



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Vayigash

5 Tevet 5772

December 31, 2011

Candlelighting: 4:21 PM
Mincha: 4:30 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch After Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:40 AM
Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur – 3:25 PM

Mincha: 1:30 & 4:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Israel Rivkin
Maariv: 5:25PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8:00, 9 AM
Mon. 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Tues, Wed, & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Thu (Asarah Beteves) 6:15, 7:05 & 8AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin 6:22 Mon, 6:23 Thu
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:30PM
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 Kabolos Shabbos. Shabbos- 8:15 AM &/or after Hashkomo Minyan.

MAZEL TOV
 ... to Shavy & Yisroel Meir Luss and Helena and Alan Lockspeiser on the engagement of Esti Rothman to Benjy Lockspeiser Mazal Tov to the entire Rothman-Luss and Lockspeiser Families.
 ... to Dena and Ken Lieblich on the engagement of their daughter Michal to Perry Shapiro of Engelwood, New Jersey. Mazel Tov to her sister Tamar and her brothers Ben, Yonatan, Yaakov, and Aaron and to the entire Shapiro family.
 ... to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on their son Rabbi Naftali Hanfling receiving Smicha (Yora Yora in Hilchos Shabbos). Mazel Tov to his wife and the entire Hanfling family, and especially to the grandparents Mr. Hersz Hanfling and Mrs. Ellen Schochet.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHOW SUPPORT FOR NEW MAYOR OF HP

This Tuesday January 3 at 7 PM, Gary Minkoff will officially take the oath of office to become Mayor of Highland Park. The meeting will occur in the Senior Recreation center at 220 South 6 th Ave. Please make every effort to attend and show support to Gary as he takes office. OE will be hosting a Kiddush after the 8:45 minyan next Shabbos January 7 in honor of Mayor Minkoff.

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 - Save the date! Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2012. More details to follow.

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 siegelmom@optonline.net

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

ASARAH BETEVES SCHEDULE

Thurs. January 5

Fast Begins 6:09 AM
 Shacharis: 6:15, 7 & 8 AM
Talis and Tefillin not before 6:23 AM
 Mincha: 4:05 PM
 Fast Ends: 5:35 PM

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Israel Rivkin in memory of his grandfather Yisrael ben Yisasschar and Douglas Stahl, Yoseph Baruch ben Yitzchak.

YOUTH RAFFLE

There are still 7 tickets left for the annual Ohr Torah Youth raffle. Thanks to the kehal for their generous support. **If you have not purchased your tickets until now, please do so and don't be left out of the drawing!** We plan to have the raffle drawing after the 9:00 Monday holiday minyan. 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. Thanks for your support.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:
 Dr. and Mrs. Barry Weinberger

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Rochelle & Peter Kassai in memory of Aryeh Zinkin's mother Margaret Zinkin Z"l
 -Rochelle & Peter Kassai in memory of their grandmother Frumit Ida Ungar Z"l

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 January 7th, 21st & 28th and February 4th, 18th & 25th. 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 Dedication 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 ludeelu@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 genew@compugene.com

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

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.

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!

-Please hold the date for this years Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event. Join us at the Pines Manor on February 12th. The speaker will be Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt, Rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Center. Invitations will be mailed shortly but mark your calendars now!

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. Speakers: Mrs. Baila Freedman, Rabbi Doni Frank, and Mrs. Cirel Septimus. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. For more information, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.

RPRY

Thank you to the hundreds of community members, from near and far, who expressed their appreciation to the Yeshiva by contributing to and attending the Scholarship Breakfast on Sunday, December 18th.

The breakfast was an enjoyable event and the campaign was very successful. Your participation ensures that indeed, no child will be deprived of an RPRY education.

Mazel Tov once again to Mrs. Rebecca Bick, an RPRY graduate and this year's recipient of the Educator Excellence Award!

SOFER

The sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday, January 1, 2012. Store hours are 10am to 5pm. Although walk-ins are welcome, it is helpful if you

call 732-828-7722 and let us know you will be coming.

OHAV EMETH

-Congregation Ohav Emeth is honoring Gerry and Renee Silverstein and paying tribute to the memory of Danny Ravitz at its 27th annual dinner. The dinner is being held on January 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM at Rutgers University - Livingston Student Center in Piscataway, NJ. Please contact Ohav Emeth or Michael Garber by January 2, 2012 to either reserve your place at the dinner or to place an ad in the journal. Couvert for the dinner is \$180.00 per person. For more information, please contact Michael Garber at (732-322-0503 mdgarber@live.com).

- The Teen Division of the OE Youth Department invites all community teens to a special Friday night seudah featuring the renowned educator, speaker and author Rabbi Menachem Nissel. Join us on Shabbos Vayechi, January 6th, after Kabollas Shabbos and Ma'ariv. The dinner cost is \$11, by reservation only. Please RSVP by the deadline, Sunday Jan 1st to Dovid Dobin dydobin@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

FOR WOMEN

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Shir Hashirim, Sunday morning, January 1 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel and Parsha class on Monday evening, January 2 at 8:00 PM 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, January 4 at 9:00 AM at the home of Ricki 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 reuaf shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and Rav Chaim Zev ben Ettel Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or EJPartyworks@aol.com.

HAT/PUSRE SHOW

We are planning a consignment hat and purse show to help fund the new RPRY Student Magazine. A third of the profits will also go to the ASPCA. We are looking for donations of hats, headbands and purses for the show. Must be in excellent condition. Please drop

off donations at 8 Hamlin Rd or call Stacy at 732-819-8998 for a pick-up. Thank you!

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.

SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

There will be a sofer to check mezuzahs and Tefillni at Judaica Gallery this Sunday.

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 Vayechi	
Candlelighting	4:27 PM
Mincha	4:35PM

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, assisted by Barry Wolf

Jewish Sports Standouts (4): Sandy Koufax

Even if you are not a baseball fan you heard the name Sandy Koufax. He was such a good pitcher that his name alone became a household term for excellence. But what did he do to earn a spot in Sof Davar? Just one thing, but it was an act of courage that it deserves mentioning here. The year was 1965 and the Dodgers had again won the National League pennant, due largely to Sandy Koufax who had a remarkable won-lost record. The Dodgers were preparing for the World Series against Minnesota. When it was noticed that the first game of the World Series was scheduled for Yom Kippur, Koufax told manager Walt Alston that he would not play. Now this was not a mid-season game. This was the World Series. Many players did not play on Yom Kippur. But this was not an average player. This was the best pitcher in baseball. Nonetheless he would not play. Alston was not too worried, because he had another very good pitcher, Don Drysdale, ready to go. As it turned out Drysdale was battered around and was removed from the game. As he passed Alston on his way to the dugout he uttered one of the great lines in baseball. He said to his manager, "Don't you wish I was Jewish also? The Dodgers lost that game but Koufax pitched and shut out the Twins in games 5 and 7 and the Dodgers won the World Series.