



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Chol Hamoed Pesach/Shemini

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April 18, 2009

Erev Yom Tov (Tues April 14, Omer 5)

- Shacharis: 6:10, 6:55, 8 & 9 AM
- Candlelighting: 7:17 PM
- Mincha: 7:25 PM

Seventh Day Pesach (Wed, April 15 Omer 6)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 AM

Zman Krias Shema: 9:36 PM

- Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
- Mincha: 7:25 PM
- Candlelighting: not before 8:27 PM

Eighth Day Pesach

(Thurs. April 16, 2006, Omer 7)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 AM

Zman Krias Shema: 9:37 PM

- Yizkor: after 8:30, 10:15 AM
- Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
- Mincha: 7:25 PM
- Maariv: 8:25 PM
- Access sold chometz not before: 9:30 PM

DAF YOMI

- Erev Yom Yov – after maariv
- Shabbos and Yom Tov - one hour before mincha
- Sunday- after 8 am shacharis.
- Chol Hamoed: After Maariv

FRIDAY NIGHT – April 18th

Candlelighting: 7:21PM

NOTE: BEGINNING OF EARLY MINCHA

SEASON:

Plag Mincha: 6:00 PM

Early Mincha: 6:45 PM

Mincha: 7:30PM

Shacharis: 7:45 and 9:00AM

*Rabbi Hoffman's Pesachim Shiur-
After Hashkama*

Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:35AM

Early Mincha: 1:45 PM

Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Megillah 6:25 PM

Mincha: 7:15 PM

*Shalosh Seudos speaker:
R. Hillel Zinkin*

Maariv: 8:25 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8 & 9AM

Mon & Thur 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM

Tue, Wed 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM

Fri (Rosh Chodesh) 6:10, 7:05 & 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:30 PM

Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM

Monday evening, 9:10 in Bais Medrash, Rabbi

Luban's shiur in She'eilos Uteshuvos (responsa)

Tuesday Tehillim 9:50 PM

DAF YOMI

Monday -Thursday- after maariv

Friday - after kabolos shabbos.

If there are two minyanim, after the first minyan. Shabbos - one hour before mincha
Sunday- after 8 am shacharis.

BARUCH HABAH

Ohr Torah would like to welcome newcomers, visitors and guests who are joining us. If our President, Allen Kessel or Rabbi Yaakov Luban does not get a chance to welcome you personally, please come up and introduce yourself.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for, April 18th, May 2nd & 23rd. 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 732-442-8022. For more info. Call Moish at 732-442-5751 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Toby and Michael Eleff on the birth of Ariana Sara to their children Yosef and Shoshana Kassorla.

...to Rabbi Dr. Bernhard and Charlene Rosenberg upon the birth of a daughter, Emma Rachel, Avigayil Rachel, to their children Ayelet and Ari Feder.

...to Esther and Yechiel Posen on the birth of Shira to their children Shoshana and Betzael Cohn.

...to Ruth and Marc Kalton on the birth of a boy to Aliza and Ari Kalton

...to Janice and Arnie Lustiger on the birth of a boy to their children Shmuley and Rena Kaplan. The *Sholom Zochor will iy'H take place at the Lustiger Home, 401 North Eighth Ave., at 9:45 PM on Friday.*

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPEAKER

OPEN ENROLLMENT

If would like to speak or suggest a speaker for shalosh seudos due to a simcha, yahrzeit, a guest visit or other occasion within the next six months, please reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet in the Beis Medrash quickly. After Pesach, all open speaking slots will be filled.

CONDOLENCES

...to Akiva Bosewitz on the passing of his mother.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

KADDISH AROUND BIMAH

If you are saying Kaddish, please do so around the Bimah to maintain synchronization.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDISON SCHOOL BOARD

Edison school board elections are scheduled for Tuesday April 21 from 12-9 PM. All Edison residents are urged to participate.

EMERGENCY PARNOSAH INNITIATIVE - Employment Network of Raritan Valley

* If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the information to enrv@verizon.net and rkreitman@sidley.com. Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

* If you are looking for a job and need assistance with your resume, interviewing or networking, contact enrv@verizon.net and go to www.enrv.org and sign up to receive job postings.

RPRY CHINESE AUCTION

WANTED: 100% Participation in RPRY's 1st Annual Chinese Auction! Don't miss this chance to, INEXPENSIVELY, win beautiful prizes: car lease, trips to Israel, California, Florida and beyond, sefarim, jewelry, computers, electronics, furniture sets, gift cards and LOTS more. AND, thanks to the generosity of private sponsors, 100% of proceeds will benefit RPRY's Scholarship Fund! Discount Ticket Packages available (see website or auction booklet). Wishing everyone much Mazel in winning great prizes, and we thank you in advance for helping to make RPRY's Chinese Auction a resounding success! To view prizes and order tickets, go to www.chineseauctiononline.com, link from www.rpry.org, or order manually (see RPRY office for auction booklet). Questions? Please contact RPRY at 732-572-5052 or Leslie Ostrin at leslienbo@monmouth.com.

COMMUNITY-WIDE

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

In conjunction with area synagogues, the Jewish Federation is honored to sponsor a community-wide Yom Hashoah commemoration on the evening of APRIL 21 in the ballroom of the E Brunswick Jewish Center. For the exhibit before the program starts: We'd be delighted if you can share your family's experiences with the community - We are seeking articles, photos, and memorabilia from Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi Jewish communities and families (from around the world) before and immediately after the Holocaust. Please send ONLY COPIES of pictures or documents to: Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, 230 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ 08882. Submissions should be accompanied by: date, name(s), and a brief description (2 to 4 sentences) of the item's location/situation Original Submissions WILL NOT be returned. Join us in the OPENING MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY: Community members, Holocaust survivors, 2nd generation and their families are invited to light candles at the commemoration's opening Youth groups and students warmly welcome. Please call Gabriela Sadote Slepkin at 732-432-7711, ext. 23 or email gsadote@jf-gmc.org (<mailto:gsadote@jf-gmc.org>) for info.

NORPAC

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is in the Beis Medrash Chazzon's shulchan.
PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

Concerned about Israel's safety and security? Do something about it: Meet with Congress during the NORPAC Mission to Washington - May 20, 2009. Help make a difference in the American/Israeli alliance! Buses leave for Washington from our area 6:15 am; Buses return between 9-10 pm. There will be briefings on each bus. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided and all meals are glatt kosher. Rates are now \$125 for students and \$175 for adults. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Full refund up to May 5. Must be 12 years of age or older to attend. Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. For more information, please speak with H. Atlas, Allen Kessel, Elie Borger, Barry Wolf, Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com. Don't be left out! Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133.

EMUNAH COOKING EVENT

Our cooking event has been rescheduled to 8 pm April 29, same location. Sharon Starr Heyden, author of "A Culinary Journey: Exotic Kosher Cuisine," will demonstrate an entire at 8 pm on April 29 in the home of Adrienne Orani, 292 North 5th Avenue, HP. A graduate of EMUNAH's summer cooking week in Tuscany, Sharon will share her recipes and give us each a taste. Please reserve so we know how much to prepare. The evening's \$18 donation helps our projects for the needy in Israel in these very difficult times. Join us! RSVP by email to maydl49@aol.com (<mailto:maydl49@aol.com>) or to 732 846 8990 (Sue Redlich's office number).

RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR

Rabbi Yisroel Hoffman's Choshen Mishpat Hilchos Dayanim shiur takes place Wednesday nights at the Agudah at 8:30 pm. To download previous shiurim, please visit <http://csisol.com/shiurim.aspx>

MAZAL SHIDDUCH GROUP

Please email Sharon at Shcl18@aol.com to request a form and to find out the location.

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.

REBBETZIN EICHENSTEIN'S NAVI CLASS

Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rstickstern@yahoo.com).

Project S.A.R.A.H.

