



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

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Parshat Miketz

30 Kislev 5779

December 8, 2018

Candlelighting: 4:12 PM

Mincha: 3:15 & 4:20 PM

Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM

Hashkama Speaker – Rabbi Luban

Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:28 AM

Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 3:15 PM

Mincha: 1:45 PM & 4:05 PM

Shalosh Seudos speaker: Dr. Ted Stahl

Maariv: 5:15 PM

Shabbos Ends: 5:20 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. (Chanukah- Rosh Chodesh)

6:55, 8 & 9:05 AM

Mon. (Zos Chanukah) 6:15, 6:55 & 8 AM

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

Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM

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

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun shiur – *cancelled this week*

-Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur in Sheilos Uteshuvos: Will take place on Tuesday at 9:10 PM.

-Rabbi Malitzky's Chofetz Chaim Shiur –

Wednesday 8:30

-Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th grade- Between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos in YFM

-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

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

The Hashkama Kiddush is co-sponsored by: -

-The Siegel family in memory of Aviva's father Chuna Rachmiel ben Menachem Mendel Z"L, and in honor of their new grandson Yechiel Menashe Siegel.

-The Berg family in memory of Jeffrey's mother Rivka bas Klonimus Shalom Halevi Z"L.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Dr.

Theodore Stahl in honor of the Yahrtzeit of his son Doug Stahl A"H.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Join us at 9:15pm for an engaging and meaningful shiur this coming Thursday night (12/13). Refreshments will be served. Please contact Rabbi Malitzky for sponsorship opportunities.

BENNY FRIEDMAN FOR SHABBOS.

Ohr Torah is excited to host Benny Friedman next Shabbos (12/14-15)! Benny Friedman

will be davening Kabbolas Shabbos on Friday night and Mussaf on Shabbos day in the main Shul.

The entire Shul is invited at 8:30pm to a Fabrengen at the home of Sari and Michie Klerer (16 Celler Road)

CHANUKIAH LIGHTING PARTY

The entire community is invited! Sat night, Dec 8th 6:15pm at the Himber Home, 6 Perry Rd, Edison. Come help light the big Chanukiot. Text RSVP to 718-986-8171 so we make sure to have enough donuts. There will be Music, free Sufganiot, Dreidel playing!

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 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.

SHIUR FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

We are excited to announce that as part of a new Stern College initiative, our very own Eliana Moss will be giving a shiur to 9-12 grade girls from 3:15-4pm on Shabbos afternoon in the YFM room. The Shiur is called "Seven Nights of Chanukah".

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

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous - Seforim donations:

-Rona & Seymour Kessel in memory of Paul Bloom's mother Gertrude Bloom Z"L

-Rona & Seymour Kessel in memory of Susan Haller's mother Marsha Malin Z"L

-Shlomo & Jacquie Stern and David & CZ Sidney in gratitude to Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Arnie & Roseann Koenig in memory of Reuvein Chaim ben David Tzvi & Mordechai Zalman ben Baruch Z"L

-Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Sharon's father & grandparents Meyer - Cooperberg, and Selma & Abe Cooperberg Z"L

LUNCH AND LEARN

In New York City, the Hasidim are a common sight, but even here their way of life remains a mystery to those outside their community. With their use of Yiddish, their distinctive clothes and their strict observance of Jewish ritual and law, the Hasidim are considered by many an insular people with little connection to mainstream America

A Life Apart: Hasidism in America, narrated by Leonard Nimoy and Sarah Jessica Parker takes us on an illuminating journey into a "beautiful, mesmerizing and mysterious world" (San Francisco Bay Guardian) of a community kept distinct from its surrounding culture for generations. Mr. Gene Wasserman will deliver the D'var Torah Mr. Henry Lerner will give a short introduction to the film. Place: Ohr Torah Synagogue, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Time: 12:00 noon Cost for lunch \$12.

