



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

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Parshat Miketz

4 Tevet 5784

December 16, 2023

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 4:13 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:20 PM (Main Shul)
Fri HS Boys Beis Medrash Learning 8:00 PM
Shacharis:
7:45 AM (Social Hall) 9AM (Main Shul) 9:15 AM (YFM)

Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Rapps
Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:33 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur: 3:15 PM

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45, & 4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman
 Topic: Kashrus of Medicines

Maariv: 5:20 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:21 PM

Weekday Shacharis

Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'iyun Shiur
After 7:15 Shacharis

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

Tues, Weds., 6:30, 7:10 & 8:00 AM

Fri. See Asara Beteves box

All Minyanim will meet in the Main Sanctuary except for the second Minyan Monday through Friday.

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 4:20 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

Daf Yomi schedule:

Sunday - after 8 am Shacharis, Mon- Thurs - after 7:30 PM Maariv, Friday - after Maariv, Shabbos - 45 min. before Mincha

PRE-YFM HILCHOS SHABBOS SHIUR

New Shiur learning Hilchos Bishul in the Sefer, Shemiras Shabbos Kihilchosa, 9AM-9:15AM Shabbos morning in the YFM room.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Broder, Michael Kaplan, Michi Klerer, Kreitman, and Moish Wiesel families.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Debbie and Moshe Schneider to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Debbie's father Emanuel Libin, Imanuel ben Shimon A"H.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to join us at 9:15pm on Thursday night for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Shiur. This week's shiur has been generously sponsored by Doron Shalmon and family in loving memory of Sari Shalmon A"H, Sara Leah Bas Shifra A"H, whose 2nd Yahrtzeit is the 13th of Teves. From The Ocean To The Sea: The Shiur will

analyze and understand the blessings we make upon seeing the world's beauty.

MAZEL TOV

...to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the birth of a great granddaughter, Leah, born to their grandchildren Shimshon and Tehila Gersten of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Shmuel (Morty) and Esther Gersten, to all of the aunts, uncles and cousins, and to the entire Gersten, Dessau, Banner, Scharg and Allen families.

NEW SEMICHAS CHAVER SHIUR

The Semichas Chaver Shiur will now be taking place at 8:15pm on Motzei Shabboses in the YFM room, starting a new topic within Hilchos Aveilus on December 16. Please reach out to Yoni Goldberg (516-491-4982) with any questions.

ASARAH BETEVES

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21

Fast Begins: 6:06 AM

Shacharis: 6:07, 6:50 & 8 AM

Earliest time for Tallis & Tefillin is 6:19

Mincha/ Maariv: 4:05 PM

Fast Ends/ Kiddush not before: 5:24 PM

DINNER FOR STUDENTS AT STERN AND

TOURO

Rabbi Malitzky will be meeting all young women in Stern and Touro on Monday December 18 for dinner followed by a Shiur at Stern College. Join us for dinner at 7 pm in 245 Lexington (Room 718) followed by a Shiur at 8 pm in the Beit Midrash (7th floor) of 245 Lexington. Please reach out to Rabbi Malitzky or Sophie Schanzer with any questions.

LEGAL HOLIDAY SHIUR –

THE LAND OF ISRAEL IN THE TORAH

All men and women are encouraged to join us for an enlightening shiur on New Years

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

breakfast. Please contact Mitch Rottenstreich at mrottenstreich@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities.

Rabbi Hayyim Angel is the National Scholar of the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals (jewishideas.org). He also teaches advanced Bible courses to undergraduate, graduate, and rabbinical students at Yeshiva University, and lectures widely. He also serves as the Rabbinic Scholar at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in New York. He has published over 100 scholarly articles, primarily in Bible, and is author or editor of thirteen books. He received his B.A. in Jewish Studies Summa cum Laude from Yeshiva College, his M.A. in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, his M.S. in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education, and his Rabbinical Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University.

LUNCH & LEARN

Space is limited: *All reservations must be made no later than midnight December 23rd* Tuesday, December 26th @ 12:00

Schmooze, D'Var Torah, Delicious Hot Lunch with all the trimmings.

And the Film: A NEW DOCUMENTARY: THE WORDMAKER – Ish She'Ahav B'Ivrit At the beginning of the 20th century, a language war raged in Palestine. The contenders: Yiddish, Russian, French, German, English and Hebrew, a language barely spoken for 2000 years. At stake: the national language of the Jewish homeland-in-the-making.

THE WORDMAKER tells the dramatic life story of Eliazer Ben-Yehuda who championed

RABBI'S CORNER

Next Friday is a fast day, Asarah B'Teves. On this date, the army of Nevuchadnezzar laid siege to Yerushalayim. It was not for another two and a half years that the walls were breached, leading the destruction of the second Beis Hamikdash. Hashem gave us time to repent which we squandered. The fast begins at Alos Hashachar (6:06am). There is a halacha that one is not allowed to eat a meal thirty minutes before the start time of davening which is Alos Hashachar. This prohibition includes eating bread or a k'beitzah worth (approximately 6 crackers or 2.5 sandwich cookies) of any Pas Haba Bikisnin (most Mezonos foods such as cake, cookies, or crackers). Eating fruit, vegetables, drinking water or coffee is allowed prior to the time. One who wishes to eat in the morning before the fast begins should ideally have in mind that they plan on doing so before going to sleep the previous evening. The fast ends with Kiddush, Hamotzi and a Shabbos Seudah which can begin at 5:24pm.

