



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Beshalach*

*11 Shevat 5772*

*February 4, 2012*

**Candlelighting:** 4:59 PM  
**Mincha:** 5:05 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch After Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:38 AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Rosh Hashanah Shiur – 4:05 PM*  
**Mincha:** 1:30 & 4:55 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Shraga Silverberg*  
**Maariv:** 6:05PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun.** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
**Mon. & Thur.** 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM  
**Tue. Wed. & Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 5:10 PM  
**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**  
 Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis. Mon.-Thu.-after 7:30 PM Maariv. Friday-after Kabolos Shabbos. Shabbos- 8:15 AM &/or after Hashkomo Minyan.

**BARUCH HABA**

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 February 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 contact Barry Siegel at [siegedad@RaritanValleyChapterofHadassahandRaritanValleyYoungWomenHadassah.L'DorV'DorTuB'ShevatSeder.optonline.net](mailto:siegedad@RaritanValleyChapterofHadassahandRaritanValleyYoungWomenHadassah.L'DorV'DorTuB'ShevatSeder.optonline.net) or 732-572-4408.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 an 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), [reenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Devora and Effy Zinkin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Tamar. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin, and Helen and Albert Fein and to the Zinkin, Ornstein and Grossberg families. ...to Eileen and Mel Wagshul on the engagement of their granddaughter Miriam Sragow to Eli Shteingart.

**KIDDUSH**

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Rabbi Yaakov and Faigie Luban in honor of the birth of a granddaughter, Penina, to their children, Shollie and Sarah Luban.

**HASHKAMA KIDDUSH**

Jerry & Barbara Belsh are sponsoring Hashkama Kiddush in honor of their newborn granddaughters Ayla Rachaela Brandler and Tehila Belsh.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Elisha and Martin Klein, Susan and Moshe Wiesel, and Aviva and Barry Siegel.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS**

\* The Ohr Torah Youth Committee requests that parents please not send their children to Shul with a sports ball of any kind. This includes footballs, baseballs, basketballs etc. There have been children playing football in front of Shul and on the RPRY blacktop while Shabbos morning davening is taking place and this is clearly inappropriate to do during times of Tefillah. Congregation Ohr Torah will not utilize sports balls in any of our youth programming.

\* On Sunday evening February 19<sup>th</sup>, Ohr Torah Youth is heading by coach bus to the New Jersey Nets vs Milwaukee Bucks basketball game leaving at 5:45 PM sharp and returning to OT at 10:30 PM. All children (2nd grade and up), teenagers and parents are welcome to join. In addition, ten children will have the experience of a lifetime as they will receive "high-five t-shirts" and will line up on the court at halftime to high-five the NJ Nets basketball players! Other surprises await! Also, snacks will be provided on the bus ride. All this Pre-Purim fun is just \$45 per person. Only 50 tickets are available for sale and this program always sells out so please sign up online at [ohrtorah.net](http://ohrtorah.net) or contact Mayer Berg at (732) 572-3429 Any questions...contact Mayer Berg at [marcberg@verizon.net](mailto:marcberg@verizon.net) <<mailto:marcberg@verizon.net>>

**OT AT SIYUM HASHAS**

Priority applications are now available for the Siyum Hashas to take place August 1 at

the Metlife Stadium. Rabbi Luban has suggested that we attend as a group sitting together. Although the price for tickets range from \$18-\$1000, \$54 tickets are both affordable while affording a good view of the proceedings. Payment has to accompany applications and checks should be made out to Congregation Ohr Torah. In this way we can hand in all requests on one application with a higher likelihood that we will sit together. (People can also apply on their own to pay a higher or lower price).Deadline for priority applications to be received by the Siyum Hashas committee is before the end of February. For more information &/or applications please contact Yussi Strauch.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISHMAR**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:30 PM. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$3.00 which includes pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

**SHLOSHIM TRIBUTE TO RABBI POLEYEFF**

Monday evening, February 13 at RPRY from 7:30-8:30PM. For further information please contact Rabbi Gross at 732-572-5052 ext. 206.

