



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Vayera*

*15 Cheshvan 5771*

*October 23, 2010*

**Shabbos Candlelighting:** 5:49 PM  
**Mincha:** 5:55 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:59 AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 4:35 PM*

**Mincha:** 1:45 & 5:25 PM\*

*\*Note Mincha starting earlier this week*  
*Shalosh Seudos speaker:*  
*Chai Lifeline Camper*

**Maariv:** 6:50 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sun** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

**Mon** 6:17, 7:05, & 8 AM

*Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:26*

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

*Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:27 (Tue), 6:28 (Wed)*

**Thur** 6:20, 7:10 & 8 AM

*Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:29*

**Fri** 6:27, 7:10 & 8 AM

*Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:30*

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 5:45 PM

**Weekday Maariv** 10:10 PM

*Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvs Shiur:*

*Monday 9:10 PM*

*Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM*

**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**

Monday -Thursday after Maariv. Friday after Maariv. Shabbos 1 hour before Mincha, 6:00pm. Sunday after 8am shacharis.

The Daf Yomi is starting a new Masechta next Shabbos Oct. 30 Maseches Horayos. It is a very short Masechta, only 14 blot. One can finish an entire Masechta in TWO WEEKS. If you want to finish an entire Masechta in just TWO WEEKS, this is your opportunity

### **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 come up and introduce yourself.

### **KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**

Kiddush sponsorship is available for October 30th and November 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, 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 732-442-8022. 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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net) or 732-572-4408

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeej@gmail.com](mailto:ludeej@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

### **OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS**

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "[ohrtorah.net](http://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.

### **MAZEL TOV**

... Rosa and Barry Katz upon the birth of a son to their children Shaina and Steven Rosen. The Shalom Zachor will be at the Katz home at 8:30pm-132 N 8th Ave. Highland Park.

...to Susie and Barry Wolf on their daughter Shoshie's engagement to Asher Dworetzky of North Woodmere. Mazel Tov to Shoshie's sisters, Asher's parents Eli and Rena Dworetzky, Shoshie's grandparents, Rabbi Israel and Alizah Poleyeff and to the entire Wolf, Poleyeff, and Dworetzky mishpachot.

...to Marcie and Bernie Leff on the birth of a daughter to their children Shani and Elan White in Beit El, Israel.

...to Leah and Harvey Paretzky on the birth of a son to their children Ruthie and Mordechai Paretzky. Mazel Tov also to Ruthie's parents Barbara and Bert Goldstein, to the great grandmother Cicely Paretzky, great grandparents Lee and Abe Goldstein, Mordechai's sisters Adina and Shoshana and Ruthie's siblings. The Shalom Zachar and Bris will be taking place in Baltimore.

...to Debby & Greg Botvinik on the graduation of their son, Jordan, from the US Army National Guard's Basic Training program at Fort Benning, Georgia.

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh seudos this week is being co-sponsored by the following:

- Esther and Michael Reiss in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Michael's Mother, Tamar Bat Pinchas, z"l.
- Members of Congregation Ohr Torah in honor of our Chai Lifeline campers and guests.

### **FRIENDS & FUN RETREAT**

This Shabbat, Parshat Vayeira, the Children of Chai Lifeline are spending a fun-filled and inspiring weekend at the first "Friends & Fun Retreat" in the Highland Park/Edison Community. The entire Highland Park/Edison Jewish Community is invited to join with the children and staff of Chai Lifeline for an inspiring Shalosh Seudot at Congregation Ohr Torah following Mincha, which will take place at 5:25PM.

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER**

Please plan on joining us Sunday, December 19, 2010, 6:00PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Somerset, NJ, when we will give thanks and Hakaras Hatov to two outstanding couples who have done and continue to do so much for our Shul:

Service Awardees:

Rabbi Benjamin and Helen Kramer

Guests of Honor:

Irwin and Mildred Goldblatt

### **OT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 26 at 8:30 PM. The meeting agenda will be on our website, [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net) by Sunday.

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE**

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s).

The cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100.

The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner on December 19th..

Please contact Barry Siegel, Josh Caplan, Charlie Gershbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets.

All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

### **OT SISTERHOOD MISHLOACH MANOT 2011**

We're planning early for Purim 2011 and starting to recruit volunteers to help deliver Mishloach Manot to each member of our shul. Baruch Hashem, we have a growing shul membership and **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to continue delivering to each member's home.

If you are able to help, please email Shelley Schoenfeld by Monday, November 15, 2010 at [srschoenfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:srschoenfeld@hotmail.com) with your name and the number that you are willing to deliver. If we are unable to recruit the appropriate number of volunteers, we will once again have Mishloach Manot pick-up at the shul on Purim day.

Thanks in advance for your help!

### **CHUMASH/ SIDDUR DEDICATIONS**

Ohr Torah is ordering new Artscoll Siddurim and Chumashim for the downstairs Beis Medrash. Dedications are available at \$36 per Stone Chumash and \$23 per Hebrew Siddur. If you'd like to dedicate a sefer in memory/honor/Yahrtzeit please contact Barry Siegel ([siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net)) or Harvey Atlas.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ACTT**

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) organization will be sponsoring an inspirational evening this Sunday evening, Oct 24, 2010 at 8PM at Congregation Etz Ahaim. Rabbi Jay Weinstein, the new Moreh D'Asra of the Young Israel of East Brunswick, will speak about "Prayer and Redemption: Our Ticket to Olam Habah". The

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source book for the module, Rabbi Heshy Kleinman's "Yearning With Fire", can be purchased from the Judaica Gallery in Highland Park at a discount. The learning schedule can be downloaded from the Modules page of the ACTT website: [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org). 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.

