



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Shemini/Parah

20 Adar II 5771

March 26, 2011

Shabbos Candlelighting: 6:56PM
Mincha: 7:05PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch
After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:57 AM
Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana
Shiur - 6:00 PM

Mincha: 1:45 & 6:50 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Michael Eleff
Maariv: 8:00 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:00, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thurs 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues. Weds. & Fri 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:05PM
Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM

Rabbi Luban's Shailos Uteshuvos Shiur:
CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK
Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
 Continuing through Oct., on Shabbos the Daf Yomi will meet one hour before Mincha - not 8:15am nor after Hashkama

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 9th. 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 ludeej@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 Shoshana and Ted Diskind on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Chani to Mitchell Gilson. Mazel Tov to siblings Mordechai & Shoshana Chava, Ari and niece and nephews Estie, Shloime and Chaim Meir Yechiel.
 ...to Lynn and Al Rappaport on the marriage of their grandson Ben to Adina Seidenwar of Lawrence, NY. Mazel Tov to parents Aviva & Michael Rappaport, and Faye & Michael Seidenwar, and to grandparents Devorah & Rabbi Yakov Hilsenrath and Ben & Adeline Rosenholtz. The wedding will take place next Wednesday, March 30.
 ...to Bonnie and Gary Schechter on the birth of twin grandchildren.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudot is sponsored by Susie and Barry Wolf to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Susie's mother Bat-Sheva bat Rav Yaakov a'h Barry's mother, Rachel bat Moshe Zelig a'h, and in memory of Barry's father Aharon Yechezkel ben Binyomin Ze'ev.

AN URGENT AND TIMELY MESSAGE FROM RABBI YAAKOV LUBAN AND ROBERT KREITMAN

We are honored to inform you that Rabbi Moshe Goldsmith, the mayor of Itamar, and his wife Leah, will be guests in our community this Shabbos. Moshe is here to raise awareness on the challenges and extreme dangers facing Itamar and similarly situated communities and to raise emergency funds to strengthen the security system in Itamar, in the aftermath of the horrific murder of five members of the Fogel family. Congregation Ohr Torah is deeply honored to have Moshe speak at the minyan in the main sanctuary, Shabbos morning. It behooves everyone to be present when Moshe addresses us to show solidarity with the community of Itamar after their tragic loss. Please donate as generously as possible after Shabbos to protect the lives of the Itamar community.

Moshe will address the congregation at the conclusion of davening to allow for maximum attendance.

MOTZEI SHABBOS

The mayor of Itamar, Rabbi Moshe Goldsmith, will be speaking at the home of the Wolfs, 128 North 8th, Highland Park, Motzai Shabbat, 9:30. He will be discussing the situation in Israel and in Itamar.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

-We will be heading on Sunday 4/10 to the NJ Devils vs Boston Bruins hockey game

leaving by bus from the Shul at 2:00 PM and returning to OT at 6:45 PM. All children (2nd grade and up), teenagers and parents are welcome to join. This is fan appreciation day at the Prudential Center, home of the NJ Devils, and there will be lots of giveaways. Furthermore, each person in attendance will receive a \$10 food and beverage card which can be used at the kosher stand in the arena! All this Pre-Pesach fun is just \$45 per person! Tickets will go quickly so please contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429 or sign up online at ohrtorah.net to reserve space for this fun and exciting event!

NEW MEMBER KIDDUSH

This Shabbos after davening, there will be a Kiddush at the home of Riki and Robert Kreitman at 22 Marshall Drive, Edison, to welcome new members to our Shul. All members who joined Ohr Torah beginning January 1, 2009 should please attend.

SHAIMOS COLLECTION, CLOTHING DRIVE & SEFORIM SALE

- Congregation Ohr Torah will hold the community Shaimos Collection this Sunday, March 27 from 10AM to 5:00PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bag. Coord.: Barry Siegel, siegeldad@optonline.net
 - In conjunction with the Shaimos drive, there will be a clothing drive to benefit Israel. To offset shipping costs, donors must leave a \$20 donation per large trash size bag to cover shipping.
 - There will also be a used Seforim sale at this time, Great Bargains!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIUM – A SHLOSHIM TRIBUTE

