



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi

Parshat Vayeshev

Candlelighting: 4:13PM
Mincha: 4:20 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:24 AM
Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 3:15 PM
Mincha: 1:45 PM & 4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Daniel Rosenblatt
Maariv: 5:15 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:21 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. -Fri. (Chanukah) 6:15, 7 & 8AM
Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM
Mincha/Maariv: 4:15 PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Note that there is no 7:30 Maariv on Sundays

NOTE START OF VESAIN TAL UMATAR ON TUESDAY NIGHT

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun shiur – after 7:15 Sunday Shacharis
 -Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur in Sheilos Uteshuvos: 9:10 PM.
 -Rabbi Malitzky's Chofetz Chaim Shiur – Wednesday 8:30-CANCELLED this week
 -Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th grade- Between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos in YFM – CANCELLED this week.
 -Boy's High School Shiur by Rabbi Raffi Landau between Mincha and Maariv in downstairs classroom

Daf Yomi

Daf Yomi schedule for standard time:
 Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday -after Maariv
 Shabbos -8:15 AM
 Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Shoshana and Ted Diskind in the memory of the Yahrtzeits of Shoshana's father Mordechai Hecht, Mordechal ben Shmuel A"H and Ted's father Meyer Diskind, Chaim Meir Yechiel ben Pesach A"H

Kiddush sponsorship available for Dec 8th and 15th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Debbie and Arthur Atlas in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Arthur's mother Beverly Atlas, Baila Perel bas Harav Shmuel Elchanan A"H.

POST HASHKAMA SHIUR

Rabbi Noach Sauber will be giving a shiur after the Hashkama minyan (9:40-10:20) on the topic of "Lighting Chanuka Candles on Erev Shabbos".

A CAPPELLA GROUP

Elevate your Tefilla with an inspirational davening led by kolOT, a newly formed

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a cappella group of local Baalei Tefillah, led by Jonathan Teitelbaum. Join us in the main sanctuary Friday night 11/30 as they lead a Carlebach Davening and on Shabbos 12/1 for Mussaf/Mevarchim Hachodesh Teves.

MAZEL TOV

...to Dena and Ken Lieblich on the birth of a son to their children Michal and Periel Shapiro. Mazel Tov to grandparents Saadia and Marla Shapiro and to the entire Lieblich and Shapiro families.

The Shalom Zachar will be at the home of Dena and Ken Lieblich at 8 pm Friday night, 24 Fairhill Road.

... to Rifky and Jack Atkin on the birth of a son to their children, Sharona and Steven Bresler. A special Mazel Tov to the great-grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Roth.

...to Mildred and Irwin Goldblatt on the birth of a son to their grandchildren Gila and Yechiel Gildin in Israel. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Rabbi Eli and Naomi Radinsky and Rabbi Yisroel and Devorah Gildin, to the great aunts and uncles Miriam and Mark Goldblatt and Sarah and Steven Rand and to all of the siblings and cousins.

...to Rabbi Josh and Rena Einzig on the birth of a son to their children, Tani and Yehudis Einzig. Mazel Tov to the great grandparents and aunts and uncles.

YOUTH EVENTS

-On Sunday morning Dec 9, starting at 10:30AM until 1:30PM Ohr Torah is hosting a Grand Chanukah Celebration and Children's Chinese auction. Children, parents & grandparents are all invited. Included is brunch and lots of entertainment such as face painting, a mentalist and hypnotist show for older children and a children's magic show for younger children plus fun, games and giveaways from the Jeff Wilks orchestra. In addition, children will have the opportunity to decorate their own Chanukah donut (frosting and sprinkles provided) and there will be a children's Chinese auction with great prizes. Cost is \$15 a person or \$40 per family. Sponsorships of \$72 and \$100 are available as well.