Stop Abusive Relationships At Home
Save the Date - Thursday evening, May 7, 2009
"Your Role When There Is A Suspected Case of Child Sexual Abuse" A Statewide Conference for Rabbis & School Administrators. YM-YWHA 199 Scoles Ave. Clifton, NJ 07012 Watch for upcoming invitation. Dinner at 6:30 pm

MIRI COHEN'S PARSHA CLASS

Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume after Pesach. For more info, please call Azriella Jaffe 732-985-7613.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Women's 'Amen' group will continue to meet this Sunday at 9:45 AM upstairs in the office at Cong. Ohr Torah in Edison. All women and girls are invited to join. Please note the group prays in the 'Zechus' of Menachem Mordechai Ben Ophira, Fruma Sarah Bas Devorah Rachel, and the other Cholim on community lists and individual's requests.

-Looking for women to say Shir Hashirim (in your own home) this Friday night after licht bentchen. Please contact E.J. Berman at EJPartyworks@aol.com.

-If you would like to be included in a challah baking segullah for this coming Shabbos on Thursday night or Friday (hafrasha should be done Thursday night after dark or Friday) please contact E.J. at the above e mail address. It should be in the zechus of a refuah sheimach for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira. Remember to

please say a tefillah for Menachem Mordechai when you do the hafrasha AND when the dough is being kneaded. It could be your own personal tefillah or tehillim.

JR NCSY INFO

-Want to stay updated with Jr. NCSY? Join our mailing list! Updates go out as often as we get them, so please email jrnscyhp@gmail.com with your child's name, grade and school. Any questions on any of the above announcements or anything having to do with Jr. NCSY, please contact Chana Lustiger at 908-209-1820 or Tzvi Hametz at 732-991-2252 night

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sun-Thur nights, 9-11pm. FRIDAY NIGHTS are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Saturday night, April 4th and 11th, the mikvah opens at 9pm. April 8-10, and April 14-15, Pesach, HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! Call 732-249-2411. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS an ADDITIONAL \$20 fee.

LOCAL ERUV

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Tazria-Metzora

Candlelighting	7:28 PM
Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos	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.

Vaad HaRabbonim of Raritan Valley

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Purchasing Chometz After Pesach

One may not eat or derive benefit from chometz which was owned by a Jew during Pesach. The following is a partial list of local stores and their status regarding the purchase of Chometz.

1. All stores under VAAD supervision are acceptable for the purchase of Chometz. (Note: Baked items from Dunkin' Donuts may not be eaten until 9:30 PM on Thursday, April 16, because they are baked on Yom Tov. In general, Motza'ei Shabbos throughout the year, one should wait one hour after the end of Shabbos before eating their products.) The Vaad encourages the community to patronize local kosher establishments whenever possible.
2. ACME is the preferred store for the purchase of Chometz, since the store and its distributor are completely owned by non-Jews.
3. SHOP RITE on Route 1 South, Route 18 in East Brunswick, Bound Brook, Oak Tree Road and any other SHOP RITE with a Kosher Experience are all owned by non-Jews. (Note: other stores under the Shop Rite name may be owned by Jews.) However, the distributor which supplies these stores (Wakefern) has partial Jewish ownership. Since the majority ownership in Wakefern is non-Jewish, SHOP RITE is also acceptable.
4. The majority ownership of RITE AID Pharmacy is non-Jewish and acceptable for the purchase of Chometz.
5. PATHMARK, A&P and STOP & SHOP are owned by non-Jews. However, their distributor, C & S (Cohen & Siegel), is Jewish. Therefore, one should wait until Lag Bo'omer, Tuesday, May 12, to purchase overt Chometz from them. (Overt Chometz includes cereal, cookies, crackers, pretzels, grains, and flour. Products which contain vinegar such as mayonnaise, ketchup, and mustard may be purchased since it is possible the vinegar is not chometz.)
6. C&S does not supply fresh bread. Therefore, fresh bread under Hashgocha may be bought at any non-Jewish owned store, including PATHMARK, A&P and STOP & SHOP, immediately after Pesach.
7. Non-chometz items may be purchased from any store (e.g., fruit, vegetables, eggs, cooking oil, etc.)