



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

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Parshat Chayei Sarah / Shabbat Mevorchim / Hodesh Kislev 27 Heshvan 5784

November 11, 2023

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Candlelighting: 4:26 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:35 PM (Main Shul), Carlebach (YFM)
Fri HS Boys Beis Medrash Learning 8:45PM

Shacharis :

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

Hashkama Speaker: Harry Chefetz
Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:10 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur cancelled this week

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45, & 4:15 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Ezra Sarma

Maariv: 5:30 PM

Shabbos Ends: 5:34 PM

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 AM

Note added 5:55 AM minyan on Tuesday for those going to the Washington DC march. This minyan will start with R. Yishmael

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

Tues. (Rosh Chodesh) 6:10, 6:50 & 8AM

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 4:25 PM

Early Mincha (Sunday) 1:00 PM

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

No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday

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

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Bruria high school who have a Shabbaton in our Shul this Shabbos.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Ruchi and Yossi Stern on the 1 year anniversary of Yossi's surgery, to thank the Kohol for davening for him.

RABBI MALITZKY SHIUR

7:47 Shiur. Join us on 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 minutes early to the 8 AM Shacharis and connect

PRE-YFM HILCHOS SHABBOS SHIUR

There is a new Shiur learning Hilchos Bishul in the Sefer, Shemiras Shabbos Kihilchosa,

from 9-9:15AM on Shabbos morning in the YFM room.

MAZEL TOV

...to Debbie and Moshe Schneider on the birth of a son to their children Elisha and Yael Domb. Mazel Tov to the great grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ellie Schneider and Mrs. Beverly Libin.

...to Asaf Shmuel on being elected to the Edison Township council.

NEW SEMICHAS CHAVER SHIUR

We will be kicking off the new Xman of the Semichas Chaver Program starting Monday night, November 13th at 8:50 pm in the YFM room. The Shiur will be given by Yoni Goldberg, and we will be learning the Halachos of Bikur Cholim, organ donation and Aveilus. Please reach out to Yoni (516-491-4982) with any questions.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to join Rabbi Malitzky at 9:15pm on Thursday night 11/16 for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Shiur. This week's Shiur will discuss the spilling of the cup of Havdalla, putting out the fire of Havdalla, and the practice of dipping your fingers into the wine. This week's Shiur has been generously sponsored by Josh and Naomi Caplan in loving memory of Josh's mother, Iola Caplan, Ayala Bat Shlomo A"H, whose Yahrtzeit is on the 6th of Kislev.

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

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Shiur. If you would like to dedicate a Sefer (\$25 each) please contact Lyndon Goldsmith @ llgoldsmith@gmail.com.

OHR TORAH WOMEN'S

ROSH CHODESH SHIUR

Please join us at the Rosh Chodesh Women's Shiur Wednesday, Nov 15th at 8pm in the OT Social Hall, featuring Mrs. Shoshana Sauer. The topic will be *בימים הרם בזמן - Understanding Antisemitism, Then and Now*

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah is sad to announce the passing of our dear member Eva Weisz, A"H, mother of Mimi Gershbaum and David Weisz and sister of Leslie Ney

Shiva through Tuesday morning, Nov 14 will take place at the Weisz home, 25 Brookfall Road, between the hours of 10AM to 12PM, 2PM to 6PM and 7PM to 9:30PM. Davening times: Schacharis 8AM, Mincha/Maariv 4:35 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, 4:25PM on Sunday and Monday.

David will be sitting Shiva at 4595 Fieldston Rd, Riverdale, NY from Sunday evening until Tuesday morning.

Shiva in Riverdale will be as follows: Sunday 7PM to 10PM, Monday 10AM to 12PM, 2PM to 6PM and 7PM to 9:30PM.

Davening times in Riverdale: Schacharis Monday 7:45AM, Tuesday 7:35AM. Mincha Monday at 4:25PM.

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

BOARD NOMINEES

Below is the initial list of nominees who have been nominated by the Nominating

Rabbi's Corner

Kiddush Bimakom Seuda (part 1)

Over the next few weeks, we will review and summarize the many Halachos of Kiddush Bimakom Seudah (Kiddush in the place of the meal).

