



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Parshat Vayechi

14 Tevet 5782

December 18, 2021

Candlelighting: 4:14 PM
Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos: 4:20 PM
Shacharis:

7:45 (Social Hall), 9:00 AM (Main Shul),
9:15 (YFM)

Hashkama speaker: Rabbi Malitzky

9:30 AM (Teen Minyan, RPRY)

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR'A) 9:31AM

Rabbi Luban's Chagigah Shiur – 3:10 PM

Mincha: 1:45, & 4:00 PM

*NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR MINCHA TO
ACCOMMODATE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE*

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman

Maariv: 5:20 PM

Shabbos Ends: 5:23 PM

Weekday Shacharis

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Rabbi Akiva Sauer's Shiur on Daf Yomi Be'yun

After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon. & Thur 6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM

(Main Shul)

Tues., Weds., & Fri 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

Early Mincha-Sunday (Main Shul) 1:00 PM

Daily Mincha/ Maariv 4:20 PM

NOTE EARLIER TIME

Shimon Daniel BM Program 9-10 PM Wed.

Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10

7:30 Maariv does not take place on Sundays

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

Friday night - after Kabbolas Shabbos;

Shabbos - 45 min before Mincha;

Sunday - after 8 AM Shacharis;

Monday-Thursday - after 7:30 PM Maariv

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being sponsored by Mark and Mira Epstein in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Mark's father, Sigmund Epstein, R' Nachman B'R Yitzchak HaLevi z'l.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by:

-Charyn and Harvey Atlas in memory of

Harvey's mother Ruth Atlas, רבקה בת הירש דוד

-Janice and Arnie Lustiger to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Arnie's father ר' שמואל ב"ר אהרן הלוי

KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Dr. Moshe Schneider, Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast is pleased to announce that the Guest of Honor at this year's Breakfast will be Dr. Arnie Lustiger. The Breakfast will take place on Sunday Morning, January 16th at Ohr Torah. Invitations and details to follow.

GET YOUR 2021 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 2021 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your account, please email our

financial secretary, Brian Allen,
at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

MAZEL TOV

...to former longtime member Leah Paretzky of Chicago on the birth of a daughter, Chava Bracha, to her children Rabbi Mordechai and Ruthie Paretzky. Mazel Tov to the siblings, Shmuel Eliyahu, Batya Tova, Avrumi Yeshaya and Rivka Meira.

...to Raquel and David Dessau on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents, Miriam and Benji Dessau, Miriam's parents Yael and Jonathan Pittinsky, great grandparents Rochelle and Ralph Dessau, Henie and Herman Frances and Linda and Dan Pittinsky and to the entire Dessau, Allen, Gersten and Banner families.

... to Ricki and Moish Nat upon the birth of a son to their children Eitan and Rachellie Nat. Mazel Tov also to Rachellie's parents Shulah and Mark Friedman, to great grandparents Rabbi Michael Seneor and Charles and Claire Friedman and to all the aunts, uncles and cousins. *Shalom Zachor at the Nat home 32 Edgemount Rd. at 7:45pm*

...to Rhona and Seymour Kessel on the birth of a daughter, Avigayil Sarah earlier this week, to their children Melissa and Ezra Blain. Mazel Tov to big siblings Eliana and Moshe, grandparents Susan and David Blain, and the extended Blain and Kessel families.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Please join us at 9:15pm on Thursday night (12/23) for an engaging, interesting and inspiring shiur with Rabbi Malitzky along with great food and drink. This week's shiur will focus on the stanzas of lecha Dodi and will certainly change the way you look at the Lecha Dodi prayer. This weeks shiur has been generously sponsored anonymously in honor of the yahrtzeit of Hinda Rachel bas Yaakov Chanan.

