



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

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October 7, 2023

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Hoshanah Rabba, Erev Shemini Atzeres (Fri. Oct. 6)

- Shacharis: 6:00, 6:30 & 7:50 AM
- Candlelighting: 6:13 PM
- Mincha-Maariv: 6:20 PM

Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky

Shemini Atzeres (Shabbos October 7)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00, 9:15 AM
- Yizkor not before 9 & 10:30 AM

Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky

YFM speaker: Rabbi Ezra Sarna

- Mincha: 1:45, 6:05 PM
 - Candlelighting and all Melacha not before 7:20 PM
 - Maariv followed by Hakafos: 7:00 PM
- Speaker: Yoni Goldberg: "Is there a mitzvah to dance on Simchas Torah?"

Simchas Torah (Sunday October 8)

- Shacharis: 6:45, 9:00 AM
- Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Shlomo Ziegler
- Early Mincha after 9:00 AM Shacharis
- Mincha: 6:15 PM
- Speaker: Jordan Benditzson, Yosef Bram, Rafi Jacobs, and Doni Schanzer
- Maariv: 7:15 PM
- Yom Tov ends: 7:19 PM

Weekday Shacharis

Mon. & Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues., Wed. & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 6:10 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

Tues.: Semichas Chaver Program:

Mon.. Tehilim: 9:35PM via Zoom

Daf Yomi schedule:

Friday nite - no Shiur

Shabbos & Sunday -45 mins before Mincha

Mon.- Thurs.: after Zman Maariv

KIDDUSH

Shmini Atzeres Kiddush is co-sponsored by: - Marcia and Andrew Freedman in memory of the Yahrzeit of Andrew's mother, Fruma bas Hillel, A"H.

- by Blimie and David Hamel, L'zecher Nishmas Blimie's father, Rav Dovid Binyomin ben R' Nossan, who's Yahrzeit was the first day Chol Hamoed Succos, A"H.

SIMCHAS TORAH KIDDUSH

Thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers who supported and helped to set up our annual kiddush for both the hashkama and main minyanim. Special thanks to Heather Ross and team for their set up of the food, and to our maintenance team, Mario and Lucky, for helping to set our social hall for the event. We hope everyone enjoys!

SHABBOS SPEAKER

For Yeshiva Bachurim:

5:25: Ezra Einzig in YFM room

MAZEL TOV

... to Sharon & David Stern and Monica and Stephen Rosenfeld on the birth of a son to their children Rachelle and Adam Stern. Mazel Tov to big brother Yehudah and big sister Meira, to Great Grandmothers Barbara Stern, Anna Ruth Hasten and Joan Rosenfeld, and to Aunts Sarah & Jessica and Uncle Jake.

...to Ophira and Heshy Gottlieb on the birth of a son to their children Shaindy and Roni Gottlieb. Mazel Tov to great grandmother Miriam RIngler, to siblings Mordechai, Malky & David and family, Lisa & Joshua and family, Michelle and Gadi and family and to Pamela and Avi Merl and family

RABBI MALITZKY'S NEW SLATE OF SHIURIM TO BEGIN WEEK OF 10/15

1) **7:47 Shiur**. Join Rabbi Malitzky every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday for ten minutes of Shearim Betefilla, a groundbreaking Sefer on Davening by Rav Shimshon Pincus zt"l. Stay ten minutes after the 7:10 Minyan or come ten minutes early to the 8am Minyanim and enhance your davening. This shiur will begin on Tuesday 10/17. 7:47 in the Beis Medrash.
2) **Thursday Night Live**. Join Rabbi Malitzky for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring shiur (always with good food) exploring practical topics which help turn the meaningless into meaningful. The shiur meets ant 9:15pm every other Thursday night and will kick off on Thursday 10/19. The shiur will meet again on 11/2 and 11/16. Thursday Night Live will take place in the social hall and is open to men and women.
3) **Our Shul. Our Halacha. Our Lives**. Rab bi Malitzky will be giving a Halacha Shiur every other Tuesday which will explore Halachik aspects, decisions, and customs of *our* Shul. The first shiur will take place on Tuesday 10/24 and will

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meet again on Tuesday 11/7 and 11/21. The Halacha Shiur will take place in the YFM room and is open to men and women.