Halacha states that one needs to recite Kiddush and eat a "meal" in the same "place". If one recites Kiddush and does not immediately eat a "meal" then they have not fulfilled their Mitzvah of Kiddush (and according to most would be forbidden to eat since one is not allowed to eat prior to Kiddush).

What is the definition of "in the same place" (in future weeks we will discuss the definition of "meal"? Certainly, one is not allowed to recite Kiddush in one house or building and eat in another building. This would mean that one can't hear Kiddush in our shul and then eat at RPRY without saying or hearing Kiddush again at RPRY. Even if one would have in mind while hearing Kiddush that their plan is to eat in another building it would not be allowed (Shulchan Aruch 273). It is important to note that once you fulfilled Kiddush in one house or building (which means your heard kiddush and ate in that building), you can eat at another house or building without needing to recite or hear another kiddush.

Next week, we will learn whether it is ok to recite kiddush in one room and eat in another room.

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

Committee for the upcoming 2024-2025 Congregation Ohr Torah Governing Board election on Monday, December 25, 2023. Additional nominations of any "member in good standing" for any position may be made and submitted in writing (which includes email) by the membership to the Nominating Committee through 11:59 p.m. on November 13, 2023. A final nomination list will be sent to the membership by December 4, 2023, at least 14 days prior to the election.

The Nomination Committee insists that the final nomination list and the actual ballot identify the initial nominees and distinguish them from any additional nominees to make it clear who the original slate was.

President: Arkady Broder

Vice-Presidents: Reuben Atlas, Shelley Schoenfeld, Lou Smith, Eli Wiesel

Recording Secretary: Gershon Klavan

Treasurer: David Sidney

Financial Secretary: Jacob Eskin

Gabbaim: Michie Klerer, Larry Greenman, Charlie Gershbaum

Sisterhood Presidents: Melissa Jerushalmy, Heather Wishnic (non-voting)

Members at Large: Brian Allen, Ilya Epshteyn, Donny Epstein, Jordan Kaplan, Roseanne Koenigson, Chani Moss, Yacov Farkas, Leslie Ney, Gila Ginsberg, David Redlich, Shira Goldberg, Sara Scott, Payam Hanian, Jonathan Teitelbaum, Srullee Hercman, Avi Tobias

The Nominations Committee: Reuben Atlas, Yacov Farkas, Shira Goldberg, Lois Goldsmith, Jeffrey Klein

ISRAEL VENDOR FAIR

Shuk to the Core Israel Vendor Fair. Let's come together to support artists and vendors from across Israel. Discover an array of products, including jewelry, Judaica, hand-crafted leather goods, artisanal woodwork, sculptures, artwork in various mediums, kippot, designer clothing, and fragrance items Saturday evening, November 11th 7:30pm-10:30pm Congregation Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd., Edison. Suggested entrance fee: \$5 per person.

OHR TORAH YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHODESH KISLEV EVENTS

Motzei Shabbat Nov 18th at 6:15pm Ohr Torah Youth grades 4-9 are headed to the Woodbridge Community Center for a fun evening of roller skating. We meet at the Shul and return at 9:15pm. Cost is \$30 per child registered in advance or \$35 at door. Price includes bus transportation to and from the facility, one and a half hours of roller skating, roller skate/blade rentals, \$5 gift card for arcade games and snacks plus drinks before we board the bus for trip back.

And start getting ready for our *שבוע שחל בו* Pre-Chanukah Chagiga and Children's Chinese Auction taking place at RPRY on Sunday December 3rd starting at 1:30 pm

until 4:30pm including a lunch buffet and an opportunity to decorate your own Chanukah donut, music and giveaways from the Jeff Wilks orchestra, a face painter, balloon artist, a highly acclaimed Yo-Yo Show, a dazzling magic show and our famous Children's Chinese Auction! More details will be provided in an upcoming flyer.

BOARD MEETING

There will be a Board meeting Wednesday, Nov 15, at 8:30 pm in the YFM.

COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN

Due to the MASSIVE RALLY for ISRAEL on Nov 14th the Lunch & Learn Program is postponed until the following week, Tuesday Nov 21st. If you require a refund please contact Aliyana:

aliyana.wasserman@gmail.com or text/call 732-310-3410

COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN

Cong Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Road, Edison Tuesday, November 21st @ 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 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 and remember to include attendees' names MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO: Aliyana Wasserman 400 N 8th Ave, Edison NJ 08817. Questions? Text 732-310-3410

Space is limited: *All reservations must be made no later than midnight Nov 18th*

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Epstein and Ostrove families for sponsoring the dinner and the snacks for our Shul Trip to Washington DC

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI REISMAN

SHABBOS MEVORCHIM SHIUR

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on Income on Shabbos. It will be on Friday night, Parshas Chayei Sorah, Nov 10th, at 8:30pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Ave. Topics will include babysitting, laining, catering, and other jobs done on Shabbos. Passive income: investments, vending machines, websites and Amazon. Understanding the "Shtar Shabbos". Info Marsha Eiserman 347-203-7906.

MTJ MELAVA MALKA

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

NISHMAT

Every day, we pray for the release of our captives, the success of the IDF, and the safety of Am Yisrael. In addition to the myriad acts of chesed we are performing in their merit, we invite you to join Nishmat for 24 hours of Torah learning to strengthen the soul of the nation. November 19th

at 11:30 am EST through November 20th at 11:30 am EST. To see the full program and to register, go to bit.ly/Nishmat24h

WANT TO BE A MINYANNAIRE?

The NJ Chased 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.

BLUE AND WHITE RIBBONS

Tie a blue and white ribbon in front of your home to show support for Israel, the Chayalim and 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

JEC HS OPEN HOUSE- NEW DATE

JEC HS Open House Nov 13th. Come meet our dynamic Rebbeim and teachers and see our warm, nurturing environment. Pre-register at jechs.org. Call Rabbi Avi Rosenbaum with questions at 908-355-4850x6255.

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!, [\[https://forms.gle/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A\]](https://forms.gle/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A) (<https://forms.gle/beA1b3q4kX4KBHk4A>)

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: Eichla 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.

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

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 sieglmom@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. Info 908-227-3155.

-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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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 Toldot

Candlelighting

Mincha

4:20 PM

4:25 PM

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Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Rabbi Yehudah Heschel Levenberg and the New Haven Yeshiva

At the 1923 convention of the Agudath ha-Rabbanim, the association of Eastern European trained rabbis in North America, R. Yehuda Heschel Levenberg proposed opening a post high school yeshiva in New Haven, Connecticut, where he served as communal rabbi. He received resounding support, and later that year, R. Levenberg established the New Haven College of Talmud - Beis Medrash l'Rabbanim, one of the first yeshivas located outside of New York City.

Born in Latvia in 1884, Yehuda H. Levenberg had been sent to the Slobodka yeshiva following his bar mitzvah, where he was influenced by the musar approach of the Alter of Slabodka, R. Nosson Zvi Finkel. In 1910, R. Moshe Mordechai Epstein, head of the Slobodka yeshiva, dispatched R. Levenberg to the United States, to raise funds for the yeshiva. R. Levenberg chose to remain in America, first becoming a pulpit rabbi in Jersey City, N.J., and then, in 1917, accepting a position in New Haven.

When the yeshiva opened in August, 1923, R. Levenberg's communal responsibilities precluded him from administering the yeshiva on his own. He hired R. Yaakov Dov Safsal (1888-1968) and R. Moshe Sheinkopf as *roshei yeshiva*, but they did not remain for long. In 1924, Rabbi Shabtai Sheftel Kramer (1875-1942), brother in law of R. Moshe Mordechai Epstein, arrived in America to become *rosh yeshiva*. With the hiring of R. Sheftel Kramer, a fellow Slobodka trained Talmud scholar, R. Levenberg was confident that the New Haven yeshiva would reflect the excellence and spirit of Slobodka musar.

When R. Levenberg departed New Haven in 1929 for a rabbinic position in Cleveland, Rabbi Sheftel Kramer agreed to relocate, and the New Haven yeshiva moved to Cleveland. Indeed, though situated in Cleveland, the yeshiva was still popularly referred to, in Hebrew, as *Yeshivas Nyu Haven*. In 1930, the yeshiva leadership was enhanced with the arrival of R. Sheftel Kramer's son-in-law, Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak Ruderman. When R. Levenberg became ill, he closed the yeshiva in 1937, and died shortly thereafter, in January, 1938.

BIKUR CHOLIM