



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Rabbi Emeritus

Parshat Vayechi

18 Tevet 5784

December 30, 2023

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 4:20 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:25 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)

Rabbi Malitzky will be speaking after Davening (instead of before Mussaf) this Shabbos at approximately 10:45am. He will be speaking about their mission

Hashkama Speaker: Arnie Lustiger
Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:40 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur: cancelled this week

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

Maariv: 5:25 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:29 PM

Weekday Shacharis

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

Mon. 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Thurs. 6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM
Earliest T & T 6:23 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 4:30 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 is sponsored by Mira and Mark Epstein in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Mark's father, Sigmund Epstein, R' Nachman B'R Yitzchak HaLevi Z"L and Mark's mother Celia Epstein, Tzippa Hana bas R' Moshe Mayer A"H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Arnie and Janice Lustiger to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Arnie's father, R' Shmuel Ben R' Aharon Halevi, Z"L.

NEW SEMICHAS CHAVER SHIUR

The Semichas Chaver Shiur will now be taking place at 8:15pm on Motzei Shabboses in the YFM room. Please reach out to Yoni

Goldberg (516-491-4982) with any questions.

MAZEL TOV

...to Paige & Aron Kramer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ava. Mazel tov to sisters Hailey & Emma, Ava's grandparents, aunt and uncles. Kiddush will IY"H take place in the RPRY gym.

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!

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.

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.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2024 Membership Directory is being prepared. All current directory info, including children's names and email addresses, will be brought forward to the new directory. Please submit all changes and/or additions to Names, titles, address, home phone, cell phone(s), children's names (including sons/daughters -in-law), and email addresses to

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. For members who have joined in the past year, please email the above address with your preferred titles (Mr., Mrs., Dr., Rabbi, Hon., etc.) as this info was not necessarily collected on the submitted membership form.

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

HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL

- ANNUAL BREAKFAST IMPORTANT UPDATE

Due to a scheduling conflict, the new date for the breakfast will be Sunday, February 4th. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE 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 IY"H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, February 4th, 2024 at 9:30am. [PLEASE NOTE UPDATED DATE] 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! Online donations can be made at: <http://www.hpkollel.com>

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>

SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

Join friends from Highland Park/Edison/East Brunswick on a Solidarity Mission to Israel coordinated by World Mizrahi. The mission will begin Monday night, Feb 26th. Full days are

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

planned for Tuesday through Thursday. Estimated costs per person are \$900 without a hotel room and \$1,400 with a hotel room. A \$500 per person deposit (check made payable to World Mizrahi) is due by January 14th. For further info contact Lynn Hanfling at doddad@aol.com or Brondy Strassman at barbara.strassman@gmail.com. To register, sign up here. <https://forms.gle/PwimKfWK9c4bkDih7>

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR FOR ISRAEL.

Israel Fundraiser. Celebrate this New Years at The Bridge, with great food, Israeli wines from Pino's, Israeli music and Achdut. Dec 31, 8pm—12pm-\$118/ person Proceeds will be distributed to REUTH (Tel Aviv Rehabilitation hospital) Israel Trauma Coalition and Colel Chabad. RSVP to Linda Moed, inmoco@gmail.com or Susan Haller, savti1@gmail.com or Sandy Lang slang2@comcast.net.

ORTHODOX FORUM OF EDISON/HP

For almost 20 years the Orthodox Forum has provided important programming for the local Orthodox community. This year already we have presented:

- David Jablinowitz, Op Ed Editor of the Jerusalem Post live from Israel

- Rabbi Maury Kelman, Founder of Route 613 on "Why do People Convert? Myths & Facts"

Coming up still this Year:

- Dr. Tammy Jacobowitz on "Raising Expectations for Torah Study" (Jan 6, 8m)

- Rabbi Dr. Josh Joseph, COO, OU, Feb 17

All of this has been made possible by the generosity of individuals in our community. Now, before the end of the year, is a great time to offer support for the continuation of these programs. Please send your tax deductible contribution made out to the Cong Ohr Torah Gemach

to: Henry Lerner, 1 Celler Rd, Edison, NJ 08817

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

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.

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

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 8:45pm 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.

- Eminah Chaburah - monthly shiur by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7PM-7:45PM at AY, 1587 Rte. 27, Edison.

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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Announcements at <https://www.ohrtorah.net>

--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 Shemot

4:26 PM

Mincha

4:35 PM

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Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback

name and phone number.

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