### **SHLOCK ROCK CONCERT**

The Shalom Heritage Center presents: SHLOCK ROCK! A Community Pride Concert on Sunday, Nov 7th, 6 pm at the Ethel McKnight Elementary School in East Windsor (exit 8 NJ Tpk.) advance tickets are \$12/ adults, \$8/students and seniors. For tickets or more information, contact [tix@shalomheritagecenter.org](mailto:tix@shalomheritagecenter.org) or 609-443-7170

### **SUSHI MELAVA MALKAH**

Make Your Own Sushi Melaveh Malkah! Eat, Sing and Celebrate with The Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors from DC and NJ on Motzaei Shabbat, October 23rd, 8:00-10:30PM at the Turansky residence, 110 North 8th Ave. The Melaveh Malkah is free! RSVP to Rabbi Shmuel Greene at [rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org](mailto:rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org) or 732-485-7122.

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley will be having its annual Eli and Frieda Stern Memorial Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, November 14 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM at Congregation Ohav Emeth. Everyone in the community is invited to join us in honoring the "Shofar Blowers" squad: Neal Ginsberg, David Katzenstein, David Krul, Saul London, and Josh Rapps. Admission is free. Reservations are not required.

For more information, please call Diana Hakakian 732-393-0506. or Irene Siegelman 732-819-9371.

### **SOFER**

The sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, on Sunday November 7th. Please let us know you will be coming in with tefillin or mezuzot so the sofer can come with enough "man power" to finish all in one day. Call 732-828-7722 or email [judaicagallery@hotmail.com](mailto:judaicagallery@hotmail.com) and let us know that you will be coming. Store hours are 10am to 5pm.

### **RPRY SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST**

The RPRY Scholarship Breakfast will take place be"n, on Sunday Morning December 26th.

### **MISHMAR**

RPRY Mishmor will begin Motzei Shabbat October 23 at 8:00 pm. Please bring your own Seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

### **FRIENDS OF IDF**

Friends of the IDF - New Jersey Chapter will be having its 6th Annual IDF Tribute Dinner honoring the lone soldiers of the IDF on Saturday evening, November 6, 2010 at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel and Conference Center, East Rutherford, NJ. For more information, please contact Margo Katz at (212) 244-3118 ext. 14 or [margo.katz@idf.org](mailto:margo.katz@idf.org) or Ilean 908-420-0923.

### **IDF SPEAKER**

Cindy and Gabor Boda are hosting Tzvika Levy, Lt. Col. IDF head of the Lone Soldier Program for the weekend of Oct. 29-31st. He will speak about this program for all the lone soldiers in Israel at RPRY on Friday morning and at Ohav Emeth Shabbat day. He has spoken many, many times in New York and vicinity and has a 9 minute film too that he would show. He has a book out, available on Amazon titled Israel's Lone Soldiers All Over the World. He does amazing work and all 100% of monies collected go to the soldiers.

### **JR NCSY**

Fall regional is quickly approaching!! It will be taking place at OE, November 5th-6th. Register and pay online at [njncsy.org](http://njncsy.org). If you would like to house ncysers/ staff members for the shabbaton, please email us at [jrncsyhp@gmail.com](mailto:jrncsyhp@gmail.com). Thank you for your hospitality!

### **SR NCSY**

We are very excited to tell you that Tzvi and Gavi will also be the advisors for srs!! We are really looking forward to exciting and productive year. Sr NCSY will start programming and events starting in November.

Winter Regional will be Dec. 9th through 11th. Registration will be available online, so stay tuned!

### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday, 9-11PM. The mikvah will be open at 9PM on Sat. nights until Nov 7th. Friday nights are by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. Call 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.

### **WOMEN'S GROUPS**

–Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, October 24. Class will be held on Monday evening, October 25 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Classes are for women only. For more information, 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).

–Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, October 27 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, 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 refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or [EJPartyworks@aol.com](mailto:EJPartyworks@aol.com)

### **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 information to [enrv@verizon.net](mailto:enrv@verizon.net).

### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

Shabbos Chaye Sarah	
Candlelighting	5:40 PM
Mincha	5:50PM

### **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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net). Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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...**

### **Tannaim and Amoraim: R. Yochanan haSandlor**

This third generation *tanna* with the odd nickname lived about the year 150 and was one of R. Akiva's better students. Once, when R. Akiva was jailed by the Romans, a halachic question arose as to whether a *chalitza* performed privately by two people not in the presence of a *bet din* was valid. No one knew the answer and there was no way of communicating with R. Akiva. R. Yochanan took matters into his own hands and dressed up as a traveling merchant. He walked the streets calling out the merchandise he had for sale. As he passed the jail he called out: "Who needs pins? *Chalitza* between two people what is it?" R. Akiva heard him and understood his plan. He responded "Do you have a spindle? Kasher". Thus they got the answer to their question. R. Yochanan loved Eretz Yisroel and declared that living in Israel is comparable to fulfilling all the *mitzvos* of the Torah. Once, he wanted to go to Bavel to study Torah but could not get himself to cross the border and leave Israel. On another occasion after the Roman decrees against the Jews were rescinded R. Yochanan and other students of R. Akiva gathered for the purpose of declaring a leap year. At that conference a bitter argument broke out between R. Yochanan and R. Meir. However, they did not leave that location until they resolved their dispute and kissed. It may have been from that gathering that R. Yochanan made his famous statement found in Pirkei Avos: "Any gathering that is dedicated to *shem shomayim* – for the sake of heaven – will endure. Those that are not shall not endure". Oh, as to his nickname haSandlor, could it be that he was a *sandlor*, a shoemaker? Possibly. But one source suggests that the name is a corruption of the name of the city of Alexandria. He was given that name because R. Yochanan haSandlor was born in the city of Alexandria in Egypt. We leave it to you to decide.

by Rabbi Israel Poleyeff