-On Motzei Shabbat Dec 22, meet us at OT at 6:15PM sharp as children in grades 4 thru 9 are headed by school bus to the Woodbridge Community Center (formerly United Skates of America) for a fun evening of roller skating. We return to the Shul 9:15PM. Cost is \$20 per child \$25 at door. Price includes bus transport to/from facility, 1 1/2 hour use of roller skating/blading rink, roller skate or blade rentals, \$3 game card

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for use at the arcade games in the arena and snacks/drinks at the facility. Checks can be made out to Ohr Torah and provided night of the event.

CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to announce the passing of Marsha Malin, the mother of Susan Haller. The burial was in Israel.

Susan Haller will return from Israel early Sunday morning. Shiva in America will be at the Haller home, 334 N 5th Ave. HP, from Sunday, December 2nd, 12 noon, until Wednesday, December 5th, early morning.

We are sorry to announce the passing of Mrs. Rivkah Ravitz A"H, mother of the late Danny Ravitz A"H.

May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Honey & Max Wisotsky in memory of Susan Borger Z"L

JEC SHABBATON

Welcome Rabbi Ami Neuman, Principal, and Rabbi Jordan Ginsberg who are joining Rabbi Noach Sauber and Rabbi Malitzky and the 9th grade of JEC High School for their Shabbaton.

CPR/AED CLASS

An Adult/Child CPR with AED class will be offered on Saturday night 12/22 starting at 7:30 pm lasting approximately 3 hrs. The class will be held in the OT social hall. American Heart Association certification will be provided. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited. Contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com For registration and information

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY

-Save Our Saturday Nights A Parent-Child Learning Program in a True Beit Midrash Setting: Motzei Shabbat in the RPRY Beit Midrash from 7pm-8pm. Open to all grades!

All you need to bring is your sefaram, your chevruta and yourself! Enjoy pizza, refreshments and raffle prizes! To sponsor an SOS Mishmar, contact Rabbi Einzig at (732) 572-5052 x 203 -Please join RPRY in its mission to provide a stellar Jewish education for all students, by donating generously to the RPRY Scholarship Fund. The Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Breakfast honoring Rabbi Steven Miodownik will be held on December 23, 2018, at 9:30 am. To make a donation and/or RSVP, please go to: www.rpry.org/support-rpry/scholarship-campaign.

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs. Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.

CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-456-6666

-RPRY PLUS invites the community to its annual Pre-Chanukah Boutique Sun, Dec 2nd from 10am-2pm at RPRY (2 Harrison St, Edison). Come pamper yourself or get some last-minute shopping done in time for chanukah! The boutique features hats, Judaica, tablecloths, toys and more! Info Rachel Atlas at rpryplus@rpry.org.

- Sponsor a Day of Learning to commemorate a Yahrzeit, honor a special person, celebrate a Simcha or merit a Zechut for a Refuah. Your loved one will be recognized on the chosen day in the RPRY morning announcements, by email to the RPRY community network, in the school's weekly newsletter and on a Certificate of Appreciation. You may submit a short narrative and a special photo about your loved one. Further info and forms available on RPRY website:

<https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/day-of-learning>

RABBI REISMAN CONTINUES TECHNOLOGY SERIES

Shabbos in the Present Day Home" on Friday, Nov 30, 8:30pm, for men and women, at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Ave. Topics will include adjusting timers on Shabbos, opening refrigerators and ovens on Shabbos, sensors and lights.

KHAL CHASSIDIM

Yechiel Gross will be speaking for men and women at Khal Chassidim on Shabbos, December 1 at 3:45pm. Topic: Insights on the Parsha.

COMMUNITY WIDE CONCERT

Community Wide Concert featuring Benny Friedman to benefit Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County and RPRY. Motzei Shabbos, Dec 15th, 7:30PM at Highland Park High School (102 North 5th Ave, HP, Tickets prices are: -Sponsor \$100 - VIP \$50 -Gen admission \$36 To purchase tickets, visit tomcheimc.org or email mcjewishevents@gmail.com

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Rabbi Ronald Schwarzbarg. When Did Tikun Olam Become a Jewish Value? Orthodox American Jewry's Involvement with Social Justice, Saturday, December 22, 8:00pm Congregation Ahavas Achim. Rabbi Schwarzbarg will discuss Orthodoxy's relationship with the concept of "Tikun Olam." He will address the ways in which traditional Jewish commentaries from Talmudic times until the present day have instructed Torah observant Jews to interact with the non-Jewish world, to be involved in social justice, and the reasons for doing so.

