



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Miketz

4 Tevet 5781

December 19, 2020

Candlelighting: 4:14 PM
Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos: 4:20 (Main Shul and Social Hall) 4:15 PM (RPRY Blacktop)
Shacharis:
7:25, 9:15 (Main Shul)
Hashkama speaker – Aaron Breslin
8:30 (RPRY blacktop),
9:15 (YFM- Social Hall)
9:30 AM (Teen Minyan, RPRY)
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A) 9:35 AM
Sof Zman Tefila: 10:22 AM

Mincha:
1:45 & 4:10 PM (Main Shul, RPRY Blacktop)
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Chagiga Shiur in Main Shul after Mincha

Maariv: Mincha followed by Maariv at Shekiya. (RPRY blacktop), 5:20 PM (Main Shul)
Shabbos Ends: 5:23 PM

Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM (Main Shul), 8 AM (Blacktop)
Mon., Thurs.
6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM (Main Shul), 7 AM (Blacktop)
Please note: All blacktop Shacharis Minyanim start at R. Yishmael

Tues., Weds.,
6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM (Main Shul), 7 AM (Blacktop)
Fri. (Asarah Beteves) - SEE BOX
Mincha/Maariv: 4:20 PM (Main Shul and Blacktop)
Early Mincha-Sunday (Main Shul) 1:00 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10PM
The 7:30 PM Minyan has been CANCELLED for the foreseeable future.

DAF YOMI
Yossi Strauch will conduct Daf Yomi on Zoom on Sundays at 9 AM and Monday - Thursday at 7:45 PM.
To join, please use the following link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6509663250> and enter password 156781. This link and password are to be used for the daily Daf Yomi

TUESDAY NIGHT TEHILLIM
The Ohr Torah Tuesday night Men's Tehillim group meets (virtually) starting at 9:30 PM. For a ZOOM invitation weekly, please email dralansinger@gmail.com

KEYLIM MIKVAH
Please do not use the Keylim Mikvah Monday through Friday between 8AM and 4PM.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the birth of a great granddaughter, Meira Yehudit. Mazel tov to parents Tamar & Yitzchak Meisels and grandparents Rena (Rivkin) & Mark Kwestel and to big sister Avigayil Chava.
...to Shoshana & Brian Allen on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazal Tov to parents Lauren and Daniel Allen of Givat Shmuel, Israel, to great grandparents Rochelle & Ralph Dessau and Florence & Manny Allen, and to the entire Allen, Dessau and Gersten families.

ASARAH BETEVES FRIDAY DECEMBER 25

Fast Begins: 6:07 AM
Shacharis: 6:13, 6:50 (Social Hall), 8AM (Main Shul)
7AM (Blacktop)
Earliest Talis aand Tefillin: 6:20 AM
Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos (NOTE EARLIER TIME) 4:05 PM
Fast Ends: 5:26 PM

GET YOUR 2020 TAX DEDUCTION

Year end statements were mailed out this week to those members with outstanding balances. Please settle your account by the end of the year and receive a 2020 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your account, please email our financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com. Thank you!

CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the Petirah of Yehuda Bar-Eli (Yehuda Pinchas ben Yitzchak), Moshe Bar-Eli's father, who passed away yesterday in Israel. Exactly 4 months after Moshe's mother passed away. The Llevaya was in Israel and he will be sitting Shiva there. He can be reached via WhatsApp at his phone number 732-710-5449 and his number in Israel 0508849759. Please remember the 7 hour time difference. He will be getting up Wednesday morning. May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion in Jerusalem

VIDEO ABOUT THE LOCAL ERUV

Over the past decades, most of us in the Highland Park/ Edison/ New Brunswick community have come to appreciate the reliability and constancy of the local Eruv. It is important to realize that Rabbanim, Askanim and volunteers are Moser Nefesh week after week to make sure it is operational. To give the community a greater appreciation of the Halachic

considerations in the design of the Eruv, as well as the work involved in maintaining it, a video / slide show presented at OT recently by Rabbi Akiva Sauer of the Highland Park Kollel has been posted on the Eruv website: <https://hperuv.org/video>.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS ORTHODOX FORUM OF EDISON/HIGHLAND PARK

