



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

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Parshat Vayigash

11 Tevet 5784

December 23, 2023

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 4:16 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:05 PM (Main Shul and Beis Medrash)
Fri HS Boys Beis Medrash Learning 8:00 PM
Shacharis:
7:45 AM (Social Hall) 9AM (Main Shul) 9:15 AM (YFM)

Hashkama Speaker: Ira Smith
Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:37 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur: 3:20 PM

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45, & 4:10 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Henry Schanzer

Maariv: 5:25 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:25 PM

Weekday Shacharis

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

Mon. 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Thurs. 6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM
Earliest T & T 6:21 AM

Tues, Weds., Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8:00 AM
All Minyanim will meet in the Main Sanctuary except for the second Minyan Monday through Friday.

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
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.

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

This week's Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Mimi & Hesh Granek as a Hoda'ah L'Hashem.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being co-sponsored by:

-Charyn and Harvey Atlas to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Harvey's mother, Ruth Atlas, Rivka bas Hirsh Dovid, A"H.

- Suzanne and Jason Jurkevich to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Jason's father, Luis Jurkevich (Eliezer ben Yishayahu), A"H.

-Congregation Ohr Torah in recognition of the beautiful work of Tomchei Shabbos for the people of Middlesex County

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sheila and Henry Schanzer, to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Henry's father, Berachya ben Dov HaLevi, A"H

MAZEL TOV

...to Lori and Leslie Ney on the birth of twins (a girl and a boy) to their children Judy Ney and Steven Rubenstein. Mazel Tov to grandmother Mary Sue Rubenstein, big sister Clara Rubenstein, and the entire Ney, Rubenstein, Gershbaum and Weisz families *The Shalom Zachor will, IY"H, take place at the Gershbaum home, 408 North 8th Avenue, Edison at 8PM.*

... to Rachel and Mendy Lerner on the engagement of their son Jesse to Kayla-Rachel Singer (Teaneck). Mazel Tov to grandparents Bella and Henry Lerner, to Kayla-Rachel's parents Moshe and Yacha Singer and grandparents Carl and Miriam Singer (formerly of Edison) and to the Chatan and Kallah's siblings and the Lerner and Singer families.

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH WELCOMES JOEY NEWCOMB

Schedule:

4:05 PM Joey Newcomb will be leading Kabolas Shabbos in the main Shul.

8:30 PM Oneg Shabbos at the home of Michie Klerer, 16 Cellar Rd

9:00 AM Davening in Main Shul

4:00 PM Mincha – Joey Newcomb will lead singing at Shalosh Seudos

NEW SEMICHAS CHAVER SHIUR

The Semichas Chaver Shiur will now be taking place at 8:15pm on Motzei Shabbos in the YFM room. Please reach out to Yoni Goldberg (516-491-4982) with any questions.

GET YOUR 2023 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 2023 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your account, please email our financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com. Thank you!

RABBI MALITZKY SHIUR

7:47 Shiur will resume Next Friday (12/29)

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 Day, Monday January 1st. The Shiur will be given by Rabbi Hayyim Angel and will take place after the 8AM minyan and breakfast. Please contact Mitch Rottenstreich at mrottenstreich@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities.

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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.

UPDATES ON MISSION TO ISRAEL

I hope to send some updates, thoughts, pictures, and videos throughout the trip.

Stay up to date with all of the Chessed we do by joining the WhatsApp group.

Open this link to join my WhatsApp

Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EakilgZiHfE04nPLFcvGD8T>

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 the cause of Modern Hebrew. He was zealous and stubborn and had one driving 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 online at <https://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch> PRE-PAY: by credit/debit card online <https://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch>

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

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. remember to include attendees' names MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO: Aliyana Wasserman 400 N 8th Ave, Edison NJ 08817.