LUNCH AND LEARN

PRESENTS ROSENWALD

Rosenwald is the incredible story of Jewish businessman and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, owner of Sears, joining forces with Booker T. Washington and African American Communities in segregationist Jim Crow South to build more than 5,000 schools. He was inspired by the Jewish doctrine of "Tikkun Olam" (repairing the world) and deep concern over racial inequality in America. Tues: Dec 28th at Noon at Ohr Torah. Program includes light lunch followed by intro to the Rosenwald DVD by Dr. Max Wisotsky. Dvar Torah presented by Mike Samel. Program open to the first 50

registrants to allow for social distancing. All attendees must be vaccinated. Mask optional. Pre-registration required. No walk ins please. There is a charge of \$14pp to defray cost of delicious dairy meal. RSVP New registrants need an email address and phone# Bella blerner18@optonline.net Mildred phone 732-572-1712

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

RABBI DANIEL Z. FELDMAN

Congregation Ohr Torah is excited to welcome Rabbi Daniel Feldman, Rosh Yeshiva at YU, for Shabbos.

The schedule for Shabbos is as follows:

Friday night: 8pm (social hall): "*Lashon Hara and Shidduchim*", followed by light refreshments

Post Hoshkama shiur (approximately 9:35-10:15): "*Lying to Protect Peace*"

Shabbos morning Derasha (after Mussaf)

Between Mincha and Maariv (after quick Shalosh Seudos): "*Does a Jew Need a Sense of Humor?*"

All Shiurim are open to men and women. Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman is a Rosh Yeshiva at (RIETS) at Yeshiva University, as well as an instructor in the Sy Syms School of Business and the Wurzwiler School of Social Work, and serves as the Executive Editor of the RIETS initiative of YU Press. Rabbi Feldman is the author of seven books. He serves on the editorial board of Tradition, and is a frequent lecturer in locations across America and abroad. Rabbi Feldman is the spiritual leader of Ohr Saadya of Teaneck, NJ, where he resides with his wife and children.

MUSICAL SHABBOS

Once again, Ohr Torah will be hosting a musical Shabbos on December 24th - 25th with this year's featured "chazzan" being world renowned singer and composer Eitan Katz. Eitan will welcome in Shabbos with an incredible Kabbalat Shabbat davening, and will also lead an inspiring Mussaf Shabbos day. The community is invited to another "famous Friday night Oneg" graciously hosted by Michie and Sari Klerer. The experience will continue on Saturday night, December 25th, where Eitan and his band will be performing at the Rutgers Chabad to benefit Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County. For ticket purchase and information visit www.tomcheimc.org

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

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

-Mel Barenholtz in honor of the Pidyon Haben of Sammy Akman - grandson of Shoshie and Aaron Akman
 -Mel Barenholtz in honor of Moshe Wiesel and to thank him for everything he does for Congregation Ohr Torah and its members.
 -Moshe & Glenda Sherman in honor of Yussi Strauch

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMCHEI SHABBOS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING EITAN KATZ

Give the Gift of Shabbos!!! Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County Presents Eitan Katz Live in Concert Motzei Shabbos, Dec 25, at Chabad of Rutgers (170 College Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901) Doors open 7:30PM To Purchase Tickets go to www.tomcheimc.org VIP \$100 online (\$150 at the door) General admission \$36 online (\$54 at the door) Info email tomcheimc@gmail.com

SUPPORT HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Hatzolah is here to answer your call for help 24/7/365. But our dedicated Hatzolah volunteers need your support to ensure that they are able to continue providing our community with the best possible emergency care. Hatzolah is a 501 (c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please get your donation in by Dec 31 to benefit from a 2021 tax deduction. To donate, please go to: <https://www.hatzolahmc.org/>

RPRY SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

This year's Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Breakfast honors longtime Physical Education instructor Mr. Brian McNamara. This year's football theme is in honor of "Mr. Mac," a big football fan. Breakfast takes place Sun, Dec 19 at Ohr Torah and have a "First Half" breakfast and a "Second Half" breakfast in the social hall, so you can enjoy your meal at a convenient time in a less crowded environment. Between halves, there is a "Halftime Show" to honor Mr. Mac and his accomplishments both at RPRY and in his personal life.

