

Congregation Ohr Torah

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Weekly Newsletter – Mishpatim, Mevarchim, Shekalim

25 Shevat-1 Adar, 5772, February 18-24, 2012

Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Drs. Ruth and Mark Grebenau in commemoration of the Yahrzeits of Mark's father, Chaim ben Mordechai, his maternal grandmother, Brucha bas Shmuel Shmerel, his paternal grandmother, Shinle bas Mordechai, and his great uncle Yosef ben Kalonimus.

Kiddush is also sponsored by Marilyn and Ed Croman in honor of their anniversary.

To sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or Seudah Shlishit, please contact Sarah Diamond at schedule@congregationohrtorah.org.

Condolences

Congregation Ohr Torah extends its condolences to Ron Teichman on the passing of his beloved mother, Phylis Techman.

Shiva will be at the Teichman home, 4 Forest Drive, until Sunday morning. Minyanim will take place there at 8am & 5:20pm.

May the family be comforted among those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Teen Minyan

There will be a teen minyan this Shabbat beginning at 9:15am.

Youth Department news

New kids group from 9-10 am: For parents who would like to bring their kids to shul early, there will be a free-play group led by one of our Group Leaders starting at 9:10 am in the classrooms. This group will end at 10am when the regular groups begin.

Junior Congregation

Junior Congregation will be meeting this week at 9:45am. All children below the age of bar/bat mitzvah are invited to participate.

Schedule, Feb. 18 – 24

Friday Evening

Candle Lighting 5:15pm
Mincha 5:20pm
Sh'kia 5:33pm

Shabbat

Shacharit..... 9:00am
Teen Minyan 9:15am
Sof Zman Kriat Shema 9:29am
Mincha 5:05pm
Maariv 6:10pm
Shabbat ends..... 6:17pm

Weekday

Sun. Shacharit 8:15am
Mon. Shacharit 6:00am
Tues./Wed./Shacharit..... 6:10am
Thurs./ Fri. Shacharit (R. Hodesh)
..... 5:50am
Sun.-Thurs. Mincha/Maariv 5:25pm

Next Friday Evening

Candle Lighting 5:23pm
Mincha 5:30pm
Sh'kiah..... 5:41pm

Keriat Shema

Because sof zeman keriat Shema is so early this time of year, Shema should be recited before coming to shul on Shabbat morning.

Noah Goldberg class

Our rabbinic intern, Noah Goldberg, will be giving a class on Shabbat morning at 8:30am.

Rabbi Spivak's Torah Classes

On Wed. night at 7pm Rabbi Spivak offers a class for teenage girls (at rotating houses). At 8pm on Wed. night Rabbi Spivak's class on Chumash Methodology and Commentators takes place at the shul.

Mishnah Berurah Class

Rabbi Grosberg's Mishnah Berurah class for teenagers meets on Shabbat between Mincha

and Maariv.

Shabbat Across America

On Friday night, March 2nd, West Orange Encounters is joining with hundreds of locations throughout North America in sponsoring the 16th annual Shabbat Across America. Our program will include a special Friday night service and Shabbat meal beginning at 5:30 pm at Congregation AABJ&D.

There are several ways to participate, and I urge everyone to be a part of this initiative:

1. Call up a friend or family member who has not truly experienced Shabbat in a long time and invite them to participate.
2. Join us on March 2nd as a "table host" to help familiarize the unfamiliar and add energy to the event. This special event will be free to all participants but sponsorships are gratefully accepted.
3. Can't join us? Create your own Shabbat Across America in your home! Please consider using Friday night, March 2nd as an opportunity to share a Shabbat meal with those who may not ordinarily enjoy a meaningful Friday night.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jocelyn Holt at norell55@gmail.com or 917.860.0879 or Davidah Moradi at davidah.moradi@gmail.com

NORPAC

The annual NORPAC trip to Washington will take place on Wed., May 9, 2012. All are encouraged to attend. To register, please go to <http://norpac.net/mission-to-washington>

This is an important event where we have an opportunity to show our support for Israel.

