



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vaera /Mevarchim

28 Tevet 5782

January 1, 2022

Candlelighting: 4:22 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:30 PM (Main Shul and Social Hall)

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

Hashkama speaker: Rabbi Luban
9:30 AM (Teen Minyan, RPRY)
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR'A) 9:41AM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Shiur - 3:25 PM
Rabbi Luban will start a new tractate, Meseches Baiya

Mincha: 1:45, & 4:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman
Maariv: 5:30 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:32 PM

Weekday Shacharis

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Rabbi Akiva Sauer's Shiur on Daf Yomi Be'iyun
After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon. (Rosh Chodesh): 6:17, 6:50 and 8 AM
Thurs.: 6:17, 7:05 and 8 AM
(earliest Talis and Tefillin: Mo, Th. 6:23)

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

Early Mincha-Sunday 1:00 PM

Daily Mincha/ Maariv 4:30 PM

Shimon Daniel BM Program 9-10 PM Wed.

Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

7:30 Maariv does not take place on Sundays

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

Friday night - after Kabolas Shabbos;
Shabbos - 45 min before Mincha;
Sunday - after 8 AM Shacharis;
Monday-Thursday - after 7:30 PM Maariv

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the Zinkin and Gerszberg families in memory of Jack Simon, Yaakov ben Avraham, the father of Aryeh Zinkin Z"L.

CARLEBACH MINYAN

The Shabbos Mevorchim Carlebach Minyan will take place this Friday night in the social hall.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Rona and Seymour Kessel to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Seymour's mother, Sima Kessel, Sima bat Shlomo Avraham, A"H.

KOLLEL BREAKFAST

The Guest of Honor at this year's Breakfast will be Dr. Arnie Lustiger.
The Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Yehuda Leib Eichenstein Shlit"a, Rosh HaYeshiva of Rabbi Jacob Joseph School and Rov of Congregation Ateres Shlomo.

The Breakfast will IY"H take place on Sunday Morning, January 16th at Cong. Ohr Torah
Online donations can be made at: <http://www.hpkollel.com>

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to attend the ever growing Thursday night

Shiur with Rabbi Malitzky. Come for some food and drink while participating in an engaging, interesting, and inspiring Shiur on the topic of the *Baruch Shem Kevod Malchuso Liolam Va'ed* that we say as part of Shema. The shiur begins at 9:15pm and takes place in the social hall. This week's Shiur has been generously sponsored liuli nishmas Tzvi ben Areyh Leib.

Mazel Tov

...to Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy and Gaby and Kalman Rotenberg on the birth of a son to their children, Chaviva and Yossi Rotenberg, and big brothers Eli, Simcha and Moshe. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents, Martin and Bea Slepoy and Penina Kahalani, to Chaviva's siblings Ari and Eden, Tova and Nati Shore, Moshe and Sruly and to Yossi's siblings and all the great aunts, uncles and cousins.

RABBI REISMAN AT SHALOSH SEUDOS

His topic will be Techum Shabbos in Practice: Amazon packages, raincoats and ties, crossing the Raritan River and the Lakewood lake.

CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of Herman Bursky, brother of Myron Bursky. Shiva will be observed from after Shabbos until Tuesday morning. Myron can be reached by phone at (732) 985-8281 or (732) 539-2777.

May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

2022 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2022 Membership Directory is being prepared. All current directory information, including children's names and email addresses, will be brought forward to the new directory. Please submit all changes and/or additions to names, titles, address, home phone, cell phone(s), children's names (including sons/daughters-in-law), and email addresses to

memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. For members who have joined in the past year, please email the above address with your preferred titles (Mr., Mrs., Dr., Rabbi, Hon., etc.) as this info. was not necessarily collect

OU WOMEN'S INITIATIVE TORAT IMECHA NACH SHABBAT

Congregation Ohr Torah was chosen to participate in the OU Women's initiative Nach Shabbat. We will be hosting Mrs. Norma Mintz for Shabbos. She will be delivering numerous Shiurim during Shabbos. Please stay tuned for more details.

Mrs. Norma Mintz has been in the field of Jewish education for over 15 years. She has taught both language arts and Tanach, and she currently serves as the Tanach Department Chair at the Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School. Norma resides in Passaic, New Jersey, with her husband and family. At the OU Women's Initiative, Norma taught Sefer Daniel to over 5,000 women worldwide as part of the Torat Imecha Nach Yomi program.

If you would like to sponsor the entire Shabbos or any of the individual Shiurim in honor of a loved one or in merit for a Refua Shelima, please reach out to Mitch Rottenstreich @ mrottenstreich@gmail.com. ed on the membership form.

RE-TILING:

NOTE MAJOR CHANGES TO DAVENING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Starting Tuesday Morning, January 4th, Congregation Ohr Torah will start the retiling of the front steps and hallways, both upstairs and downstairs. This work will take approximately two weeks. For the duration of the work please adhere to the following:

- Do not use the front doors. Please use only the side door on the left side of the building, toward the back, which will be kept open only during Davening times.
- All Weekday Davening will take place in the Social Hall and the YFM room.
- All Shabbos Davening will take place in the Social Hall and the YFM room. Access will be through the side door only. Minyan schedules will be as follows:

- Friday night-as scheduled
- Hashkama 7:25 AM
- YFM 9:15 AM
- Main Minyan 9:15 AM

Mincha/Maariv-as scheduled

- There will be NO Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos on Shabbos.