-Thru the Dec 19th Scholarship Breakfast, there will be a 100% match for the first \$25,000 of new or increased donations to the Scholarship or OneGift campaigns. What It Means for You! If you are a first time donor: 100% of your donation will be matched! (e.g. Your \$100 will turn into \$200) If you have donated to previous campaigns: Any increase over your previous donation will be matched 100%! (e.g. You donated \$100 last year and \$150 this year, the \$50 increase will be matched and turn your \$150 into \$200)

To register, please go to:

<https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/scholarship-campaign>

TIFERES

Teves DVD for women Sunday, December 19, at 8:15 PM at the Siegel house: "The Performance of Your Life - Inspiration for Facing Life's Challenges"; speakers: Rabbi David Ashear and Mrs. Chani Feldbrand. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current weekly teleconference: "Discover the Anxiety Antidote"; Speaker: Mrs. Yocheved Davidowitz. 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.

ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS: AN INSIDER'S LOOK

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/HP presents Andrew Getraer, Sat night, Dec 18, at 8pm at Cong Etz Ahaim and viewable via zoom. 90% of university-age American Jews attend college, making campus antisemitism a central issue for

the American Jewish community. Andrew Getraer was exec Dir of Rutgers Hillel, largest Hillel in America, for 20 years. In that time Rutgers was both one of the most embattled campuses in the country and one of the most successful in combatting anti-Jewish activity. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/cpure5uj>. For info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

LEV L'NEFESH HACHNOSAS KALLAH CENTERPIECE GEMACH MELAVA MALKA

Melava Malka for women to celebrate the grand reopening of the Lev L'Nefesh Hachnosas Kallah Centerpiece Gemach in support of Our Community Kallahs. Dec 18 at 8:30PM at the home of Esty Schwimmer, 474 Lincoln Ave. Dairy buffet will be served. \$36 couvert. Kallah sponsorships are available. QP/Zelle is: Donate@LevLnefesh.org. For more info: 917-593-3652

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: Please contact Leah at 917-763-1848 for time, location &/zoom link for shiur on Tuesday.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women:

-No class on Sunday December 19.

-Parsha class on Monday, Dec. 20 at Congregation Ohr Torah at 8:15 PM. For more info, please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com.

RABBI YISROEL WEISS' TEHILLIM SHIUR FOR MEN AND WOMEN ON ZOOM

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' Tehillim shiur for men and women on Zoom: Wed night 8PM, Meeting ID: 858 5198 8386, Password: RWTehillim Join by phone: Dial 408-638-0968, enter meeting ID, use password 705203. Questions, Marsha Eiserman 347-203-7906.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

The Mikvah is appt only. All appts should be made via MikvahCloud.com or via MikvahCloud app Regular services, baths and showers, are offered. See mikvahcloud for mikvah hours. Face mask should be worn at the mikvah. All comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com

GEMACHS

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

-The Lev L'Nefesh Hachnosas Kallah Centerpiece Gemach now open. The Gemach has a beautiful array of centerpieces/vases/props to loan out for simchos. Call/text: (732) 570-9433 for appt.

-Edison/HP gown Gmach! Large selection of children's, teen and adult gowns. Limited boys tux avail. Donations of gowns in excel condition (with sleeves and round collar) accepted. Text 5165260941 for info/appt. Leiluy mishmas Yitzchak Ben binyamin.

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

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location drop off/pick up.

Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Edison, NJ -Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.

-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.

-Re-Pleat-Gemach of outfits for dressy occasions! Have something to donate? Have a special

occasion and need something to wear? Open by appt only. Text 732-267-3216

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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 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 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 732-678-8848 (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_eruv 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

Parshas Shemoth

Candlelighting:

4:17 PM

Mincha:

4:25 PM

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