



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parshas Vayikra*

*6 Adar II 5771*

*March 12, 2011*

**Shabbos Candlelighting:** 5:41PM  
**Mincha:** 5:50PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur cancelled this week*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:11 AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Maseches Rosh Hashana Shiur - 4:45 PM*

**Mincha:** 1:30 & 5:35 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speakers:*  
*Harvey Atlas & Billy Gewirtz*

**Maariv:** 6:45 PM  
**NOTE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME MOTZEI SHABBOS**

**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun** 7:00, 8 & 9 AM  
**Mon** 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM  
**Tues. Weds. & Fri** 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 6:50PM  
**Weekday Maariv** 10:10 PM

*7:30 PM Maariv suspended for the season*  
*Rabbi Luban's Shailos Uteshuvo's Shiur:*  
**Monday 9:10 PM**  
*Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM*

**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**  
 -Daf Yomi has just started a new Masechta - Maseches Menachos. This Masechta includes topics on Tefillin and Tzitzis. Please join us.  
 -Starting this week & 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 March 19th & 26th. 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 732-759-8558. 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](mailto:siegeldad@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.

### **MAZEL TOV**

... to Aviva and Barry Siegel on the Aufruf, this Shabbos, and forthcoming marriage of their son Chaim to Yaeli Kotzen of Brooklyn. Mazel Tov to his grandparents Evelyn and Charles Rindner and Lil Mazer, to Yaeli's parents, Sandra and Zalman Kotzen and grandfather Mr. Mannie Kotzen.

...Gail and Billy Bogner on the birth of a daughter to their children Elana and Yaakov Zachter. Mazel Tov to the entire Bogner family.

...to Rena and Larry Greenspan on the birth of a son to their children Rabbi Uri and Soroh Leah Greenspan.

### **HASKAMAH KIDDUSH**

Kiddush after the Haskamah Minyan this week is sponsored by Aviva and Barry Siegel in honor of Chaim's Aufruf.

### **KIDDUSH & SHALOSH SEUDOS**

This Shabbos both Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos will be sponsored by Charyn and Harvey Atlas in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Harvey's father, Moshe Yehuda ben Shalom, Z"L.

### **TAANIS ESTHER SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, March 17**

Fast Begins: 5:55 AM  
 Shacharis: 6:10, 6:55 & 8 AM  
 Mincha: 6:30 PM  
 Fast Ends: 7:56 PM

### **CHILDRENS PROGRAMS**

-Purim night March 19th at Ohr Torah will be a blast! We are privileged to be hosting 2 amazing childrens entertainers starting at 8:45 PM. First, John Carlson, the Northeast's Most Popular Magician, Ventriloquist and Family Entertainer will be dazzling us with some magic tricks that will leave you mesmerized! Simultaneously, Tickle the Clown will be painting our childrens faces. More surprises await. Come join us in the back of the Kiddush Room and in the classrooms for loads of Purim 5771 fun!  
 -We will 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](http://ohrtorah.net) to reserve space for this fun and exciting event!

### **CONGREGATION OHR TORAH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Tuesday, March 22nd at 8:30 PM. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the Shul's web site <http://www.ohrtorah.net>

### **SHAIMOS COLLECTION, CLOTHING DRIVE & SEFORIM SALE**

- Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 27 from 10AM to 5:00PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bag. Coordinator: Barry Siegel, [siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto: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.

### **MATANOS LEVYONIM**

Rabbi Luban is now accepting Matanos Levyonim donations. Please make checks out to Ohr Torah and write Matanos Levyonim in the memo.

### **UNCLAIMED SEFORIM**

In preparation for the Shaimos drive on 3/27, All Seforim left in the Shul over the year and "extra" Seforim have been placed in the book cart by the office. Please look over and claim or take what is yours. – Thanks – Barry Siegel

### **SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Barry & Hinda Herman in memory of Barry's mother Helen Herman Z"L  
 -Moisa family in memory of Robert Kreitman's father Jack Kreitman Z"L  
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Marc Hanfling and Rozzie Slepoy's mother Mirla Hanfling Z"L  
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Charlene Rosenberg's mother Evelyn Weinstein Z"L  
 -Bobbi & Herb Engel as a "Thank you Very Much" to Jonas Waizer.  
 -Ohr Torah would like to thank the Moisa family for their generous donation of a new "Oz V'hadar" set of Talmud SHAS in memory of Robert Kreitman's father Jack Kreitman Z"L. May the Neshama have an Aliyah!

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

The SHAS has been shelved and ready for use.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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). Polls will be open from 2PM to 9PM in three voting locations: Reformed Church of Highland Park, Senior/Youth Center, and Congregation Ohav Emes. A copy of the proposed Highland Park Public School District Budget may be found online at <http://highlandpark.k12.nj.us>.

#### **YA'AD JUNIORS DROP-IN**

Every Tuesday, from 6:45-8:30 p.m., teens converge on Ahavas Achim to tutor and mentor middle school students from our community. Junior Drop-In (JDI) began only a few weeks ago and has already grown from eight participants the first week to over twenty this week. 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. Due to overwhelming request, JDI will now welcome students from 3rd through 8th grade. Should you wish to volunteer as a parent or a teen or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rabbi Becker at 310-625-3481 or [rabbidbecker@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbidbecker@yahoo.com).

#### **EEMA AND ME AT RPRY**

Eema and Me at RPRY with Morah Helen Lockspieser. For 12-24 month olds and Eema, Abba or other loving adult. Jewish programming, dance, music, arts and crafts, free play, snack. Held at RPRY, 2 Harrison St, Edison. \$50.00 for a five week session - 9am-10am between Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Call 732-572-5052 Ext 215 to register.

#### **MISHMAR**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 8:00. Please bring your own seforim. Cost is \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles.

#### **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. 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.

#### **FILM SCREENING**

One film that must be seen ... IRANIUM Sunday, March 13th at 7pm at EBJC. Iranium is about the history of the current leadership in Iran, their involvement in international terror and domestic oppression, and the regime's efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. It will be followed by discussion with former U.S. Ambassador to the E.U. Kristin Silverberg. Sunday, March 13th, 7pm, East Brunswick Jewish Center, 511 Ryders Lane, E. Brunswick. \$10. (Students are welcome, no Charge.) Refreshments served.

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

Newly designed 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 or Janice Lustiger - (732) 819-4919. We will be happy to deliver the cards to you.

#### **GALA PURIM CARNIVAL**

We are pleased to announce the first ever GALA PURIM Carnival for the Raritan Valley on PURIM DAY, March 20TH. The Carnival will be in Highland Park in the Borough Lot between South 2nd and 3rd.

#### **BIKUR CHOLIM OF RV NEEDS YOUR HELP**

-Bikur Cholim is looking for men who are able to read the Megillah on Purim for people who are in the hospital or home-bound. Please call Ronnie Shilcrat- (732) 690-7193, or (732) 572-5140. -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](mailto:volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org). Hotline number: 1-732-572-7181.

#### **MA'AYANOT YESHIVA H.S. SHIUR**

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School invites the community to join us for a Pre-Dinner Shiur at 8PM on Saturday night, March 12th at Cong Keter Torah. Mrs. Lynn Kraft will speak on: Da'at as the Key to "Ad D'lo Yada": A Biblical Analysis of Drinking on Purim. Men and women are welcome. You are welcome to join us at the shiur, even if you do not have dinner reservations. The dinner will honor Dr. Howie & Paula Friedman, Abie & Dena Feigenbaum, Dr. Hillel & Linda Moed Cohen, and Mrs. Shayna Goldberg. For more information, please call 201-833-4307 ext 110.

#### **AIPAC PARLOR MEETING**

There will be an AIPAC Parlor Meeting this Sunday morning at 10:00 AM at the home of Efreim and Gila Gerszberg at 459 Lincoln Ave, Highland Park.

#### **PARLOR MEETING POSTPONED**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: The parlor meeting for Nefesh B'Nefesh's Lone Soldier Program, which was to be held at the Atkin home this coming Sunday, March 13th, has been CANCELLED. It will be re-scheduled at a later date.

#### **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](mailto:ira_rozen@yahoo.com) to reserve a slot (walk-ins are gladly accepted).

#### **AHAVAS ACHIM ANNUAL DINNER**

Cong. Ahavas Achim will be holding its 122nd Annual Dinner on Saturday night, March 12, 2011 at 8:30PM at Ahavas Achim. The guests of honor this year are our associate members, Lori and Jonathan Caplan. The young leadership award will be given to Cheryl and Michael Kornfeld, the children of our members, Marion and David Kornfeld. For further info, please call the AA office at (732) 247-0532. There will be a special tribute in the dinner journal in memory of Imre Lefkovits z"l (father of Susie Wiesel) and Ernest Gottdiener z"l (father of Susie Raymon). For further information on participating in this tribute please contact Josh Caplan before the end of this weekend at (732) 572-5991 or by e-mail

([jcaplan0264@aol.com](mailto:jcaplan0264@aol.com)) as the ad deadline is fast approaching.