The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more information go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

FUND RAISER BY JESSIE ORGEL

This year I have decided to run in the Jerusalem Marathon on March 15th as part of Team Shalva, the largest team in the marathon. Shalva is an organization that provides help and care for individuals with disabilities. Shalva supports families in raising their children, designing programs which provide care from infancy to adulthood. I am so happy to be doing my part to support this amazing organization by running the marathon. I would like to ask for your help to reach my fundraising goal. Your support would be greatly appreciated, and every dollar I raise enables another child to participate in Shalva. Here is the link to my personal page and you can sponsor me on this easy-to-use" website:

<http://www.run4shalva.org/my/jessie>

On behalf of the children and families of Shalva, thanks in advance for your help and generosity!

RABBI WEISS SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss' Shiur on Tehillim: for men and women Wednesday nights at 7:30pm, at Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave., HP. Info 347-203-7906.

VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS

The Kosher Meals on Wheels program of Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is seeking a volunteer to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Highland Park Thursday mornings. Pick-up of the meals is in Metuchen and interested parties should expect to devote two hours to this important volunteer service.

We are also looking for substitute drivers – those who are not assigned to a specific route but who can be available to fill in as needed on an on-call basis. These are perfect opportunities to perform mitzvot on behalf of our beloved community.

call Sara Ullman at 732-777-1940 to get started

JFS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS ITEMS FOR THE "PERSONAL CARE CLOSET"

JFS of Middlesex County is dedicated to providing essential basic items for dignity through their Food Pantry. The Personal Care Closet provides items needed to maintain that dignity for those they help. These items are not covered by funding or grants. They are calling on you to support the community with the following items: baby ointment, tooth brushes, soap, baby wipes, women's personal care products, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, body wash. Can you spare, buy or provide any of these products? Call 732-777-1940 and say you have a Pantry donation

CHUG IVRIT

Chug Ivrit, for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers, will meet on Sun, Dec 9 at 11am at the home of Rachel Weintraub, 120 Highland Ave., Edison. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Rachel at 732-819-9298 or rachel@weintraubworld.net to RSVP

NEFESH B'NEFESH

Join Nefesh B'Nefesh for a practical workshop about creating a realistic budget, maximizing your income and understanding your expenses. Sunday, Dec. 16th, at the NBN offices, 50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus, NJ
Retirees: 10-11:30 AM: This session will discuss budgeting on a fixed income and financial planning.
General: 7:30-9 PM: This session will also include an overview of the Israeli job market.
Please register at www.nbn.org.il/dollarsandsense

FOR WOMEN

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, December 2 at 11:00 AM at the Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, December 3 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please call / text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or sieglmom@gmail.com
-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: No Class on Tuesday, December 4. For more info, text Leah at 917-763-1848.
-Shimiras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: No class on Monday, Dec. 3. For more info, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.
-Ateres Shlomo invites all women in the community to a Pre-Chanukah Shiur given by Mrs. Yael Kasiman Mon Nov 26th at 8PM at the Eichenstein Home 21 Simpson Ave Edison.
-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, December 22 at 8:30 PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Shalom Bayis - Getting it Right" with Mrs. Rivka Katz.

Teleconferences are open and free to all women

during the month of Kislev! 212-444-9898; pin 2018. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at sieglmom@gmail.com. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

- Women's AMEN Group meets monthly on the Sundays following the Shabbos in which one bensch Rosh Chodesh, at 9:30AM in a downstairs classroom at Congregation Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.