Property Tax Seminar

February 20th at 8PM at AABJ&D

"Everything You Wanted to Know About Property Taxes and how to Appeal Your Assessment"

The Men's Clubs of Cong. AABJ&D and Cong. Ohr Torah Present a Seminar on New Jersey Property Taxes.

Have you ever wondered why your property tax bill keeps changing? Do you suspect that you are paying more taxes than you should? Are you looking for ways to cut costs? This seminar by Elie Fink will teach you how your property tax bill is calculated and how you may be able to reduce your taxes by appealing your assessment.

If you will be attending this seminar please RSVP to Tully Rubin tullyrubin@gmail.com

The Law Offices of Elie Fink has successfully reduced the taxes on commercial and residential properties throughout northern New Jersey. In addition to property tax appeals, Elie handles a variety of tax and business law matters. He graduated from NYU Law School in 2000. After graduation, Elie served as a clerk to a federal judge and then worked at several leading law and accounting firms. He founded his own law practice in 2009 located in Montclair.

Sisterhood Book Event

The Book Clubs of the Sisterhoods of Congregations AABJ&D & Ohr Torah present:

The Submission by *Amy Waldman*

Ten years after 9/11, a dazzling, kaleidoscopic novel reimagines its aftermath...

A jury gathers in Manhattan to select a memorial for the victims of a devastating terrorist attack. Their fraught deliberations complete, the jurors open the envelope containing the anonymous winner's name—and discover he is an American Muslim architect. Instantly, they are cast into roiling debate about the claims of grief, the ambiguities of art, and the meaning of Islam. Their conflicted response is only a preamble to the country's conflict.

Date: Monday, February 21, 2012, 7:30pm (**New date**)

At the home of Arlene Kaye, 3 Cunningham Drive, West Orange

For more information, contact: Elaine Woods: erkwoods@comcast.net, 973-669-0938

Together on Tuesday

Creative Programming for Seniors-February 2012

Tuesday, February 21, 11:15am -"Choosing to stay at Home" by Karen Frank, Congregational nurse. Many older adults struggle with their decision to stay in their home or move to assisted living. Karen will give an in depth presentation on ways to accommodate your needs to live at

home and the resources available in the community. Later this year Karen will discuss "Where should I move?" for those considering a change.

Tuesday, February 28, 11:15am - "Stroke Prevention and Rehabilitation" by Elizabeth Woods, Physical Therapist, Kessler Institute, West Orange.

Upcoming Trip Sunday, March 18, 2013, 1:00pm

Exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Discovery, Times Square, New York City-

Friends and family welcome. Bus transportation leaves at 11:45am from Congregation AABJ&D

Cost: Bus-\$15.00 per person. Tickets: Senior-\$20, Adult-\$25, Student-\$15

RSVP: 973-736-1407x 240 by March 1 or register at www.aabjd.org

Exhibit includes the Dead Sea Scrolls and large display of ancient Holyland artifacts.

Women's Tehillim Group

Participate in a joint effort to read Tehillim for those in need of a refuah.

A few specially formatted tehillim booklets have been generously donated in memory of Cindy Grosberg (a"h). These tehillim booklets have been produced by Chai Lifeline and are designed for use in times of need. Please contact Rebbetzin Spivak if you would like to borrow these tehillim booklets at any time.

Wednesdays @ 9:30pm, home of Chagit Raskin, 11 Cannon Street

Fridays @ 10:15am, Steiner Court, JCC, 760 Northfield Ave.