#### **POILE ZEDEK ANNUAL DINNER**

Poile Zedek will be holding their annual dinner at the Regency in Somerset NJ on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Reception is at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6:30pm. Couvert is \$160.00 per person. The Dinner is dedicated to the memory of Harry Shopowich, z"l. Guest of honor is Dora Shopowich. Keter Tov Award honorees are Morton and Judith Evans, Chessed Shel Emet Award is Kevin Leff and Bedek Habayit Award is Moshe Kreydi, David Shparber. The journal deadline is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Various ads are available. Fax all ads to 732-545-0394 or email to [admin@poilezedek.org](mailto:admin@poilezedek.org). Please make all checks payable to Cong. Poile Zedek.

#### **NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON**

Participate in the NORPAC Mission to Wash DC, Wed. April 6. Register online at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) or by phone at 201-788-5133. For more info contact Marc Hanfling, Barry Wolf, Harvey Atlas, Eli Borger.

#### **WINE & CHEESE TASTING EVENT**

Motzei Shabbat Saturday evening, March 12th at 8:30 pm at Cong Etz Ahaim 230 Denison St. Featuring the fine wines of Royal Wine Corp. (OU) and the hand-made artisanal cheeses of 5 Spoke Creamery (Kof-K). The tasting will be led by Jay Buchsbaum, International Director of Fine Wine Education at Royal Wine. Cost is \$18 per person/\$30 per couple afterwards. Please note that no one under 21 will be admitted. Make checks payable to Congregation Etz Ahaim (include the number of people attending) or place reservations online at [www.etzahaim.org/tasting](http://www.etzahaim.org/tasting). Please contact Richard Shakarchi at [rjshak@yahoo.com](mailto:rjshak@yahoo.com).

#### **EMUNAH PURIM CARDS**

EMUNAH Purim cards are now available. Purchase cards at the EMUNAH art auction on February 26 or by contacting Sharon Hirt: 732-777-0462 or [Sharon.Hirt@Pfizer.com](mailto:Sharon.Hirt@Pfizer.com). \$2.00/card

#### **CHUG IVRIT**

For location and more info, contact Rachel Weintraub at 732-819-9298 or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

#### **WOMEN'S GROUPS**

-All women in the Highland Park - Edison Community are invited to a shiur on Shabbos, March 19th at 4:30 PM at Miriam Widofsky's house, 145 North 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park, in memory of the four Seidenfeld children from Teaneck, who lost their lives due to a house fire in March of 2005. To mark the Yartzheit, their mother had requested that people come together to learn in their memory. Please come and bring a friend. The inspiring shiur is being led by Mrs. Miri Cohen. For more info, please email Vicky at [vickykrief@gmail.com](mailto:vickykrief@gmail.com).

-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).

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday morning, March 13. Please call Aviva Siegel on Monday, March 14 to find out the status of the Monday night women's parsha class. Aviva

Siegel: 732-572-4408 or  
[siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Wednesday morning, March 16 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park. Please bring a Chumash Vayikra.

-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 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net).

#### **RABBI HOFFMAN'S SHIUR**

Rabbi Hoffman has resumed his shiur on topics in Masechta Brochos 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](mailto: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 Lansey at [enrv@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://www.ENRV.org). If you know of any job openings, please e-mail the information to [enrv@verizon.net](mailto:enrv@verizon.net). Jobs can be professional, part-time, or temporary.

#### **POSEN PURIM PARTY**

Everyone is invited to a (nonalcoholic) Purim Party to be held at the Posen's, 12 Fairhill Rd, after megillah reading next Motzei Shabbos.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open 8:30-10:30pm through Saturday, March 12th. Friday nights are by appointment only, and must be made by Thursday night at 8:30pm. Fee \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular mikvah hours. Standard time hours END Saturday night March 12th. BEGINNING Sunday night March 13th, hours are: Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm. Saturday night, March 19th, 9-10:30pm.

#### **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 Tzav	
Candlelighting	6:49 PM
Mincha	6:55 PM

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

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