- The monthly Rosh Chodesh Shidduch Group meeting will be Mon night 8PM Dec 10th. Everyone welcome. Please bring a resume and picture of those being presented to the Ravitz home, 60 Hamlin Road.

- The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program welcomes Chaya Rivka Zwolinski, the Director of BRI Women January 13th 2019 at 11:00 A.M. as she discusses "Holy Self- Esteem".

In "Holy Self-Esteem" you will learn the difference between the secular and Torah concepts of self-esteem as well as inspirational insights and practical ideas to strengthen your belief in yourself. Based on the teachings of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, "Holy Self-Esteem" will show you the connection between self-esteem and your relationship with Hashem.

The shiur will be held at Congregation Ahavas Yisroel 1587 Route 27 Edison, NJ and a light brunch will be served.

Please RSVP to: Sharon Glaser

:sharonnglaser@gmail.com or Ginny Kafka:

Spinning Ginny@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Email Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com if you would like to receive our job postings and/or would like help with your resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please email the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

BIKKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim Annual event: SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Pines Manor. More details to follow. WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. Website provides info regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, how to borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbos

GEMACHS

Gemachs Abound in Highland Park: A Gemach is sometimes thought of a free loan organization, but these organizations can lend way more than just money. For example, if you have a large simcha at your house and need tables, center pieces, and tablecloths, a gemach can help you out. Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.
-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is happy to announce they are also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Located in Edison, NJ
-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.
-The Edison/HP Gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin Gemach Gowns for children thru adult. Donations of good condition gowns sought. Tax deduct given/pick up of gowns arranged. Info/appt Sara Scott 516-526-0941.
- New Kittel gemach available! If you – or someone you know--needs to borrow a kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at [732-545-](tel:732-545-)

9353. Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

-Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hats, tichels scarves, sheitels, accessories. Call to receive or donate. Gina Gittle Tonkonog 347-615-3294

PARK MIKVAH

- SAVE THE DATE! Park Mikvah presents a Melave Malka for women on Motzai Shabbos, February 23, 2019. Guest Speaker: Charlene Aminoff from @galicouturewigs. Details to follow.

-Hours: Sun-Thur hours 9PM-11PM. Starting Sun, Nov 4, Sun-Thur hours will be 8PM-10:30PM.

Friday night by appt only by leaving message at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or via website or call/text [732-221-8155](tel:732-221-8155). Motzai Shabbos, Nov 17, 24: 7:30-10PM. All motzai Shabbos in Dec 7u:30PM-10PM. Please check www.parkmikvah.org and vm at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) for updates.

-Have you participated in this incredible mitzvah campaign yet? Go to www.parkmikvah.org/donate to help raise the remaining funds!

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

Benny Friedman	12/14-15
Rabbi Steven Weil	12/21-22
Rabbi Elchanan Adler	12/28-29
Aryeh Halivni	2/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg	3/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Lichtman	5/3-4
Mrs. Michal Horowitz	TBD

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER:

Subscribe to Announcements, go to www.ohrtorah.net
E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Shalosh Seudos, contact Moshe Wiesel.

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES
Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / Yahrzeit Plaques: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby

Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending detailed email with all dedicatory wording to marty@rivieradoors.com. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@gmail.com.

HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS: Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7AM-10AM.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS: Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See the OT website, www.ohrtorah.net, for various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah

FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS: For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

Yahrzeit DATABASE: To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to ohrtorah.net click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: The Eruv committee checks the eruv every week. However, if eruv is down, and you didn't check the status before Shabbat, the averah of carrying on Shabbat is on you. It's extremely important to know the status of the eruv before Shabbat start! We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Ne aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

Twitter: Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter. Follow @hp_eruv on Twitter Get updates about eruv's status as it's been determined.

Text Messages: Don't have a Smartphone or don't want to use Twitter? Get alerts via text. This involves setting up a Twitter account, but once setup, you can ignore your Twitter account. It gives you immediate alerts without Twitter blather.