Today our community can boast of thriving Torah institutions, shuls, eateries and vibrant Jewish life. But it wasn't always that way! The lifelong dedication and untiring efforts of a noble woman, Rebbetzin Hannah Raymon z"l with her late husband, Rabbi Pesach Raymon z"l, planted the seeds that resulted in the beautiful Jewish community that we enjoy today. As a display of Hakarat Hatov and in celebration of her life, we invite you to a program including a siyum mishnayot conducted by our students marking the shloshim of her passing. This memorial will be hosted by Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 7:30 8:30 P.M. followed by Maariv. We invite the entire community to pay tribute to her memory in recognition of all that she has done for us. For further information contact Rabbi Shraga Gross at 732-572~5052 ext. 206.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENTS OF MALKIE HERZIG, Z"l

For all those people who are saying mishnayot for Malkie Herzig, z"l (Malka bas Shalom) please note that this Monday night is going to be the sholshim, Monday, March 28th.

Dr. and Mrs. Herzig wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have said mishnayot for their daughter's neshama. They very much appreciate the time and effort of everyone who signed up for the mishnayot.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, March 29, 2011. 4 PM – 9 PM. 1650 Palisade Ave, Teaneck, NJ. Many new vendors!!! For more information contact Reva Judas springf824@aol.com or Sallie Levi sallielevi@gmail.com

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. Shoes only in new or like new condition. Linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, cosmetics & hair accessories are also accepted in good condition. Bring all in tied garbage bags. Men's and Boy's black hats in good condition may also be donated. 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.

HP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BUDGET

The Highland Park Board of Education Election and vote on the 2011-2012 School Budget are scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, (the day after Pesach). A copy of the proposed Highland Park Public School District Budget may be found online at <http://highlandpark.k12.nj.us>.

WATSON APPEARING AT OE

Dr. Paul Bloom "CTO – of IBM Telecom Research will be speaking at Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Sunday, March 27th at 8pm. Dr. Bloom will be discussing Watson - IBM's Natural Language Deep Question and Answering Project. For more information on this Speaker, please speak with Steve Deutsch at (908) 420-3878 or send an email to forsang@juno.com.

YA'AD JUNIORS DROP-IN

Every Tuesday, from 6:45-8:30 p.m., teens converge on Ahavas Achim to tutor and students from 3rd through 8th grade. Students come to Shul and are paired up with a teen mentor who helps them complete their schoolwork. After completing their work, students are welcome to use our YA'AD recreation room equipped with billiards, ping pong, air hockey, foosball and basketball shoot out. Light refreshments are served free of charge; pizza cost \$1.50 a slice. Should you wish to volunteer as a parent or a teen or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rabbi Becker at

rabbidbecker@yahoo.com or 310-625-3481.

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

AHAVAS ACHIM BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will take place Sunday March 27, from 9-3, will take place in the synagogue, 216 S. First Ave., HP Please contact Eli, Ira or Heidi Rosen at 732-393-1018 or ira_rozen@yahoo.com to reserve a slot (walk-ins are gladly accepted).

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON

NORPAC mission Training/Orientation Sat. night April 2 9:45-10:45 PM Cong. Ohr Torah

April 6- Edison / Highland Park Buses leave for Washington at 6:30 am from OT and AA. There will be briefings on each bus. Shacharit davening will be at 5:45 AM in Ohr Torah and Ahavas Achim. There will be a minyan for Mincha and Maariv on the way home. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Watch your email for bus assignments, congressional appointments and talking points.

EDISON TOWNSHIP

Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg was appointed Edison Township Chaplain by Mayor Recigliano.

RPRY PTA

Come Learn New Exciting Pesach Recipes with Chef Lawrence Margolin on Monday March 28, 2011 at 8:00pm at the home of Karen and Jay Reinhard 29 Marshall Drive in Edison. It is \$15/per person and walk-ins are welcome. To reserve a place and for more information please contact Ariella Schachter at ariella85@optonline.net or 732-393-9555.

CHUG IVRIT

For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net.

RPRY VENDOR EXPO

Vendor Expo at RPRY - over 30 vendors! Sunday, March 27, 2011, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Free admission; open to the entire community. For more information, please call 732-239-9434.

CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN AMERICA

Please join us on Tuesday April 5th, Rosh Chodesh Nisan for a day of learning and action to help end childhood hunger in America. Almost 1 in 4 children (nearly 17 million) struggles with hunger in the richest country in the world. Together, we can change that. Go to HametzforHunger.org, and join us in the fight to end childhood hunger. For more information: [732.440.8394](tel:732.440.8394) or info@hametzforhunger.org

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

PRE-PESACH KID'S CLOTHING SALE

Save time and money in the pre-Pesach rush! The Raritan Valley Emergency Parnassah Initiative will be holding its annual pre-Pesach Kids' Clothing

Sale (all clothing in excellent condition) on Sunday, March 27th from 10 am-2 pm at Ohav Emeth. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (adults and/or students in need of chesed hours) for set up on Saturday night, March 26th as well as clean up on March 27th. To volunteer, please call Marla Rottenstreich at 732-317-2784 or Ida Scheiner at 732-247-3073.

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.

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*. 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. The 2010 sale raised over \$60,000!! Collection has begun for next year's sale. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. For more info, please see the web site: <http://www.kerenkolkallah.webs.com/> or contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408

sieqelmom@optonline.net.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Tehillim, Sunday morning, March 27 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. This will be the last Sunday class until after Pesach. There will not be class on Monday evening, March 28. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 sieqelmom@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 reuaf 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, 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 sieqelmom@optonline.net.

SHAAREI TZION PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE

Shaarei Tzion PTA is going to be sponsoring a Pre-Pesach Boutique on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 from 7:00PM until 10:00PM. It is I"YH going to be held at the Pre-school building 1131 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. There will be custom hats, Judaica and Giftware, Hostess Gifts, Organic Skin creams, Shaitels, Personal Printed Products, Yarmulka's, Women and Children's Accessories,

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

Pocketbooks etc. For more information please call Aliza Scher [732-985-0720](tel:732-985-0720), Vicki Krief 732-777-7946, Marla Rottenstreich 732-317-2784 or Mira Septimus 732-514-9154.

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

We have not had a monthly job networking meeting for a while. If you are interested in attending these free sessions, please email Bob Lansley at enrv@verizon.net. The sessions are an effective way to learn job search strategies, hear about job leads, share ideas, resources and information, and learn from guest speakers. For more information about ENRV and to sign up for job postings, go to www.ENRV.org If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the information to enrv@verizon.net. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

JR NCSY

Jrs NCSY will be going costume bowling Motzie Shabbat at Stelton Lanes at 9 o'clock. See everybody there. Please contact gavi or tzvi for more info.

THE ULTIMATE JEWISH SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE!

THE ZONE invites you to an exciting evening out with friends and family to learn more about this awesome camp, at the home of Avi and Cyndi Berger! Sunday March 27, 2011 at 7:30 PM 22 Ely Place (off Central Ave) Edison, NJ 08817 732-572-8911

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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 nights March 26th and April 2nd, the mikvah will open from 9-

10:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular mikvah hours.

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 Tazria	
Candlelighting	7:04 PM
Mincha	7:10 PM

VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!

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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...

Tannaim and Amoraim: Nachum Ish Gamzu

Before we get to how this second generation tanna acquired such an odd name, a few words about his life and accomplishments. Nachum was the teacher of no less than R. Akiva. Yet, recognizing his scholarly superiority, he served R. Akiva for 22 years, assisting him, among other things, in interpreting every "ess" in the Torah. (an effort begun by Shimon haEmsoni before him). The word "ess" has no translation into English. It merely points to a direct object in the sentence. Nonetheless, R. Akiva attempted to 'darshen' every "ess" and find some additional meaning in each one, an effort which bore a great deal of fruit. In this effort he was assisted by Nachum Ish Gamzu. But how did he get such an odd name as "Nachum the man of also this"? Accordong to one account he was sent to the Caesar for some political purpose carrying a gift of jewels. On his way there, they were stolen from him and he replaced them with, inexplicably, ashes, saying "gam zu letovah"- this also shall be for good. Nachum gave this to the king who understandably became incensed and declared that the Jews were making fun of him, and he was considering killing them all. Once again Nachum declared: "Gam zu letovah". At this pount Eliyahu appeared in the guise of one of the king's guards. Eliyahu informed the king that these ashes might be those of Avraham Avinu and when spread on the swords of the enemy it would turn them into straw. There was at that time an enemy that the Romans could not conquer. With no other option before them they tried using the ashes on the swords of their enemies and it worked (Hey, I only report what I research). Nachum was saved and again he declared "Gam zu letovah". Now if some of you still remain skeptical (chas veshalom), be aware of the view that states that he simply came from a town called Gamzu.

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff