



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Bo

3 Shevat 5771

January 8, 2011

Shabbos Candlelighting:	4:28PM
Mincha:	4:35PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:42AM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 3:35 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:30 & 4:25 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Michael Kaplan</i>	
Maariv:	5:35 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur	6:17, 7:05 & 8AM
<i>Earliest Talis & Tefillin M- 6:23, Th -6:22</i>	
Tues. Weds. & Fri.	6:30, 7:10, & 8AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:35PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM	
<i>.Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur:</i>	
Monday 9:10 PM	
<i>Tuesday Tehillim - 9:50 PM</i>	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Shabbos 8:15 AM and after Hashkama Minyan	
Friday night after Maariv. Sunday morning after 8 AM 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 22nd & 29th and February 19th & 26th. 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 732-759-8558. For more info. Call Moish at 732-759-8070 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 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, 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 birth of a daughter to their children Michal and Mayer Katz of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rabbi and Mrs. Zev Katz and great grandma Mrs. Libin, and the rest of the Katz and Schneider families.

...to Marsha & Jay Shulman and Rosa & Barry Katz on the engagement of their children Sari to Zach.

...to Bonnie and Motty Schwartz on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Elana and Yonason Lubin of Chicago.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being sponsored by Zina and Ushi Freundlich and Eva Sasson to commemorate the first Yahrzeit of Zina and Eva's mother, Shaindal bat Meir.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Michael and Penny Kaplan & Family in memory of Penny's father's Yahrzeit, Yoel ben Yisroel, Z"L.

ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND

This is a reminder that the Shul is collecting funds in response to the terrible fire and tragedy in the North of Israel. We will be using a material amount of the funds for the Doug Stahl Memorial Fund which is supporting the rebuilding of the Yemin Orde Orphanage destroyed by the Carmel fires. Checks should be made out to Ohr Torah with a note in the memo line "Israel Emergency Fund".

YASHER KOACH

Congregation Ohr Torah wishes to acknowledge the generous contribution of children's Talaisim for the regular and Hashkama Minyan, by Naomi & Josh Caplan and Sharon & Eddie Lowinger.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL OT COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER!

Please join together for a community Shabbat dinner on Friday, February 11 at Ohr Torah following ma'ariv. Dinner will be immediately followed by an inspirational drasha by OT's scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Yona Reiss, Max and Marion Grill Dean of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University. Early bird registration ends January 28, 2011, please go to www.ohrtorah.net to download the registration form, or for more information, please email Shelley Schoenfeld at srschoenfeld@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLAND PARK KOLLEL BREAKFAST

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 this Sunday morning, Jan 9th 2011 at 9:30am. The Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Luban. For further info, please contact the Breakfast Chairman, Mr. Mordechai Brill at (732) 266-2971 or mordb@msn.com.

NORPAC

Save the date--NORPAC MISSION to Washington Wed. April 6, register at www.norpac.net.

CHILDREN'S FUND

The Children's Fund of Edison/HP was established in memory of Dina Eisner (Dina Yehudis bas Dovid Yehuda HaCohen) A"H, whose 10th yahrzeit is now approaching. We're pleased to report that since the fund was established, over \$100,000 have been granted to enable local children to receive tutoring, therapies, camp and Israel subsidies, as well as other necessities above and beyond what the recipient families could afford. We have achieved this milestone through direct contributions to the fund as well as through our various fund-raising initiatives. Continuing fund-raising initiatives include our popular Tablecloth gemach, Purim Cards, Tribute Cards, and Simcha Tefillos booklets. Please consider giving a tax-deductible donation to the Children's Fund. Address is 111 Washington Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904. Additional information can be obtained by calling Shoshana Diskind (732- 572-7755), Tova Josefovitz (732-572-9432), Minah Kamin (732-819-0923) or Janice Lustiger (732-819-4919). Tizku L'mitzvos.

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.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum is sponsoring a free lecture by Rabbi Yehuda Sarna and Mrs. Michelle Waldman Sarna **this Motzei Shabbat, January 8, 2011, 8 PM**, at Ohr Torah. The Sarnas will speak on the topic of The Orthodox Community and the New College Experience.

YESHIVAT NETIVOT MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 16 - 91 Jefferson Blvd, Edison. Come see for yourself how our Montessori yeshiva is right for your child by exploring our classrooms, using our materials, and watching our children at work. Full school tours, toddler through sixth grade, offered 1:00-3:30 and 2:00-4:30. If you would like to visit only one particular grade level, please call or e-mail our office: 732-985-4626 or office@netivotmontessori.com. RSVP's much appreciated. Walk-ins welcome. Child care provided on site.

RPRY SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday January 9, 2011 at RPRY 2 Harrison Street, Edison. Tu'bShevat program....planting, storytelling, Singing and much more. For more

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info, to sign up or schedule a tour contact Stacey Rockman at 732-572-5052 ext 215.