SHIUR FOR WOMEN DURING ALIYOS ON SIMCHAT TORAH DAY

Naava Rosenblatt will be giving a shiur for women on Kohes and Simcha in the shul office/conference room during the time when men receive an aliya. This will be from approximately 11:40-12:00 on Simchas Torah day

STROLLER PARKING

Congregation Ohr Torah has just completed the construction of a covered Stroller Parking Area on the other side of the dumpsters. Please place all strollers and carriages in the Stroller Parking Area. Strollers and carriages are not permitted anywhere inside the Ohr Torah building. Thanks for your cooperation.

KIBBUDIM AUCTION

Please note that this year the shul will be auctioning ALL of the Simchas Torah Kibbudim for the main Minyan (including the Kibbudim for Simchas Torah day) on Motzei Shabbos night immediately before Ata Horeisa is recited. No Kibbudim in the main Minyan will be auctioned off on Simchas Torah Day.

OT MEN'S TEHILIM CHANGED TO MONDAY NIGHTS

The Ohr Torah Men's Tehillim group meets (virtually) on ZOOM on Monday nights starting at 9:35pm. For a ZOOM invitation, weekly, please email dralansinger@gmail.com

OHR TORAH YOUTH DEPT

Ohr Torah is excited to announce that our annual Children's Hakafot will take place on Shemini Atzeret Shabbat October 7th at 5:00pm in the OT Kiddush Room. This program is intended for Tots thru Fourth Graders. Parents and children will have an opportunity to join us for Hakafot specifically designed for children. Song sheets and flags

RABBI'S CORNER

The Magen Avraham (669:1) quotes the Sefer Seder Hayom that there were places that omitted Tachanun from Sukkos until the start of Cheshvan. The Pri Chadash (131:6) rules like this as well. The Seder Hayom (end of Hilchos Sukkos) suggests that the month of Tishrei is such a happy month that it would be inappropriate to recite Tachanun. He explains that there are four major Yomim Tovim in the month (Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkos, and Shemini Atzeres), we achieve forgiveness for our sins, and the Beis Hamikdash was completed during the time of Shlomo Hamelech in this month. While most Sefardim follow this practice (Kaf HaChaim Orach Chaim 131:98 and 669:42) and Chazon Ovadia (Yamim Nora'im page 394), the Shaarei Teshuva (131:19) concludes that the correct custom is to recite Tachanun after Sukkos (with the exception of Isru Chag). This is indeed the custom of our Shul.

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, CHAVERIM: 732-844-3577

will be provided. After dancing, Rabbi Malitzky will share a story with the children followed by a Pareve dinner exclusively for children in the back of the Kiddush Room. Program ends just in time for Mincha upstairs at 6:05pm.

COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN

Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Road, Edison
Tues, Oct 24th @ 12:00 FEATURING A REAL DELI LUNCH!, Smooze, D'Var Torah and the Film: DELI MAN - The Story of the MEN, behind the FOOD, behind the TRADITION. Pre-Paid Reservations only! \$15pp ENJOY A REAL DELI LUNCH!! PLEASE RSVP online at <https://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch>

PRE-PAY: by credit/debit card online

<https://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch>

also accepted: Checks or ZELLE 732-310-3410 – (include both: L&L, names of attendees in the Zelle memo box!) Make checks out to: Cong Ohr Torah, remember to include attendees' names. MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO: Aliyana Wasserman at 400 N 8th Ave, Edison NJ 08817. Questions? Text 732-310-3410 Space is limited: *All reservations must be made no later than midnight October 21st*

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

SIR Shabbos Parshas Noach October 20-21
Ohr Torah is honored to host Rav Meir Goldwicht Shabbos Parshas Noach. We are planning for a full schedule to include an oneg Friday night, a shiur after the hashkama minyan, drasha at the main minyan, a shiur for women in the afternoon and an enhanced Seudat Shlichsh. More details and times will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. Please join us for what is expected to be an incredible Shabbos. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Mitch Rottenstreich, mrottenstreich@gmail.com.

Rabbi Meir Goldwicht, a prominent Israeli scholar and educator, is the Joel and Maria Finkle Visiting Israeli Rosh Yeshiva and a rosh yeshiva at the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies at Yeshiva University. He is also head rosh yeshiva at the Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program. Rabbi Goldwicht received semikha from the renowned rabbinic authorities Rabbi Zalman Nehemia Goldberg, former Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem HaRav HaGaon Betzalel Zolti and Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, HaRav Rashi of Israel. Rabbi Goldwicht delivers Hebrew and English shiurim (lectures) extensively across the metropolitan area, throughout the United States and in Israel, including weekly evening shiurim in 5 New York area communities. He has delivered more than 1,000 inspiring shiurim every year to grateful audiences.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NJ DOT ROAD DIET PLAN

The article below discusses the "Road Diet" Plan that the NJ Department of Transportation is formulating and this might be the only opportunity for the community to have input into the final version of that plan.