MTA DINNER

Congregation Ohr Torah is so fortunate to have Bracha & Ami Avraham as active members of the shul, contributing so much to our entire community. Please join MTA as they honor the Avrahams as Edison/Highland Park community pillars on the evening of Wednesday, January 3rd. Visit yu.edu/yuhsbdinner2024 to register for the dinner or submit an ad to express your support and Hakaros Hatov to Ami & Bracha!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION TO AID

FALLEN SOLDIER'S FAMILY

Elisha Loewenstern z"l, 38 years-old from Harish, Israel, was killed in Gaza on December 13 by an anti-tank missile fired by Hamas. He was on a mission to rescue wounded soldiers. The Loewenstern family made Aliyah from Highland Park in 1993 with Elisha, 8 years old, and his 3 siblings at the time. Elisha's dad, Rabbi Heshy Loewenstern, worked as a rebbe at RPRY and his mom, Sharon, was a labor and delivery nurse at RWJ hospital. Elisha leaves behind a wife, Hadas, and six children ages 10 months to 12-years. Your donation will go directly to assist Elisha's family in the challenging years ahead.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/peer-to-peer/b19e505e-b2a2-4e10-beb6-3278a7795765>

EMUNAH AND TEHILIM

Brbara Ungar will be giving the next Shiur on Emunah and Tehilim on December 24th at 10am to 10:45am at Ahavas Yisrael in person and on zoom.

TRAVEL ISRAEL THROUGH WINE!

A Kosher Wine and Food Expo! Dec 24 from 6 PM-9PM at 501 Green Lane, Union, NJ. Food is under hashgacha of the Vaad of Elizabeth and CRC. We are thrilled to launch this event, one of the first created with the specific intention of uniting our local New Jersey communities. We are coming together in support of The Israel Relief Fund, a critical fund supporting those most deeply affected by 10/7 and the ongoing war in Israel. Featuring: wines from 35 different Israeli wineries, foods, and flavors from the Golan to Eilat. \$72 per person. For more info, https://www.uniony.org/index.php?src=events&src_type=detail&refno=787 or email: travelisraelthroughwine@gmail.com or Ariella (516) 946-4550.

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR FOR ISRAEL.

Celebrate this New Years with great food, Israeli wines from Pino's, Israeli music, and Achdut at the Bridge. Feel free to come & go all night as you please! \$118/person. Proceeds will be distributed to: REUT Israel Trauma Coalition Colel Chabad Sunday, Dec 31st 8PM to 12 AM 315 Raritan Avenue Highland Park, NJ RSVP to either: Linda Moed Cohen, Susan Haller, Sandy Lang Linmoco@gmail.com, Savti1@gmail.com, S-lang1@comcast.net

YIEB HELPING ISRAEL FUND, FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL WINE AND FOOD EXPERIENCE, IN SUPPORT OF YASHAR LACHAYA

YIEB invites you an evening supporting the Helping Israel Fund, for the 8th Annual Wine and Food Experience, in support of Yashar LaChayal Jan 7th at 6pm Holiday Inn East Windsor. The evening will feature Israeli wines for tasting, great food catered by Glatt Star Catering and dynamic speakers. Shahar Azani - former Israeli diplomat and current SVP for the Jewish Broadcasting Service and Stuart Teicher - member of the Jewish American Lawyers and Jurists Association and a faculty member at Georgetown Law School and Rutgers Univ The event supports Yashar LaChayal in their work supporting our chayalim and communities impacted by the horrific events of 10/7. Registration: <https://helpisraelnow.org/8th-annual-experience/> Contact Andy Gross with questions: (201) 394-8420

HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL - ANNUAL BREAKFAST

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

"SHEMA UNDER THE STARS."

All children in the community (ages 2-6) are invited to join the RPRY Early Childhood program as they culminate Sefer Bereshit with "Shema Under the Stars." This magical program will take place Motzei Shabbat, December 30th at 6.30pm in the RPRY Gym. PJs encouraged for children. For questions contact Elana Kurtz, ekurtz@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 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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 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 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 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 Vayechi	4:20PM
Mincha	4:25 PM

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