**NORPAC MISSION TO DC**

Please join us as we meet with Members of Congress to support the US-Israel relationship and establish longstanding relationships with the leaders of our country.Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Wash DC, Wed. May 9. Buses leave for Washington at 6:15 am from Edison / Highland Park/EB. There will be briefings on each bus. Shacharit davening will be at 5:45 am in Ohr Torah, Ahavas Achim and YIEB. There will be a minyan for Mincha and maariv on the way home. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Discounted rates of \$75 for students and \$125 for adults end April 9. Participants must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.Last year over 150 people from this area attended,be a part of it. For more info contact Barry Wolf, Seymour Kessel ,Marc Hanfling. Register online at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133.

**ORTHODOX FORUM OF EDISON/HIGHLAND PARK**

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/HighlandPark will present a program on Domestic Violence in Jewish Households onSaturday night February 11, 2012, 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave.

Domestic violence is a growing phenomenon that has, unfortunately, not spared the Orthodox Jewish community. The Orthodox Forum, in conjunction with local rabbis, will present a program that focuses on Project S.A.R.A.H. (Stop Abusive Relationships At Home). Presenters will include Mrs. Esther East, Project S.A.R.A.H. co-founder and Rabbi Raffi Bilek, Outreach Coordinator for Project S.A.R.A.H. Moderating and providing additional information on the issues will

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be Mr. Alan Silver, Assistant Prosecutor, UnionCounty, who is assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit.

### **KHAL CHASIDIM**

Men, women and children are invited to Khal Chassidim's annual Tu B'shevat Tisch. Taste exotic fruits from around the world. The Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim, Rav Mayer Alter Horowitz, Shlita, will be our special guest, and will share songs and words of inspiration. February 7th at 7:30 PM at Rabbi Horowitz's Shtieble, 46 North Eighth Ave.

### **YA'AD TEENS SUPER-BOWL PARTY**

YA'AD Teens will have a Super-Bowl Party in the Ahavas Achim upstairs Social Hall, on Sunday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$10.00 (includes all you can eat hot dogs, chili, chips, and salsa). Come play billiards, ping pong, foosball and play-station.

### **BECOME AN ISRAEL ADVOCATE**

Tools, Tips and Taking Initiative: Become an Israel Advocate!" Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - 7:30 PM. What are the most "popular" anti-Israel arguments and ways you can respond confidently? Rabbi Elliot Mathias, Executive Director of Hasbara Fellowships, will present strategies to effectively answer these claims for yourself, your children, and in discussions with others.

LOCATION: Jewish Federation of Middlesex County, 230 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River  
REGISTER: Meryl Harris at: mharris@jf-gmc.org or 732-588-1800

### **PURIM CARDS AVAILABLE FROM CHILDREN'S FUND**

Purim Mishloach Manot Cards are available for purchase for \$2.00 each from the Children's Fund in Memory of Dina Eisner. All proceeds from the sale support a very worthy local charity. To obtain the cards, send e-mail to:

[childrensfundhp@gmail.com](mailto:childrensfundhp@gmail.com) or contact: Tova Josefovitz 732-572-9432, Shoshana Diskind 732-572-7755 or Janice Lustiger 732-819-4919. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

### **NEW WOMENS CLUB FOR WIDOWS**

JFVS has started a new Women's Club for widows. The club offers friendship and socializing. The club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10:30 am to noon at the JFVS Monroe office, Concordia Shopping Center. For info please call JFVS at [732-777-1940](tel:732-777-1940) or [609-395-7979](tel:609-395-7979).

### **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](http://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](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

### **EMUNA PRESENTS ARTS & SMARTS**

Test your wits and make your wages, play games, win prizes, eat yummy food, enjoy a guest appearance by our own renowned artist, Dorene Schwartz-Weitz, who will describe her creative artistic process. Top the evening off by creating a delicious ice cream sundae! Make your annual gift to EMUNAH of \$100, \$75 or \$50 and get free admission for two plus two raffle tickets. Regular

admission for the evening plus a free raffle ticket (if you pre-register) is \$15 for one or two-for-\$25. Bring your buddies to set up a Friends Table at Cong. Ohr Torah, Saturday night, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. RSVP to Sue Redlich 732-558-4917 or email [aliyanaw@optonline.net](mailto:aliyanaw@optonline.net).

