



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Acharei Mot/Shabbos Hagadol

12 Nissan 5771

April 16, 2011

April 15-16: Shabbos Hagadol

Early Mincha/ Kabalas Shabbos: 6:30 PM

Candlelighting: 7:18 PM

Mincha: 7:25 PM

Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Minchas Chinuch Shiur after Hashkamah

Zman Krias Shema: 9:38 AM

Rabbi Luban will not be speaking Shabbos morning, nor will he be giving his Gemara

Rosh Hashanah Shiur before Mincha

Mincha: 6:45 PM

followed by Shabbos Hagadol Drasha

Maariv: 8:25 PM

Sunday April 17

Shacharis: 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Mincha/ Maariv: 7:25 PM

Followed by Bedikas Chometz

Monday April 18: Erev Pesach

Shacharis - 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM

Each Minyan followed by Siyum

Latest time for eating Chometz –

10:19 AM

Latest time for burning Chometz –

11:38 AM

Candlelighting - 7:21 PM

Mincha - 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday April 19: 1st Day Pesach

Shacharis - 8:15 & 9:00 AM

Mincha - 7:30 PM

Speaker: Menachem Lazar

Candlelighting/ preparation for Seder not before 8:31 PM

Wednesday April 20: 2nd Day Pesach

Shacharis - 8:15 & 9:00 AM

Mincha - 7:25 P.M.

Speaker: Elisha Domb

Maariv - 8:25 PM

Thursday-Friday April 21-22:

1st/ 2nd days Chol Hamoed

Shacharis - 6:10, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM

Mincha - 7:25 PM (Thursday)

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

From now until after the summer, Daf Yomi on Fridays will meet after the first Kabbolas Shabbos Minyan. On the first day of Pesach, Daf Yomi will meet one hour before Mincha. The second day TBA.

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 April 30th and May 7th, 21st & 28th. 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

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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 Heshy Granek on his engagement to Debbie Benedict (of Kew Garden Hills). Mazel Tov to Mrs. Bella Granek and to Leah, Eli, Elie, Batsheva, Avigayil, Penina, Temima and the entire Benedict family.

...to Debbie and Moshe Schneider on the engagement of their son Yaakov to Chaya Leder of Baltimore. Mazel Tov to the Leder family and all of Yaakov's sisters and brother's in law and to the grandparents Mrs. Beverly Libin and Dr. and Mrs. Ellie Schneider.

CHOMETZ IN SHUL

Please help get the Shul ready for Pesach by not having ANY CHOMETZ in Shul this Shabbos.

EDISON GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage, recycle trucks and Chametz burning at N. 8th Ave & Edgemount Rd. from **7:00 -11:30 AM**. Please limit the amount of chometz being burned.

HIGHLAND PARK GARBAGE COLLECTION

On Monday, April 18th, in Highland Park, there will be regularly scheduled garbage collection on the South Side. Additionally, a truck will be available at the Borough's Dept. of Public Works, 444 Valentine St., to accommodate chometz disposal. Between **6:45AM and 1:30PM**, residents may bring garbage and items for recycling (which includes recyclable bottles, containers, cans,

cardboard and tied newspapers). If there is chometz in the garbage, it must be disposed of before 11:38 AM.

Please note the following:

- 1) The department of public works dispatches its garbage trucks between 6:30 and 6:45 AM; if at all possible, for everyone's safety, please avoid dropping off garbage/recycling prior to 6:45 AM
- 2) For various logistical and safety reasons, the Borough will NOT provide any containers to burn chometz
- 3) On Friday, April 22nd, the Borough will be closed for Good Friday and there will be no garbage collection anywhere in the Borough. Any questions may be directed to the Highland Park Department of Public Works, 732 247 9379.

Thank you for cooperation and assistance; I'd like to wish everyone a Chag Kasher V'Sameach. Gary Minkoff, Councilman Borough of Highland Park, NJ 732 777 6892 minkoffhp@gmail.com
www.hpboro.com

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ/MAOS CHITIM

-Rabbi Luban is now available for Mechiras Chometz.

-Please make out Maos Chitim checks to Ohr Torah and write Maos Chitim in memo section.

