



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayera

20 Heshvan 5784

November 4, 2023

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Candlelighting: 5:34 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 5:40PM (Main Shul)
Fri HS Boys Beis Medrash Learning 8:45PM

Shacharis :

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

Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky
Sof Zman Krias Shma 10:05AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur (in YFM): 4:35PM

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45, & 5:25 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Reisman

Maariv: 6:40 PM

Shabbos Ends: 6:41 PM

DST Ends: Set Clocks back 1 Hour

Weekday Shacharis

Sunday 7:15, 8 AM & 9 AM

Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'iyun Shiur
After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon. & Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8:00 AM

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

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 4:35 PM

Early Mincha (Sunday) 1:00 PM

Late Maariv: (Sun.-Thurs.) 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Note start of 7:30 PM Maariv

Monday-Thursday

Mon. Tehilim: 9:40 PM (YFM)

Daf Yomi schedule for winter months:

Sunday - after 8 am Shacharis

Mon- Thurs - after 7:30 PM Maariv

Friday - after Maariv

Shabbos - 45 min. before Mincha

Daf Yomi is starting a new Masechta, Maseches

Bava Kama,

this Shabbos Nov 4. This is an ideal time to start

Daf Yomi

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush is being sponsored by Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy in honor of their son, Moshe's Aufruf.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Lorraine and Ira Spiler to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Iras father Avraham Ben Simcha, Abraham Spiler and Lorraine's father Mordecjai Ben Avraham Marcus Amigo, Z'L

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

-Lori & Leslie Ney and Eva Weisz in honor of the Yahrzeits of Leslie's and Eva's father Tibor Ney, Yaakov ben Binyamin Zev Z"L, and Lori's father Benjamin Katz, Ben Zion ben Yisroel Z"L.

-Marcia and Andrew Freedman to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Marcia's father Chaim Zev ben Mordecjai Z"L.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy on the Aufruf and upcoming marriage of their son, Moshe to Michal Deitsch. Mazel Tov to Michal's parents Rabbi Avi and Malka Deitsch of Spring Valley, NY and to Michal's grandparents, Ira & Adela Berman and Zahava Deitsch, to Moshe's siblings, Grandmother Bea Slepoy, and the entire Slepoy, Deitsch and Hanfling families. ...to Suzanne and Shai Simcha on the engagement of their son Sammy to Ellianna Brandel of West Hempstead. Mazel Tov to Ellianna's parents, Dalia and Zev Brandel, to Sammy's grandparents Carol and Paul Barth and Amalia Simcha, and to the extended Simcha, Barth and Brandel families.

RABBI REISMAN TO SPEAK SHALOSH SEUDOS

Topic: *Bal Tashchis - Ethics during War, Tree Chopping, Leftover Food, Financial Extravagance*

PRE-YFM HILCHOS SHABBOS SHIUR

There is a new shiur learning Hilchos Bishul in the Sefer, Shemiras Shabbos Kihilchosa, from 9- 9:15 AM on Shabbos morning in the YFM room.

RABBI MALITZKY SHIUR

7:47 Shiur. Join us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:47-7:57 AM as we learn the ground breaking Sefer Shearim BiTefilla of Rav Shimshon Pincus. Stay ten minutes after the 7:10 AM Shacharis or come ten

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

minutes early to the 8 AM Shacharis and connect

TUESDAY NIGHT HALACHA SHIUR

Why did one of the leading Poskim in America write a letter in 2005 criticizing the way our Shul recites Kiddush in Shul on Shabbos? Why have we not changed our approach due to his letter? What's wrong with what we do? Should we change it? Join us at 9:15 on Tuesday night to find out!