KHAL CHASSIDIM OF H.P. ANNUAL MELAVE MALKA

Rabbi and Mrs. Horowitz invite the community to hear educator and author Rabbi Hanoch Teller at the Khal Chassidim of Highland Park Annual Malava Malka Event, Motzi Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel, February 26th at 8pm at Congregation Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St.

TU'BSHEVAT SEDER

Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah and Raritan Valley Young Women Hadassah, L'Dor V'Dor Tu B'Shevot Seder, Wednesday, **January 18**, from **7:30 – 8:30 PM** at the Highland Park Senior Center, 220 South Sixth Avenue. Debbie Couvert \$5. For more info or to RSVP, email YWHadassahEvents@yahoo.com, contact Celeste at [732-236-8486](tel:732-236-8486) or Marnie at [732-816-4712](tel:732-816-4712). Members, non-members, and families are welcome to attend!

RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH BOOK GROUP

-Our book group is reading *The Pity of It All*, by Amos Elon. Our next meeting is **on Sunday, Jan 23 at 7:30 PM**. For meeting place or further info, please call Gustine Matt at [732-545-3147](tel:732-545-3147).

-Raritan Valley Hadassah Knitting Groups Our knitters have been so busy that the chapter was able to deliver hats to the Cancer Institute, the Bristol Myers Squibb Children's Hospital and St. Peter's University Hospital. Our Chix with Stix knitting group will meet **on Wednesday, January 19, at 8:15 PM**. For details, please call Natalie Herbin at [732-339-8492](tel:732-339-8492). If you would like to join in this worthwhile project by knitting at home, call Tillie Pass at [732-572-0753](tel:732-572-0753).

CHUG IVRIT TO MEET SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

The next meeting of Chug Ivrit (Hebrew Club) for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will be on Sunday, Jan 16, at 11am. at a private Highland Park area home. 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 location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or rachel@weintraubworld.net.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, Jan 9. Class will be held on Monday evening, Jan 10 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, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, Jan 12 at 9:15 AM at the home of Ricki 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 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.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, is starting in the Edison / Highland Park community. Tiferes members benefit from monthly inspirational DVDs by renowned speakers; practical ideas, inspiration, and tools to make ones home the place one wants it to be; and weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting. For more information or to join, please email Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net.

-The Irgun Shiurai Torah Worldwide Shovavim Project Lecture presents a shiur for women focusing on the hashkafos related to Taharas Hamishpacha on January 11, 2011 at 8 pm at Ohav Emeth featuring Rebbetzin Eichenstein.

-Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Keren Kol Kallah has one main fund-raiser, a gala Sheitel Sale. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. Last month, the sale raised over \$60,000!! Collection has begun for next year's sale. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. For more info, please see the web site:

<http://www.kerenkolkallah.webs.com/> or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net.

ACTT

Come hear Rabbi Yehoshua Lewis, Director of the Rutgers Jewish Xperience, speak about "Can You Ever Tell A Lie?" at the community-wide gathering and "Emes – Telling the Truth" ACTT module booster event on Motzei Shabbos, Jan 29th at 9PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim. This brand new module will start on Jan 2. The Artscroll source book for this module, "Chofetz Chaim: Lessons in Truth" by Rabbi Shimon Finkelman, can be purchased at the Judaica Gallery in Highland Park

at a discount. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

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 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 contact Cindy Borell at (732) 580-5055 or 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

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.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Shabbos Beshalach	
Candlelighting	4:36 PM
Mincha	4:45 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.

Sof davar...

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

Tannaim and Amoraim: Rav Yosef bar Chiya

What would you do if you were offered the position as the head of the most prestigious educational institution in the country, if not the entire Jewish world? This offer actually was made to Rav Yosef in the year 299 to lead the yeshiva of Pumpedissa after the passing of its previous leader, Rav Yehudah. The choice for leadership of the yeshiva was between Rav Yosef and Rabbah. The administration of the school did not know whom to select because Rabbah was widely recognized as an "*oker horim*", (an uprooter of mountains), someone with an uncanny ability at analytic research. Rav Yosef, however, was equally widely respected as "*sinai*", an individual with a vast storehouse of talmudic knowledge. In their dilemma they sought advice from the scholars in Israel. Their response was that *sinai* (Rav Yosef) takes precedence because everyone needs "the owner of the wheat", the one who knows all the *Mishnayos*. In spite of that recommendation Rav Yosef turned down the offer because he heard of a prediction that he would head the school for no more than two years. Rabbah was then appointed Pumpedissa's leader and served in that capacity for 22 years. Rav Yosef followed him and indeed only led the yeshiva for 2 years, from 321 to 323. Two of his most famous students were Abayei and Rava. Abayei's respect for his teacher had no bounds. It was so great that he used to stand in respect as soon as he saw the ears of Rav Yosef's donkey coming down the road. Tragedy then struck and Rav Yosef was stricken with a form of amnesia and he forgot all the Torah that he had learned. Abayei then sat with him and continuously reviewed the *gemara* with him until his memory returned. This Babylonian *amora* has rightfully earned the respect of all who study the Talmud even today.