Managing Finances Throughout the Jewish Life Cycle - 3 Local Experts Answer Your Questions
The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents three local experts offering guidance to families planning their future including tuition obligations and retirement this Saturday night, Dec 19 at 8pm. The program includes the following talks: "What We all Need to Learn about Insurance, Standing on One Foot" by Daniel Rushefsky, MBA; "Financial Planning Issues Facing Orthodox Jewish Families" by Jonathan Caplan, MBA; and "Tools for your Estate Planning Tool Box: Wills, Living Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney" by Benjamin Menasha, Esq. The program will conclude with a question & answer session. Register for the online session using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4hng3u>. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships.

SH'NAINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

The Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison/Highland Park presents 2 Zoom speed Dating events for Orthodox Jewish singles: Motzei Shabbat, December 26 at 7:45pm. for men and women ages 23-33; Motzei Shabbat, Jan 2 at 7:45pm. for men and women ages 31-45. Space is limited. Singles will be strategically grouped according to age and hashkafa. Advanced registration is required. Please email your name, date of birth, phone number, hashkafa and profile to: Shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com

ACTT

ACTT (Achieving Change Thru Torah): module: Bitachon – Trust in Hashem; source book: Artscroll's A "A Life of Bitachon: Stories and insights – connecting with Hashem through faith and trust" by Rabbi Yitzchak Dwek. For more info, see www.actt613.org.

RPRY

-RPRY is pleased to announce that this year's Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Breakfast will honor the entire RPRY faculty. This will be a virtual event Sun, Dec 27 at 10AM. Details on participating and contributing in honor of the RPRY faculty will be forthcoming shortly. For more info contact Josh Caplan at: jcaplan@rpry.org

Are you a prospective family who would like to learn more about our school? Let's chat! Are you a community member who knows someone that would benefit from our Open House? Introduce us! Because it's virtual, even those considering moving to our community can easily attend. RSVPs can be made at www.rpry.org At Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, our warm and nurturing environment

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

provides the platform for academic excellence in general and Judaic studies for pre-schoolers (age 2) to 8th grade. We look forward to introducing prospective families to this great Yeshiva! Shoshana Madsen Dir of Admissions 732-572-5052 x204 smadsen@rpry.org

5TH ANNUAL EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH COMMUNITY VIRTUAL WINE & FOOD EXPERIENCE

A Virtual Wine & Food Experience will take place Sun, Jan 3 at 6pm. In support of Yashar LaChayal—Straight to the Soldier. The net proceeds of the event will benefit the Ari and Sari Horowitz Fund for Soldiers in Need. In the comfort of your own home with dinner from Giddy's Pizzeria and MONY Vineyards Wines, enjoy a YouTube video which provides information about the wine you are drinking, Yashar LaChayal and a solo musical performance featuring Rav Shlomo Katz. The food and wine will be available for pick up from Giddy's. Prior to the event an email will be sent to all attendees providing instructions for pick up as well as the video link. Participation Levels • IDF Supporter \$36 • Bronze Star Level \$60 per person • Silver Star Level \$100 per person • Gold Star Level \$250 for (2) people Visit: <https://helpisraelnow.org/5thannual-food-and-wine-experience> to learn the details for each level of participation, register online and pay with your credit card. For questions, email: ebjcmitzvahcorps@comcast.net. RSVP by Sun, Dec 27 at 5pm.

MTA VIRTUAL DINNER OF TRIBUTE

Yeshiva University High school's (MTA) Virtual Dinner of Tribute, honoring essential responders, will be held Wed, Jan 13 from 7:30-8:30 pm. For more info, email Sari Kahn at sarikahn@yu.edu.