- There will be NO access to the building during the day (other than at davening times) for any reason. **Please make sure to remove ALL needed Talis and Tefilin bags from the main Shul, the coat room and Beis Medrash before Monday evening as they will not be accessible afterwards.**

- There will be NO access to the Keylim Mikvah other than at davening times.
- There will be NO access to the Beis Medrash at all.

If there are any access issues, please contact Leslie Ney, Barry Siegel or Eli Wiesel. Thanks for your cooperation.

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

NEW ARTSCROLL SIDDURIM DEDICATIONS

OT would like to replace the older taped up Artscroll all Hebrew Yitzchak Yair Siddurim with new ones. If you would like to dedicate these new replacement Siddurim, please contact Barry Siegel (siegeldad@gmail.com). The cost is \$25 per siddur or 5 for \$100. Thanks to those listed below who have already dedicated 96 new Artscroll Siddurim:

- Blimie & David Hamel (5 siddurim) L'zecher Nishmas Blimie's Father R' Dovid Binyamin ben Nosson and (5 siddurim) L'zecher Nishmas David's Father Moshe ben Zvi Yechezkel Z"L
- Shoshana & Ted Diskind (5 siddurim) in Memory of our Parents A"H.
- David & Faye Moscovic (10 siddurim) in honor of each of their children & grandchildren and 1 in honor of Rabbi Yaakov Luban & family.
- Shira & Marnin Goldberg (5 siddurim) in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Asher Goldberg April 24th 2021 שבת אחרי מות-קדושים
- Moshe & Ricki Nat (10 siddurim) in honor of all our grandchildren
- Effy & Devora Zinkin (5 siddurim) in honor of the birth of our granddaughter Rachel Sonia Felman
- Naomi & Neal Auman (5 siddurim) in honor of their children and grandchildren
- Paige & Aaron Kramer (6 siddurim) in memory of various family members
- Elmira Volodarsky & Family (5 siddurim) in memory of Joseph Volodarsky Z"L
- Payam & Joanne Hanian (5 siddurim) in memory of Payam's mother Turi bas Yakov Z"L.
- Aviva & Barry Siegel (5 siddurim) in memory of their fathers and aunt Z"L
- Gershbaum and Weiss Families (20 siddurim) in memory of Hilda Rachel Gershbaum Z"L

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Honey & Max Wisotsky in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's mother Beverly Gottlieb Z"L
- Josh & Naomi Caplan in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's mother Beverly Gottlieb Z"L

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S EVENT:

The next event will take place Sun, Jan 9th at 8:30 PM at Cong Ahavas Yisrael. Rebbetzin Sarah Goodman present the powerful topic – "Staying Positive in These Hard Times" Sponsored by the community shuls: Aguda, AA, AY, Ateres Shlomo, Etz Ahaim, Khal Chasidim, OE, OT.

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/>

HELP SUPPORT NATIONAL MANDATORY HOLOCAUST EDUCATION IN HIGH SCHOOLS

There is a Facebook page with the initiative to promote a National Mandate for Holocaust Education as a requirement for high school education. *"If You Don't Have Mandatory Holocaust Education, Demand It"*. Sign up for their Facebook Group titled *Campaigning to make Holocaust education mandatory*.

RABBI REISMAN TO SPEAK

Rabbi Reisman will be speaking for men and women on Hilchhos Tola'im – Insects in Food on Friday night, Dec 31, Parshas Va'era, at 8:30pm at Khal Chasidim, 46 N. 8th Ave. Topics will include Which Insects are Kosher, The NYC Water Debate, and The Raisin Scare of 2009. Info, contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

PARENTING WORKSHOP AT RPRY

RPRY is thrilled to invite you to a two-part parenting workshop in using the Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) on Jan 3rd & 10th, 8pm-9:30pm. RPRY teachers began training in this method beginning in 2019 as a wonderful component of RPRY's whole-child approach to Chinuch. Any prospective parent who attends will automatically enter a raffle to win a waiver for one student's application fee. A winner will be drawn at each session! Two parents attending? Two raffle tickets! RSVPs can be made at www.rpry.org.

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: contact Leah at 917-763-1848 for time, location &/zoom link for shiur on Tuesday.
- Rebbetzin Eichenstein will not be having class this Sunday, January 3. Please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com for status of Monday evening class.

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 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

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: Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Aaron Breslin at 908-907-7308.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See 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 Members tab, then click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: Find out status of the eruv by:

Email: We send out email within 30 minutes after eruv's status has been determined. 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 Facebook Group [hperuv](https://www.facebook.com/hperuv) and get eruv notifications within 30 minutes after Twitter update.

Website: Website at <https://hperuv.org> shows eruv's status on the top of the main page. Website also has up to date map of entire eruv.

Hotline: 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

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| Candlelighting: | 4:29 PM |
| Mincha: | 4:35 PM |

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