WINE FOR PESACH

As in previous years Ohr Torah has arranged for the purchase of wine for Passover. Please choose the wine at Pino's and pay Pino's (checks should be made out to Pino's). Pino's will donate 20% of your purchase to Ohr Torah. Please call Terry Walzman at 732-572-1985 so that we can assure that OT gets credit for your purchase.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

For future events, contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429 or sign up online at ohrtorah.net

NUSACH HATFILOH COURSE

Congregation Ohr Torah is pleased to present a course in Nusach Hatfiloh through the Belz School of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University. The course will be presented at 10 AM on Sundays May 1st, 15th, 22nd and June 5th at the Shul. A course certificate will be presented to those who attend all 4 sessions. You can register for this course online at Ohrtorah.net or call Bayrish Schreiber at 732-572-1188. Registration is limited and filling up fast.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE

As you do your Pesach cleaning, please bear in mind that a Yad Leah clothing drive will be'ezras Hashem take place Sunday May 15th from 9:30AM until 12:30PM at Congregation Ohav Emeth (O.E.), main entrance on Dennison Ave. thru the parking lot. Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Yad Leah will distribute to over 15 communities throughout Israel. An \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs. Receipts will be provided by Yad Leah for the money & clothing (&/or miscellaneous items) contributed. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer or sponsor shipping costs, please call Mordy Brill at 732-819-8351 or e-mail at mordb@msn.com.

TORAH BASKETBALL CAMP SUMMER 2011

This summer, Rabbi Hillel Zinkin and Coach Zack Goldman (RPRY Basketball) will be running their 4th Annual Torah Sports Day Camp for boys entering grades 2 - 9. The camp will run for three weeks, August 8 -26. Camp registration is now open, and the Early Bird discount ends on Friday, April 15th. The camp includes: basketball skills clinic, league and inter-camp competition, guest star-players, amazing day trips, swimming, and fun torah learning. To register or inquire for further details, please contact Hillel Zinkin at 732-730-7984 or thezinkins@gmail.com

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RV NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please note, the need for volunteers has increased greatly over the last year. We urge you to please contact the organization with whatever resources you may have available. Contact: volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org . Hotline number: 1-732-572-7181

THE ROSENBERG HOLOCAUST HAGGADAH

Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth-El has produced a PDF Holocaust Haggadah that can be downloaded FREE from the internet. It includes a full Hagaddah text in Hebrew and in English. A large selection of Readings, Poetry, Essays and songs. The Rosenberg holocaust Hagaddah can be accessed at holocausthaggadah.com.

PRE PESACH FOOD

COLLECTION FOR CHARITY

If you would like to get rid of your chometz before Pesach, we are collecting all closed non perishable packages. The food will be distributed to the local food pantry and Tomchei Shabbos. You can leave

it on our porch, 134 North Tenth Ave, Highland Park, NJ. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 732 339-0908. Thank you. Avi and Nitza Bodlander.

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

KEREN KOL KALLAH

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*. Collection has begun for next year's sale. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. For more info, please see <http://www.kerenkolkallah.webs.com/> or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408

sieglmom@optonline.net.

NCSY NEWS & EVENTS

Please call or text with any questions Gavi 732.406.3744 tsvi 732. 991.2252

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's Tehillim and Parsha classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 sieglmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume after Pesach on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

-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 FJPartyworks@aol.com. -

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will be starting in the Edison / Highland Park community on Motzai Shabbos, May 7 at 10:00 PM; location to be announced. 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 sieglmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713.

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Hoffman's shiur on topics in Masechta Brochos meets 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

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

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

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open 9-11pm Sunday-Thursday evening. Friday nights are by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Saturday night, April 16th and April 23rd, the Mikvah is open from 9:15-10:45pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular mikvah hours.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF PESACH: April 18-19 and April 24-25- Pesach by appointment only. Saturday night, April 30th, the mikvah will be open from 9:30-11pm.

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 Chol Hamoed	
Candlelighting	7:25 PM
Mincha	6:45 & 7:35 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

Tannai and Amoraim: Reish Lakish

Reish Lakish's early life was a very eventful one. In his youth he was either sold as or kidnapped and was forced to become a gladiator. When he escaped and survived this ordeal he unexpectedly met an old friend, R. Yochanan, while both were bathing in the Jordan River. After hearing of Reish Lakish's stint as gladiator R. Yochanan was able to convince his old friend to learn Torah with him. And that he did to the extent that Reish Lakish became his *talmid chaver*, student and colleague. So impressed was he with Reish Lakish that he married him off to his sister. Both R. Yochanan and Reish Lakish became the heads of the yeshiva in Tveryah. Reish Lakish (R. Shimon ben Lakish) was a second generation *amora* who had the privilege of seeing R. Yehuda haNassi in person in his youth. At one point in his life he endangered his life in his successful effort to save R. Ami from captivity. In addition to R. Yochanan, Reish Lakish also valued R. Chiya from an earlier generation. So much so that it is said that he fasted 300 days to have the privilege of seeing R. Chiya in a dream. A curious and strange *agada* records that Reish Lakish died after a heated debate with his friend and colleague R. Yochanan on the subject of military weapons. At the end of the debate Reish Lakish's life was taken from him. Upon seeing this, R. Yochanan cried out a number of times '*heichan ata ben Lakish*' - where are you, son of Lakish and with that he also expired.