### **JFVS**

- Counseling services for adolescents are being expanded in the Milltown and Monroe offices with the return to the staff of a very experienced clinician, specializing in adolescents. For counseling appointments call 732-777-1940 or 609-395-7979. Many managed care plans are accepted.

-On Motzai Shabbos, February 11th, The Young Leadership Division of Jewish Family and Vocational Services will be hosting their first big get-together for students and young professionals living in Middlesex County titled "Connecting 4 Community." The event will be taking place from 8-10pm and is free of charge. For more information and to RSVP please e-mail Rachelle Stern at [Rachelle\\_Stern@yahoo.com](mailto:Rachelle_Stern@yahoo.com) or call (732) 247-0766.

### **TIFERES**

Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will be meeting Motzai Shabbos, February 4 at 8:15 PM, at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison, NJ. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Title: "Planting the Future - Lessons of Tu B'shvat"; Speakers: Rabbi Yonah Lazar and Mrs. Perel Abramowitz. The current teleconference series: Bitochon, Our One Safe Harbor, given by Mrs. Cirel Septimus. The next teleconference series: Opening the Door to a Home in Harmony, given by Mrs. Yael Kaisman. For more information or to become a member, please contact Aviva [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) or Debbie Schneider [732-572-4713](tel:732-572-4713). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.

### **Daf Yomi B'Halacha - Now Is A Great Time To Join!**

On Sunday, Feb. 12, the Daf Yomi B'Halacha at Cong Ahavas Yisrael will be starting from the very beginning of Mishna Berura Chelek 1. Now is a great time to join! Shiur by Eli Reisman. We study about a page a day in about 30 minutes, daily after ma'ariv. Sunday after the early mincha/maariv, M-Th 8:30 PM @ Ahavas Yisrael 1587 Route 27

### **HIGHLAND PARK NCSY**

This Friday night join us for an Oneg at 325 Mansfield St. from 7:30pm to 9pm thru 12th graders are welcomed to attend. For those who live near OT and want to walk as part of a group, an advisor will be leaving 437 Harrison Ave at 7:10pm. Contact Ari Neuman at 732 672 5214 or by email: [yaneuman58@gmail.com](mailto:yaneuman58@gmail.com).

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

Bikur Cholim Annual Event - February 12  
Come join us for the Seventeenth Annual Bikur Cholim event at the Pines Manor on February 12th at six o'clock. The speaker will be Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt, Rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Center. A meat buffet dinner will be served. Covert \$36 per person. Donation: Bronze - \$100.00 Silver - \$180.00. Gold -- \$250.00 Diamond - \$360.00 and Platinum - \$540.00. For more information, please call the Bikur Cholim hotline at 732-572-7181.

### **REBBETZIN EICHENSTEIN'S CLASSES**

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will be having her Navi class on Sefer Shir Hashirim, Sunday morning, February 5 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Agudath Israel. No class on Monday evening, February 6. Classes are for women only. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com).

### **AMEN GROUP**

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 zecheus of a reuveh shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and Rav Chaim Zev ben Ettl Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or [EJPartyworks@aol.com](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com).

### **MRS MIRI COHEN'S LADIES PARSHA CLASS**

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, February 8 at 9:00 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison Street, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Shemos.

### **IRGUN SHIUREI TORAH**

Irgun Shiurei Torah will be presenting a Taharas Mishpacha review Shiur, for men only, given by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe at Congregation Ahavas Yisrael, 1587 Route 27 on Feb. 13th. Maariv at 8:00, followed by the Shiur at 8:15.

### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at [enrv@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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. IN CASE OF DANGEROUS WEATHER AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS, please call the Mikvah before leaving home: 732-249-2411

### **KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION**

The OT Keylim Mikvah will be open Sunday Mornings from 9 AM 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 Yisro	
Candlelighting:	5:08 PM
Mincha:	5:15 PM

### **VISIT OHR TORAH ON THE WEB!**

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AFTER DAVENING.**