Day, Monday January 1st. The shiur will be given by Rabbi Hayyim Angel and will take place after the 8AM minyan and

the cause of Modern Hebrew. He was zealous and stubborn and had one driving

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

passion: breathing life into the ancient biblical tongue. Denounced as a heretic, dismissed as a dreamer, this brilliant man pressed on tirelessly, often at the expense of family and health. Pre-Paid Reservations only! \$15.00 per-person. 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.

WOMEN'S SHIUR

The next OT women's Shiur (Rosh Chodesh series) will be taking place next week: Wednesday, December 20 at 8pm in the OT social hall with Mrs. Shuli Fuchs. The topic will be, "The Jewish People & Clouds: Demystifying a Foggy Vision."

YOUTH ACTIVITY

The Ohr Torah Youth Department invites all children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th Grade to meet at the Shul on Thursday evening December 21st at 5:30pm until 6:30pm where we will be writing letters and drawing pictures that will be hand delivered by Rabbi Malitzky and the Mission to IDF Chayalim in Israel. This will be followed by a pizza dinner. There is no charge to attend.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL - ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Highland Park Community Kollel is pleased to announce that Mr. Noam Waltuch, Esq. will be chairing this year's Annual Community Breakfast. Please note that the Breakfast will iYH take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, January 21st 2024 at 9:30am. Formal Invitations and further details to follow. If you do not receive a formal invitation, please email us at: hpcommunitykollel@gmail.com - with your address, so that we can update our files. Thank you!

RAISING RELIGIOUS EXPECTATIONS:

PARENTS, KIDS AND MINDFUL TORAH STUDY

Join us online Sat night Jan 6, at 8pm as the Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Dr. Tammy Jacobowitz, Tanakh Chair, SAR High School. She is the founding director of Makom B'Siach at SAR, an immersive adult education program for parents. She is a graduate of the Drisha Institute's Scholars Circle, and completed her PhD in Midrash at the Univ of Pennsylvania in 2010 as a Wexner Graduate fellow. Dr. Jacobowitz is currently at work on a parsha book, geared towards parents reading to young children. The program will only be provided live online at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/3fs86dkv>. The Orthodox Forum is a grassroots organization and relies on community donations to fund our programs. For more info go to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.

RPRY'S ANNUAL TOBY MAYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST AND DREAM IT CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EVENT

Please join us at RPRY's Annual Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Breakfast and Dream It Campaign Launch Event on Sunday, Dec 17 at 9:15am at RPRY. This year we acknowledge our strength, unity and RPRY's critical role in building the next generation of Jewish leaders and supporters of Israel. We will pay tribute to RPRY's steadfast commitment to academic excellence, its mission to afford a Yeshiva education to every child while building a close connection with Am, Torat and Eretz Yisrael. This event will have amazing family friendly activities for all ages including: tying tzitzit for chayalim, mosaic framed tefilos for tzahal, pressed flower Shabbat candlesticks, a bouncy house, engaging speakers and much more! A minimum contribution of \$250 or more entitles up to two people to attend the Breakfast. Babysitting is available at no additional fee for children ages 2+. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/4bkj72ek>. For more info, please contact Benjamin Klein at bklein@rpry.org.

TOMCHEI SHABBOS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County presents its annual Community Wide Concert featuring Joey Newcomb and Aryeh Kunstler Sunday, Dec 24, 6PM at Chabad of Rutgers. Tickets prices are: Sponsor \$100 General admission \$36 To purchase tickets, visit tomcheimc.org or tomcheimc@gmail.com for questions.

TEHILLIM AND EMUNAH:

Presented by Barbara Frish on Sunday mornings twice a month from 10AM to 10:45AM at Cong Ahavas Yisrael, Edison, NJ and on ZOOM as a zechus for the protection of all our chayalim and Klal Yisroel. For women and girls only. For more info, to join the whatsapp group or to obtain the zoom link, please email bungaresq@aol.com

OPERATION HUG

If you are a parent of a lone soldier in Israel, Operation HUG sponsored by Nefesh Benefesh, JNF USA and FIDF is offering free flights for ONE parent of a lone soldier in active service in the IDF. Go to nbn.org.il to register.

DR. PRESBY SHIURIM

Dr. Presby Shiurim:

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

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

- Men: Megillah Thursdays 9pm 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 3pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP Info contact Dr. Presby at 732-925-4828

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 9:15AM. For location/zoom link, Leah at 917-763-1848.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women:

-Tefilla class on Sundays at 10:00 AM at the Aguda Shue

-Parsha class on Mondays at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah.

Please text Nechama at 347-909-2755 to confirm.

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

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 is looking for more male volunteers to visit seniors and also looking for more seniors to visit. Please contact Cindy Baruch at 908-309-8818 or 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 RECEIVE ALL OT EMAILS: Send your full name and email address

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 Vayigash	
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