RSVP to Bella blerner18@optonline.net or 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-5052 x 203 or Marcia 732 572-5998 ppheffer@verizon.net

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 sefarim, your chevruta and yourself! Enjoy pizza, refreshments and raffle prizes! To sponsor a 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 The Toby Mayer Memorial RPRY Scholarship Fund breakfast honoring Rabbi Steven Miodownik will be held on December 23, 2018, at 9:30 am. To make a donation and/or

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

RSVP, please go to: www.rpry.org/support-rpry/scholarship-campaign.

- 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>

ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

Kol Halayla, Rutgers' Jewish a cappella group, will perform at their annual Winter Concert this Sat night 8pm at Rutgers Hillel (70 College Ave)

RABBI JACOB JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON & CHINESE AUCTION

Honoring Mrs. Rachel Silber & Mrs. Fraidi Silberberg Guest Speaker, Rabbi Shmuel Silber Baltimore, MD, Renowned Speaker and Rav Sunday Dec 16th, 12 Noon Congregation Ohr Torah.

COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Mr. Avi Milgraum, Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guests of Honor for this year's Breakfast will be Mr. & Mrs. Akiva & Sara Scott. The breakfast will Y'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday morning, December 30th at 9:30am. Formal invitations to follow in the mail.

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

UNARMED RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER CLASS

Eilon Even-Esh of Shomer 360 will teach Unarmed Response to Active Shooter on Sun, Dec 16 from 11AM.-1pm at Chabad of Rutgers University, 170 College Ave., in the Main Ballroom. This program is for men, women and teens ages 13 and up. What if you can't run or hide? What do you do when the shooter is right next to you? What do you do when your children can't escape? What do you do when the shooter breaks through your safe room? Learn the systematic and logical way to fight a gunman. Cost \$10; free with Rutgers Student ID. RSVP to: 917-834-6665. For more info, visit: www.shomer360.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, Sat, Dec 22, 8pm, 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. Program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. More info

www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

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.

CHUG IVRIT

Chug Ivrit, for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers, meets Sun, Dec 9 at 11am at home of Rachel Weintraub, 120 Highland Ave., Edison. Chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. 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. Sun, Dec. 16th, at the NBN offices, 50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus, NJ Retirees: 10-11:30AM: This session will discuss budgeting on a fixed income and financial planning. General: 7:30-9PM: This session will also include overview of Israeli job market.

Please register at www.nbn.org.il/dollarsandsense Prepare for Asarah B'Teivit (which will be observed on Tuesday, December 18) with Rabbi JJ Schacter's historical and halachic analysis.

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

RABBI DR. J.J. SCHACTER

The Fast of Asarah B'Teivit: B'zman Hazeh B'yamim HaHeim. Sunday, December 16, 8:00 p.m. *Sponsored by Rabbi Ronald and Judy Schwarzbarg in honor of his 60th Birthday.* Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter is University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. From 2000-2005 he served as Dean of the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Institute in Boston. He was the first Rabbi of the Young Israel of Sharon, MA, from 1977-1981, creating a new, vibrant and committed community. From 1981-2000, he served as Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City, moving his congregation from 180 to over 600 members over the course of his tenure, and also served as Rabbi of the Maimonides Minyan in Brookline, MA, from 2000-2005.

FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class Sun, Dec 9; Parsha class on Mon, Dec 10 at 8PM at Ohr Torah. Info, call / text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or sieglmom@gmail.com

-Women's Learning Initiative: Offers customized Torah learning partners/chavrusas! For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact info to

womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com

-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class Tue, Dec 11 at 9:30AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Ave, HP. Babysitting now available at shiur; call / text Leah at 917-763-1848 to reserve.

-Shimiras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: For status of class on Mon, Dec. 10, call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, Dec 22 8:30PM 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. Info/to become a member, Aviva at sieglmom@gmail.com. The HP/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 benches Rosh Chodesh, at 9:30AM in a downstairs classroom at Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.

- 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 Dir of BRI Women Jan 13th 2019 at 11AM. 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 Ahavas Yisroel 1587 Route 27 Edison, NJ and a light brunch will be served. 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

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 [732-545-9353](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. Sun-Thur hours are 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). All motzai Shabbos in Dec 7:30PM-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. Be aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

• **Twitter:** Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter. Follow @hp_erv 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 Vayigash

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<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.