



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Miketz- Shabbos Chanukah

28 Kislev 5772

December 24, 2011

Candlelighting: 4:17 PM
Mincha: 3 & 4:25 PM
 NOTE AVAILABILITY OF EARLIER MINCHA TO ACCOMMODATE CHANUKAH CANDLELIGHTING

Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch After Hashkama

Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:38 AM
Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur – 3:20 PM

Mincha: 1:30 & 4:10 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Josh Rapps (Doug Stahl Jahrzeit)

Maariv: 5:20 PM

Weekday Shacharis:
 Sun 7:15, 8:00, 9 AM
 Mon-Wed(Chanukah, Rosh Chodesh Mo&Tu) 6:15, 7:05, 8 AM, (9AM Monday only)
 Thur 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:21 Mon-Weds, 6:22 Thurs

Fri 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:25PM

Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
*Rabbi Luban's Monday night Sheilos U'tshuvos Shiur is at 9:10PM.
 Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM*

Daf Yomi Schedule
 Sun.-after 8 AM Shacharis. Mon.-Thu.-after 7:30 PM Maariv. Friday-after Kabbolas Shabbos. Shabbos- 8:15 AM &/or after Hashkomo Minyan.

MAZEL TOV
 ... to Drora and Sheldon Waltuch and Debby and Arthur Atlas on the engagement of Racheli to Reuben. Mazel Tov to Racheli's siblings Avital and Chaim, Noam and Elana, and Allon and Amanda, and Reuben's siblings Abby and Menachem, Leah and Sam, and Talia, to Reuben's grandmother Erika Schoenfeld and to Racheli's cousin, Ilana Tobias.

THANK YOU TO OT ELECTION COMMITTEE
 The shul would like to thank the following members for helping to organize and compute results for the recent shul election:
 Harvey Atlas
 Joshua Caplan
 David Dessau
 Irwin Goldblatt
 David Goldman
 Hillel Raymon

RABBI AZARYAH BERZON
 Congregation Ohr Torah is greatly honored that Rabbi Azarya Berzon, senior Rosh Yeshiva at Beis Medrash LeTorah, Lander College for Men, and past Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Shaarei Mevaseret Zion and Michelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim (MMY), will be visiting our shul this Shabbos (Shabbos Chanukah). Rabbi Berzon will deliver the Shabbos morning drasha at both the Hashkama and main sanctuary minyan. Rabbi Berzon is a brilliant Talmid chochom, a person of great warmth and a passionate and inspiring speaker.

There will be a special oneg/tisch this Friday evening with Rabbi Berzon at the home of Barry & Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road at 8:00 PM. Former talmidim and all young adult men (college, Beis Medrash, high school etc.) are invited. There will be singing, stories, Divrei Torah and lots of food. It promises to be an inspiring event

ONEG SHABBOS
 Please join our rabbinic intern Rav Effie Kleinberg for an Oneg Friday night December 23, at 7:30 PM at the home of Robert and Riki Kreitman, 22 Marshall drive in Edison. A single bottle of Blue Label will be adding to the festivities on a first come-first serve basis. There will be singing, meaningful stories, food. All are welcome!

SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Dr. and Dr. Eva and Theodore Stahl are sponsoring Shalosh Seudos in memory of the yahrtzeit of Doug Stahl, Yosef Baruch Ben Yitzchak A"H.

YOUTH RAFFLE
 The annual Youth raffle will be drawn in a short time. There are still ~40 ticket left. Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). Please contact Barry Siegel, Charlie Gerschbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets. The donation cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100.

SHUL ELECTIONS
 Congratulations to the newly elected Ohr Torah Officers and Board Members.
 -President - Robert Kreitman
 -Vice Presidents - Arthur Atlas, Jeff Klein, Leslie Ney, Moshe Sherman
 -Recording Secretary - David Moss
 -Corresponding Secretary - Evan Orgel
 -Treasurer - Jonas Waizer
 -Financial Secretary - Brian Allen
 -Gabbaim - Joel Adler, Russell Adler, Michie Klerer
 -Sisterhood - Lani Kaye, Penina Shmuel, Susie Wolf
 -Members at Large - Charyn Atlas, Mel Barenholtz, David Callen, Neer Even-Hen, Marcia Freedman, Charlie Gershbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith, Gershon Klavan, Fran Leitman, Joshua Rapps, Shelley Schoenfeld, Jeff Slepoy, Lou Smith, Eli Wiesel, Max Wisotsky.
 -Past President - Allen Kessel
 -Gabbai Emeritus - Israel Rivkin

SEFORIM DONATIONS
 Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 - Jerald & Rochelle Blum in memory of Neer - Even-Hen's sister Chagit Samet Z"l
 - Joseph & Cheryl Strauch in memory of Neer Even-Hen's sister Chagit Samet Z"l
 - Joseph & Cheryl Strauch in memory of Aryeh Zinkin's mother Margaret Zinkin Z"l

LOANER TEFILLIN
 Regrettably the previous Shul loaner Tefillin were found to be Pasul and the Shul arranged for the purchase of 2 new pairs. Ohr Torah would like to thank Aryeh & Shelly Zinkin for donating one new right-hand Tefillin (in memory of their parents Solomon & Margaret Zinkin and Sylvia & Herbert Dershowitz A"H) and the 2'nd donor who wishes to remain anonymous for donating a left-hand Tefillin (in memory of Sima Yenta Bas Avraham Shmuel Halevi A"H). If anyone would like to donate kosher used Tefillin to OT (tax receipt provided), please see Israel Rivkin/Barry Siegel/Robert Krietman as the Shul can always use

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 introduce yourself.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for Dec. 31st and January 7th & 28th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or 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.

