **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 for January 1st, 8th 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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 [ludēju@gmail.com](mailto:ludēju@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.

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway.  
PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

Park, in conjunction with Ahavas Achim University presents Rabbi Dr. J. J. Schachter on the topic: "Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Twenty-First Century America". The program will be chaired by Dr. Mark Kligman. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more information, please email [hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com](mailto:hpedisonorthodoxforum@gmail.com).

#### **HASC FUNDRAISING**

On Jan 30, 2011 I will be participating in the ING Miami Half-Marathon as part of Team HASC benefiting Camp HASC (Hebrew Academy for Special Children My fundraising goal is \$2900 and I am hoping that you will be able to sponsor my run. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please visit my personal webpage at <http://www.hasc.net/marathon/LeoraE>

or you can send a check made out to HASC Summer Program to HASC Marathon, 5902 14th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11219 and write my name in the memo of the check. Thank you, Leora Erdfarb

#### **MISHMAR**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

#### **AWESOME KUMSITZ THIS MOTZI SHABBOS**

Due to cancellations in Baltimore, The two man group *Shamayim* - Yoni Lifshitz (of Simply Tsfat) and Mayer Glazer (chazzan of the Carlebach Shul in Tsfat) will be having a kumsitz this Motzi Shabbos at 7pm at Rabbi Horowitz' Shtieble, 46 North Eighth. Light refreshments will be served.

*There is no charge to attend*, but a suggested donation of \$20 is recommended to help the group recoup some loss from the Baltimore gig.

#### **PTA COOKBOOK**

For just \$25, the RPRY PTA cookbook, with hundreds of delicious and easy recipes, makes the perfect Chanukah gift. For more information, please contact Ida Scheiner (732) 247-3073 or purchase at the RPRY office.

#### **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 SHWEKE PERFORMS**

As you may know, Yaakov Shweke 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**

Please reserve Shabbat and Saturday night, December 25 for the official Chanukat Habayit of Cong. AA, as they dedicate their newly expanded building. A formal invitation will arrive in the mail shortly. Events will include: guest chazzan, special Kiddush, melave malka, live music, Torah study with the Vaad Harabonim of Raritan Valley, salute to our donors and volunteers, special youth programming, and a meaningful ceremony.

#### **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."

#### **CAMP NESHER INFORMATIONAL EVENING**

Please join us for an informational evening with Jeff Braverman, Director of Camp Neshet, a modern orthodox summer program for children entering 3rd - 11th grade. All new families to Camp Neshet receive a \$1000 grant for each child they enroll for the upcoming 2011 season. Sessions include 7-week, 4-week, 3-week, and Short Stay options (grant does not apply to Short Stay). 8pm on Dec 15th at the home of Helen and Rabbi Benjy Kramer 75 Marshall Drive, Edison. To RSVP, please call (973)575-3333 x111 or email [neshet@njycamps.org](mailto:neshet@njycamps.org)

#### **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.

#### **CHUG IVRIT**

Chug Ivrit is sponsored by the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah. It is 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 sometimes also do a Hebrew crossword

puzzle. For more location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

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

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, Dec 12. Class will be held on Monday evening, Dec 13 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. 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 morning, Dec 15 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Beraishis.

-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.

-The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong. 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).

-The Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation presents an unforgettable Worldwide Women's Event - Unleash the Potential within Each Moment - "Monumental Moments", a new audio-visual presentation. Hear world class inspirational speakers such as Rebbetzin Tehillah Jaeger, Mrs. Chanie Juravel, Mrs. Rena Tarshish, and Mrs. Seryl Berman, relax with a moving song / slideshow, and more. Motzai Shabbos, Dec 11, 8PM at Reenas Bais Yaakov High School, 1131 Maritan Avenue, Highland Park. Suggested admission: Women - \$12; Girls - \$10. For more info, please call Debbie 732-572-4713 or Aviva 732-572-4408.

#### **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 Vayechi	
Candlelighting	4:14PM
Mincha	4:00PM

#### **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.

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