Shabbat afternoon (time tba), Chabad Shul, 395 Pleasant Valley Way

Mondays @ 7:00pm, Library at Congregation AABJ&D, 700 Pleasant Valley Way

For information: Chagit Raskin (973) 325-9014, Sharon Kessel, (973) 731-7909

Yahrzeits

Week of Feb. 18-24 2012

25 SHEVAT Charlie Hafner for his Father, Baruch Moshe ben Elozer, Baruch Hafner, on Shabbat, February 18, 2012.

27 SHEVAT Mark Grebenau for his Grandmother, Brucha bat Shmuel Shmerl, Brucha Glueck, on Monday, February 20, 2012.

29 SHEVAT Mark Grebenau for his Grandmother, Shinle bat Mordechai, Jeanne Oppenheimer Grebenau, on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

For changes/corrections to this list, please contact Rich Maron or send e-mail to ShabbatNewsletter@congregationohrtorah.org

Donations to the Shul and Sisterhood Tributes

Sending tributes and making donations to the Sefer, Youth or Chesed Funds are excellent ways to reach out to others and to support the Shul. Contact Debbie Druce at 973-325-3749 for your order.

Sisterhood now has a Paypal account that you can use for donations and tributes:

<http://congregationohrtorah.org/sisterhood>

Membership Plus (2011-2012)

Edward & Marilyn Croman
Joseph & Hedy Falkenstein

Sustainer

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Jeffrey & Gail Gruber
Howard Katuna
Yoav & Carrie Rosenblat

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Barbara & Alan Eisenstein
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James & Sarah Geller
Stephen & Joanne Loeb
Eric & Pearl Mattenson

For further information on Membership Plus, please contact Ed Croman.

Contact Info

Adult Education Programming and Sponsorship: Nachum Amsel,
Karen Berger, Irv Cantor, Debbie Druce, Roberta Schwartz, Rabbi
Marc Spivak

Chesed: Rabbi Spivak, Gail Bukiet, Debbie Goldberg, Jacki Routhenstein

Shiva Assistance: Jacqui Kimmel, Suri Winograd

Building Committee: Arnold Barton

Anim Z'mirot Gabbai: Gabriel Maron

Listserv: Marc Goldberg, requests to: listserv@congregationohrtorah.org

Monthly Calendar: Elia Weixelbaum

Newsletter: Marc Shapiro; all submissions must be emailed by Wed.,
4:00PM to: ShabbatNewsletter@congregationohrtorah.org

Reading Torah: Shlomo Kimmel, jk@jklawnyj.com

Scheduling Calendar: Sarah Diamond, e-mail to
Schedule@congregationohrtorah.org

Tributes/Siddurim/Chumashim/Machzorim Donations: Debbie Druce,
Karen Miller

Bookplate Design-Bar, Bat Mitzvah Inscriptions: Karen Miller

Yahrtzeit/Tree of Life Plaques: Jack Rosen

Youth Committee: Rachel Klein, Marcy Fink, Elie Fishman, Chevi Kaplitt,
Deborah Rinn, Jennifer Sharrett, Debra Spivak, Shoshana
Tennenberg, Moshe Weinstein

Youth Director Reuven Lebovitz youth@congregationohrtorah.org

Executive Board

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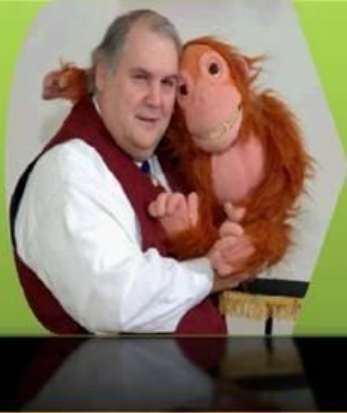
Ads in Ohr Torah Newsletter

We are now pleased to accept advertisements in the weekly Shabbat Newsletter. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Richard Maron at richmaron@yahoo.com for the rates and requirements.



Congregation Ohr Torah and Lubavitch Center Shul
Proudly Present the Annual

Grand Purim Ball



Ventriloquist Magic Show!
Delicious Dinner Buffet!
Masquerade Contest!
Lively Music!
Megillah Readings!



Wednesday
March 7, 2012
7:00pm
Event begins after Megillah reading in your Shul
At Ohr Torah Ballroom
270 Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange, NJ



RSVP Requested by March 5
Altie 973.486.2362 or Karen 973.518.2720
GrandPurimBall@gmail.com
Please specify amount of adults and children
\$12 adult \$8 child \$180 Sponsor





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