The plan will in effect reduce the size of Route 27 from Brookhill Road until North 8th Avenue from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. This will be done due to the above average number for accidents on a roadway that size. We are asking people to read the report and watch the explanatory video to understand why they are doing this. The DOT has studied this stretch of road over a period of a few years and they have determined that it is indeed a very dangerous stretch of road.

This stretch of road also includes Glatt 27, the Highland Park Kollel, The Agudah, Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion PreSchool and Reenas Bais Yaakov as well as other stores we frequent. It is also the road that Hatzolah Ambulances use to go to the hospitals in New Brunswick.

One of the glaring issues that we saw in this report is the completion date of 2029 which is way too long for this to occur. We need this implemented as soon as possible.

There are other issues that we saw and we hope that as many people as possible from our community will take the 15 minutes to watch and read the report and respond to the DOT with their comments.

The reason that Highland Park is asking that this be distributed immediately is that we only have until October 16, 2023 (less than 2 weeks) to view the plan and respond to the DOT website with our comments.

Please send the email below sent out to your congregants/families as soon as possible to have our voices heard and input made to the final version of this plan.

WANT TO BE A MINYANNAIRE?

The NJ Chessed and Parnossa Network (formerly The ROC of NJ) is coordinating a community-wide effort to help provide Minyanim at Shiva homes. We have seen a few instances where there have not been Minyanim at Shiva homes for Shacharis and Mincha/Maariv, so we have created the Shiva Minyannaire Initiative WhatsApp Group. The idea is to harness the power of the community to respond to this issue. Please consider volunteering for this initiative. Send an email to jp@therocnj.org and we will send you a link to join the whatsapp group.

THE JEWISH STATE FIGURES OUT ITS FUTURE

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents David Jablinowitz, Op Ed Editor, The Jerusalem Post, Saturday, Nov 4 at 8:30pm at Congr Ohav Emeth. His topic will be, "The Jewish State Figures Out its Future: The ploys of the politicians vs. the personalities of the people". The presentation is free of charge and live in person while also streamed online. Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ksvhpbf>.

David (Ze'ev) Jablinowitz, born in Brooklyn, moved to Israel right out of college (1981), is currently the Op Ed Editor of The Jerusalem Post, author of Israel's "Bus Stories" on Facebook and compiling stories for a book-in-progress. From 1981 to 2018 he broadcasted on Israeli radio, reporting on political and diplomatic affairs. For info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.
Josh Pruzansky
NJ Chessed and Parnossa Network

THE SHABBOS CONNECTION

New initiative for the HP/Edison community, called "The Shabbos Connection". Our mission is to connect Hosts and Guests for Shabbat and Yom Tov meals in a new and menschlich way. New families, singles, single parents, or anyone who simply wants to broaden their friendship circle, all need help building their network in our amazing community. This effort is not only about meals,

but also about making CONNECTIONS. By filling out a short form, we can match hosts and guests with similar demographics helping to match not only meals, but new CONNECTIONS!

Matches will be made by the Shabbos Connection team, and hosts will be given contact info for their matched guests, so they can call with a personal invitation. These matches aren't just hosts or guests... they are potential new friends! Please visit the link below to register. Don't forget to check the box if you'd like to be a part of the Shabbat Connection team!,
[\[https://forms.gle/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A\]](https://forms.gle/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A)(<https://forms.gle/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A>)

RPRY

- RPRY Golf Outing has been postponed to Oct 23rd Stay tuned for more details.

NETIVOT – DR. ZINKIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

Netivot presents its Third annual Dr. Aryeh Zinkin Memorial Scholarship brunch. Featuring Rabbi David Fohrman, Founder and Lead Scholar at Aleph Beta. Honoring Morah Leah Kotowitz and Morah Sarah Smith. Sunday, October 22, 10 am at Congregation Ohr Torah. To RSVP please visit mynetivot.com/scholarship.

FREE HEALTH EDUCATION EVENT

Saint Peter's University Hospital and Congregation Ohr Torah are partnering to provide a free health education event to the community facilitated by Saint Peter's physicians.