SHUL WIDE TEHILIM ON MONDAY NIGHT

The entire Congregation is encouraged to come to Shul at 8pm on Monday for Tehillim and words of Chizuk. Words of Chizuk from Rav Shragi Silverberg, Rebbe at RJJ will start at 8pm followed by Tehillim as we storm the heavens on behalf of Acheinu Bnei Yisrael.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

Seforim Dedications for the 7:47AM Rabbi Malitzky Shiur on Tefilla. OT has bought 25 copies of the Rabbi Pincus Sefer on *Tefilla* insights for the 7:47AM Shiur. If you would like to dedicate a Sefer (\$25 each) please contact Lyndon Goldsmith @ lgoldsmith@gmail.com.

הדרן עלר מסכת נשים

Join us for a special evening on Sunday, Nov 5th, from 6PM to 8PM as we come together to celebrate the Siyum of Seder Nashim. We're honored to have Rabbi Shmuel Silber, a renowned Daf Yomi Shiur speaker, with us for this event, bringing his wisdom and insights.

Rabbi's Corner

The custom of throwing candy at a Chosson during his Aufruf

In the context of the Halachos of ביזוי אוכלין (the prohibition of wasting and degrading food), the Gemara (Berachos 50a) writes "One may draw wine through pipes before a bride and groom and throw roasted grain and nuts before them in the summer, but not in the rainy season". Rashi explains that this was done as a Siman Tov for the Chosson and Kallah. While we generally associate the concept of Simanim to the special foods that we eat on Rosh Hashana, there are other actions we do because of the concept of a Siman. What is this particular Siman? The Aruch Hashulchan (Ohr Hachaim 171) explains that just as the wine is flowing towards the Chosson and Kallah so too peace and harmony should always flow in front of them. There were customs to throw other foods as well. The Rokeach (Hilchos Nisuin 353) writes that they would throw wheat towards them since wheat is a Siman for פרו ורבו (the couple should be fruitful). Others (Taamei Haminhagim) would throw nuts because אגוז (nuts) has the same numerical value as חטא (sin) which alludes to the fact that the sins of Chosson are forgiven. Some threw dried grapes (raisins) to hint to the fruit which Chava sinned with and gave to Adam. This serves as Siman that they should not sin. Rashi (Kesuvos 15b) explains that they would throw roasted grain towards them because roasted grain is sweet and we hope the Chosson and Kallah have a sweet life. The notion of throwing something sweet is most likely the basis of our custom to throw candy.

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

Even if you haven't started the Daf, we encourage you to be part of this celebration... You never know where and when you'll find your inspiration. A lavish buffet dinner from Mike's Chicken will be served after the Siyum. Cost: \$36 per person until Nov 1st & \$50 per person after Nov 1st

This event is for ALL men, woman and children. Bring your entire family. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of an unforgettable evening!

Please RSVP using this link

<https://ohrtorah.net/services/ccpay.phtml>

choosing Reason: Siyum Seder Nashim.

RACHEL IMEINU YAHRZEIT VIDEO

Rachel Imeinu Yahrzeit video: Please join all the women of the Edison/HP community as we gather in tefilla and tehillim followed by the annual video being shown in zechus of Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael. The video is a part of an annual worldwide Rachel Imeinu yahrzeit event to benefit aniyei Eretz Yisrael.

Note: There will be a *community wide women's tehillim asifa prior to the video*

Topic: Open Up Your Hearts

With an introduction by Harav Shmuel Kaminetzky and divrei chizuk by Rabbi Paysach Krohn, Rabbi Joe Haber, Rabbi Y.Y. Jacobson and Rebbetzin Tehilla Jaeger. We will also receive an Update from Rabbi Refael Kruskal (from Ukraine).

For: Women only

When: Motzei Shabbos, November 4th, 8:30 PM (Tehillim will be followed by the video)

Where: Congregation Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison. To make a donation for the

Aniyim: www.rayze.it/mamarachelfund/

BOARD MEETING

There will be a Board meeting on Wednesday, November 15, at 8:00 pm in the Social Hall.

COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN

Congregation Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Road, Edison. Tuesday, November 14th @ 12:00. Schmooze, D'Var Torah and the Film: A NEW DOCUMENTARY: THEODORE BIKEL in the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem Portraits of two beloved icons are woven together: wit, wisdom and talent Pre-Paid Reservations only! **\$15.00** per-person ENJOY A DELICIOUS HOT LUNCH with all the trimmings!!

PLEASE RSVP on-

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

PRE-PAY: by credit/debit card on-

line <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: Congregation Ohr Torah, and remember to include attendees' names. MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO: Aliyana Wasserman at 400 N 8th Avenue, Edison NJ 08817. Questions? Text 732-310-3410

THANK YOU

Avi Fogel & family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all those that came out to support him during the Shiva for his mother. May we only share in future Smachot.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION EDISON RESIDENTS

Please vote on Tuesday, November 7. Our community's significant voter turnout and ongoing participation in local government affairs, is frequently the talk of the town. Please send in your vote-by-mail envelope ASAP (drop boxes are located in front of HP and Edison Town Halls) or go to the polls on November 7.

MTJ MELAVA MALKA

Mesivta Tiferes Jerusalem's annual Melave Malka will take place on November 18 8 PM at OE. Hagaon Harav Reuven Feinstein will address the reception. Honorees are Mr and Mrs Avraham Ifrach.

WANT TO BE A MINYANNAIRE?

The NJ Chesed 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 EMPTY SHABBAT TABLE, 11/3-11/5

Central New Jersey Stands with Israel invites you to visit *The Empty Shabbat Table* set for the 239 hostages at 148 Raritan Avenue (the Sunoco property). On 11/3, from 4 - 4:30 p.m., there will be a short program, including the singing of Shabbat songs. Consider visiting *The Empty Shabbat Table* over this weekend. For more information, check Central New Jersey Stands with Israel's Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/groups/3954546044664543/>

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. CHANGE: He will speak with us live from Israel and adapt his talk to the most recent events. The presentation is free of charge 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. Support for this program has been provided by the Nelson and Minkoff families to honor the memory of Hilton Nelson a'h and Muriel Minkoff a'h. For more info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

BLUE AND WHITE RIBBONS

Tie a blue and white ribbon in front of your home to show support for Israel, for the Chayalim and for the safe return of the hostages. Let your neighbors and the world know that they are always in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers. To get your blue and white ribbon, contact Tamar 732-619-4287 or Naomi 732-325-8285

RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HS OPEN HOUSE

Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School invites all 8th graders and their parents to join us at our Open House Motzei Shabbat, Nov 4th at 8pm. Learn about how our students are engaged in vast Torah and academic opportunities, inspired by countless experiences outside the classroom, and empowered to find their voices in an environment where every student matters. Please pre-register

at www.ikha.org/RKYHSOpenHouse. Info, Allison Lyons at alyons@rkyhs.org or 862-437-8050.

JEC HS OPEN HOUSE

JEC HS Open House Nov 14th. Come meet our dynamic Rebbem and teachers and see our warm, nurturing environment. Pre-register at jechs.org. Call Rabbi Avi Rosenbaum with questions at 908-355-4850x6255.

LEV ECHAD B'YISRAEL

Lev Echad B'Yisrael support group for parents of soldiers, students and family in Israel, will be meeting this Sunday evening, November 5th. Due to privacy and safety concerns, please contact the following by noon on Sunday for location and time. Naomi Auman: nauman89@gmail.com, or text 732-689-0728

BLOOD DRIVE

Ahavas Achim Blood Drive Sunday, Nov 12 from 9am-3pm, in the downstairs Social Hall. Appointments recommended! Walk-ins welcome if capacity permits. For an appt, register at: <https://tinyurl.com/4m9mfv36>. Please bring photo ID. Eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating blood

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, seniors 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/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A7>(<https://forms.gle/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A7>)

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

-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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to mailmaster@ohrtorah.net

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net
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 Chayei Sara

Candlelighting

4:26 PM

Mincha

4:35 PM

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