TABC VIRTUAL 38TH ANNUAL DINNER

Torah Academy of Bergen County invites you to their Virtual 38th Annual Dinner honoring their distinguished alumni who have served in the IDF. The event will take place Sun, Jan 10 at 8pm. It will feature Hillel Fuld on: "Heroes do Exist" and Ambassador Nikki Haley on: "Defending America, Defending Israel." TABC relies on this fundraiser to provide critical support for the Bruce Ritholtz z"l Scholarship Fund. While the dinner will be virtual this year, it is their sincere hope that you will donate as if you are attending. Donations and RSVPs can be made at: www.tabc.org/virtualdinner, or mailed to: TABC Dinner, 1600 Queen Anne Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666. All registrants receive a private link to view the program the week of January 4. For questions, contact Sharon Rivkind, Dir of Institutional Advancement 201-837-7696 ext. 123 or sharon.rivkind@tabc.org.

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Save the Date! Please join us Feb 13th at 8:30 PM for the Bikur Cholim Annual (Virtual) Event featuring master illusionist and mentalist David Blatt. Enjoyment for the whole family! Invitations and more details to follow.
- WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. The website provides info regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access local hospitals on Shabbat, borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: For status of classes on Sun, Dec. 20 and Mon, Dec 21 contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com or call/text 732-672-7104.

-Women's Learning Initiative:

· Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas! For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact information to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com
· Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen will take place on ZOOM on Tuesday mornings. Please text (732) 710-6932 for the time and zoom link.

-Tiferes

Teves DVD: "Your Pain is Mine," speakers: Dr. David Lieberman and Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: Speaker: Mrs. Chany Feldbrand; Topic: "The World is on a Roll," how to 'stop and drop' in these challenging times. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH:

- Please support the Mikvah while purchasing on Amazon. Use the following link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953>. A donation will be made to Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah.
- The Mikvah is currently by appointment only. Thru March 13, 2021: All motzai Shabbos 7:30PM – 9:30PM; weekdays: 8PM – 10PM. All preparations should be done at home and all appointments must be made via our [appointment page](#) on www.parkmikvah.org. Please read through all instructions prior to making your appointment. A face mask should also be worn at the mikvah. For all comments and questions, please email hpmikvah@gmail.com

GEMACHS

Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.

-DIABETIC SUPPLIES GEMACH: Providing diabetic Supplies- Insulin, test strips, meters etc. for those who ran out/waiting for insurance approval or guests who left supplies at home. Please text Deutsch family at 646-683-7394.

- Lev Lenefesh centerpiece Gemach number has changed to (732) 630-9148.

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738.Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.

-The Edison/HP gown gmach has a large variety of gowns for all ages. Some toddler boys tuxedos also avail. Text 5165260941 for more info.

-Kittel gemach.To borrow a kittel, call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein 732-545-9353. Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in m/o Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

--Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hat,accessories, sheitles. Donate and receive. Contact: call, text or email. Mrs. Gina Gittel Tonkonog 347-615-3294, ginatonkonog@gmail.com. Also contact for no-charge Kallah Classes, as originally taught by Rebbeztzin Tehilla Abramov.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: Subscribe to Announcements, go to www.ohrtorah.net

E-MAIL 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, 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 luddeju@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 Aaron Breslin at 908-907-7308.

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 the Members tab and then click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: Find out the status of the eruv by **Email:** We send out an email within 30 minutes after the eruv's status has been determined. You can sign up to this service by sending a blank email to hperuv+subscribe@groups.io.

Twitter: This is our official notification channel. Follow [@hp_erv](https://twitter.com/hp_erv) to get the eruv status as soon as it has been determined.

Facebook: Join the Facebook Group [hperuv](https://www.facebook.com/hperuv) and get the eruv notifications within 30 minutes after our Twitter update.

Website: Our Website at <https://hperuv.org> will show the eruv's status on the top of the main page. The website also has an up to date map of the entire eruv.

Hotline: Of course, there is always our Eruv Hotline at 732-487-ERUV which is updated as soon as the eruv's status has been determined.

Questions?: David Weintraub@
David@weintraub.name

Vavgash

Candlelighting:	4:18 PM
Mincha:	4:05 PM

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