We welcome women to join us at Congregation Ohr Torah on Wednesday, October 25 at 7 PM for presentations on:

- Colon Polyp Detection: Not the Same as Colon Cancer Screening

Presented by Arkady Broder, MD, FACC, FASGE, chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Saint Peter's University Hospital

- Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus: What is the Cardiovascular Reality?

Presented by Marc Scheiner, MD, FACC, a cardiologist on Saint Peter's University Hospital's Medical and Dental Staff Please

email rgoldsmithklein@saintpetersuh.com or call 732-236-4617 to RSVP

WHAT'S THE STORY? A WRITING WORKSHOP

Explore and record the story behind an object that holds special meaning for you in the context of family history. This writing workshop will be led by Merri Ukraincik at Congregation Ahavas Achim on October 23rd at 7:30 PM. The workshop is open to those who are empty nesting. \$10 registration fee, advanced registration is required. RSVP to merriluk@gmail.com or barbara.strassman@gmail.com. Please bring the object with you (or a photo of it) and your preferred writing instruments.

DR. PRESBY SHIURIM

Dr. Presby Shiurim:

- Woman: Pele Yoetz (a combination of Halacha and mussar shiur) on Tuesdays at 8 pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP

- Men / Women: Eicha on Wednesdays at noon via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

- Men: Megillah on Thursdays at 9 pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP or via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

- Men / Women: Nach shiur on Shabbos at 4 pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP

For more info, please contact Dr. Presby at 732-925-4828

OHAV EMETH PRE-OWNED ART AND COLLECTIBLES SALE

Donate your used (or new) Art to the upcoming sale on Sun. Nov 19th. All proceeds to benefit OE, Sinai, Camp HASC and the Dina Eisner Children's fund. All items must be approved prior to submission. Contact the office 732-247-3038 with any questions.

ATTENTION SINGLE PARENTS

If you are in need of assistance, WhatsApp/text Julia 917 – 847-0171, Rikki 732-742-4559, Rivka 732-762-0490. We will connect you with a volunteer who is available to help out! Examples of volunteer work you can ask for: Shlepping, Toiveling dishes, Financial advice, Emergency rides, Groceries, Installing air conditioners, Minor home maintenance, Picking up medications from pharmacy, Yom Tov and Shabbos meals, Emergency dinners, Quick errands, Help build sukkah, Homework help, etc... Male and Female Volunteers needed. Together we can make a difference!

FOR WOMEN

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
- Weekly Parsha shiur with Mrs. Miri Cohen on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 AM. For location/zoom link, please contact Leah at 917-763-1848.
- Rebbetzin Eichenstein will resume her Sunday morning and Monday night classes after the Chaggim. Info Aviva at 732-672-7104 or siegelmom@gmail.com

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.com for mikvah hours. Face mask should be worn at the mikvah. All comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com

KALLAH CLASSES

Ahuva Morris is offering kallah classes for kallahs of any age, from every background. She trained with the renowned Rochel Goldbaum from My Gift of Mikvah and has additional extensive training in the medical, psychological and halachic aspects of

marriage and Taharas Hamishpacha. Kallah classes and consultations for married women are being offered free of charge and can be done in person or if necessary on zoom. For more information call 908-227-3155.

BIKUR CHOLIM MELAVA MALKA

- BIKUR CHOLIM: SAVE THE DATE! MELAVA MALKA on Motzei Shabbos, October 21, at the Pines Manor. Featuring: Ronnie Baras, Famous Hypnotist. Honoring: Dr. Arkady Broder and Dr. Aliza Leiser. For men and women. For more info, please contact Bikur Cholim at 732-572-7181.

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley is excited to announce a SENIOR VISITATION PROGRAM. This program will provide weekly or bi weekly visitation to members of our community. We are looking for community members who are 18 years and older to volunteer. To volunteer or to hear more info please contact Cindy Baruch at 908-309-8818 or email her at cindy.baruch@verizon.net
=Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley has services in the community for over Shabbos and Yom Tov:
* Account with AA Checker cab 732-545-2300 (reimburse Bikur Cholim at a later time)
* account with Rite Aid in HP to get prescriptions filled (reimburse with a Rite Aid gift card at a later time) Questions 732 572 7181

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Shalosh Seudos, contact Elie 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 are paused pending new initiatives

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: 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 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

Parshat Bereishit

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