FUNERAL/SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS
 For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or gene@compugene.com

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

more loaner pairs. The new loaner pairs will be placed in the Beis Medrash Shulchan.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISHMAR

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

CHAI LIFELINE TOY DRIVE

The Annual Chai Lifeline Toy Drive is now in progress. Unfortunately toys for all ages are needed more so now than in past years. The drop off location is the RPRY lobby. Only new, unwrapped toys can be accepted. Call Bobbi with any questions, 732-819-7842

BIKUR CHOLIM

Just ONE HOUR a month for Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley! Bikur Cholim needs more volunteers for its hospital visitation program. Please volunteer for just one hour a month and make a difference! For more information, please contact Bikur Cholim: hotline 732-572-7181, email volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org, web site www.bikurcholimrv.org – the volunteer form can be filled out on-line. Thank you!
- Save the date! Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2012. More details to follow.

YA'AD

YA'AD will be introducing a new program entitled YA'ADEICHEM for Tots. The program will be geared to kids ages 18 months to 5 years and will meet every two weeks on Sundays from 9:00-10:30 a.m., starting this Sunday, December 25. It will feature Davening, singing, arts and crafts, dance, gymnastics, snacks and awesome fun.

KEREN KOL KALLAH

Keren Kol Kallah is in desperate need of more sheitels for their annual sheitel sale. All the wigs donated are sold at discounted prices to women who could not usually afford to buy a good quality wig, and all the money goes to help poor kallahs. They currently have a mere 20% of the number of sheitels they usually have by this time of year!! With many kallahs counting on the proceeds from this sale, they are desperate for more so they can run the sale in time. Do you have a wig you are no longer wearing? One that never really worked for you or just went out of style? There are women in Israel who would be happy to purchase these pieces and the money goes straight to our needy brides. Please join us in this wonderful mitzvah and help make this year's sheitel sale a success! Please contact Aviva at sieglmom@optonline.net

Sof davar...

Dimitriy was born in the Ukraine to a family devoid of all Jewish practices. They did, however, know they were Jewish because of the anti-Semitism all around them. His family moved to Brooklyn when he was 9. At the urging of his brother he started boxing in Starrett City. It was in the years following that Dimitriy became interested in orthodox Judaism and slowly added mitzvos into his life. At 17 he entered the Golden Gloves boxing tournament in New York and made it to the finals where he lost. By this time he became fully Orthodox and attributed his successes to his observance of torah and mitzvos. He entered a tournament in Mississippi where he won match after match and was scheduled to box in the finals on a Saturday. He told the coordinators of the event that he could not box on Saturday because of his religious beliefs. The officials realized that their championship match would mean nothing without Salita so they changed the day, and Salita won. Now a full fledged orthodox Jew, Salita turned pro and is presently the welterweight champion of the world or the leading contender for that crown. Dimitriy Salita might be the only orthodox Jew to climb the ropes into a boxing ring and he has brought pride to the Jewish community. For more information on Salita talk to Elie Borger right now.

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, contains the audio of the shiurim from the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. The current ACTT module is "Happiness". Source book: Rabbi Pliskin's Artscroll book, "Happiness - Formulas, stories, and insights". For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

AHAVAS ACHIM

The entire community is invited to join our Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors for a "Festive and Musical Chanukah Tefila". Sunday, Dec. 25th, 8-10 am, in the Beit Midrash at Ahavas Achim. 8-8:30 – Learning and Preparation for Tefila (with former Ambassador Shlomo Spivak); 8:30-9:30 – Tefila with Musical Hallel; 9:30 – Breakfast. RSVP, and any questions, Contact Avraham Braner – abraner@gmail.com, or 480-234-8489.

OE CHANUKAH CARNIVAL

Come celebrate Chanukah at OE's annual Children's Chanukah Carnival, Motzei Shabbos Chanukah December 24th from 6:45 - 9:30. Join us for carnival games, prizes and raffles, sufganiyot, latkes, music, dancing, and much more! Be entertained by the Amazing Jeff Wilks, and participate in a spectacular Olive Press Show presented by Gan Israel. Wishing you all a freilichen Chanukah - looking forward to seeing you there! For more info, email Yehudeet at OEGroups@gmail.com.

TIFERES

Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will be meeting Motzai Shabbos, January 7 at 8:00 PM, at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison, NJ. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. For more information, please contact Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, December 18. Parsha class will be held on Monday, December 19 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at sieglmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, December 21 at 9:00 AM at

the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison Street, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Beraishis. -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 and Rav Chaim Zev ben Etel Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or

EJPartyworks@aol.com.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at 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 info to enrv@verizon.net.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open from 8:30-10:30pm Saturday-Thursday. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. PLEASE BE AWARE WITH DANGEROUS WEATHER AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS, the mikvah may have to make the decision not to open. In such a case, please call the mikvah before leaving home. Phone number is: 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.

Parshas Vayigash	
Candlelighting	4:17 PM
Mincha	4:25PM

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