Facebook: Facebook group @hperuv that gets updated when we update Twitter account. Follow Facebook group (don't just "Like" it), and you'll get alerts about the eruv's status via Facebook.

Email: Go to <http://hperuv.org> and sign up for the email list. The email list checks the eruv's status after 3pm once per hour and sends out an email with updates.

Eruv Webpage: The eruv webpage at <http://hperuv.org> has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page.

Hotline: Yes, there is still the eruv hotline. However, it's too easy to forget to call when you're busy preparing for Shabbat. That's why we offer push notifications through Twitter, SMS Text messages, Facebook, and email.

We also have new webpage at <http://hperuv.org> with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv. There have been some major changes in the eruv in the last few years:

- The eruv boundary is now goes along Plainfield road and not Sutton Lane.
- The Stelton Community Center Playground is now in the eruv.

- Cook/Douglas campuses of Rutgers are no longer in the eruv.
- If eruv around Donaldson Park is down, the playground in Donaldson is no longer in backup. If you weren't aware of these changes, check out the latest Interactive eruv map.

Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.

Parshat Miketz

Candlelighting:

4:12 PM

Mincha:

4:20 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

R. Joseph Elias (1919-2014)

Immersed in the culture and values of pre-World War II, German *Torah im Derech Eretz*, Rabbi Joseph Elias succeeded in transmitting Torah to a generation of American born youth. Born in Leipzig, Germany in 1919, his family moved to Frankfurt-am-Main, when his father, Dr. Marcus Elias, was appointed Headmaster of the Realschule, a school established by R. Samson R. Hirsch, and managed for decades by the leadership of K'hal Adath Jeshurun, the Hirsch inspired kehilla in Frankfurt.

In 1937, at the age of 18, Joseph Elias left for England to study at Cambridge University. With the outbreak of war two years later, there were tens of thousands of foreign citizens in Britain, some of whom it was feared, could be spies, or willing to assist Britain's enemies in the event of an invasion. About 600 people were considered 'high security risks' and imprisoned in Britain. Thousands more were quickly identified as innocent Jewish refugees from Nazi oppression. Many of these Jews, including Joseph Elias, were temporarily interned on the Isle of Man, and during the summer of 1940, were transported to Canada. Elias lived in Montreal for at least two years, attending Yeshiva Merkaz HaTorah, where he received semichah from Rav Elya Chazan.

Around 1945, R. Shraga Feivel Mendlowitz hired R. Joseph Elias to manage a teachers' training program at Mesivta Torah Vodaath, in Brooklyn. Rabbi Elias became part of a young, eventually distinguished faculty, that included R. Zelig Epstein and R. Avraham Pam. The teacher training program was short-lived, however, and soon terminated upon the death of R. Mendlowitz in 1948. Rabbi Elias then became a fourth grade teacher at Yeshiva Zichron Moshe in the Bronx (the yeshiva later relocated to South Fallsburg, New York). In the early 1950s, Rabbi Elias moved to Detroit to join the leadership of Yeshiva Bais Yehuda, where for many years, he led its' Bais Yaakov school for women.

It was not until 1963 that Rabbi Elias returned to his roots and family background, when he joined the educational leadership of K'hal Adath Jeshurun, (the Breuers kehilla) in Washington Heights, N.Y. R. Elias became Principal of the high school for women, and head of a new post high school program known as the Rika Breuer Teachers Seminary. He remained active in the Breuers kehilla, and head of the Women's school, for more than 40 years.

In addition to his achievements as an educator, he published numerous articles and authored some bestselling works. In 1977, he prepared what would become a highly regarded translation and commentary on the Pesach Haggadah for Mesorah Publications (Art Scroll), reprinted numerous times. In 1995, he prepared a new English translation and commentary of Samson R. Hirsch's *Nineteen Letters*.

Rabbi Joseph Elias died in August 2014, leaving a wife, children and grandchildren.