



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Rabbi Emeritus

Parshat Shemot/Mevarchim

25 Tevet 5784

January 6, 2024

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 4:26 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:35 PM (Main Shul), Carlebach (Social Hall)
Fri HS Boys Beis Medrash Learning 8:00 PM
Shacharis:
7:45 AM (Social Hall) 9AM (Main Shul) 9:15 AM (YFM)

Hashkama Speaker: Josh Caplan
Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:42 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur: 3:30 PM

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45, & 4:20 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Michael Kaplan

Maariv: 5:31 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:36 PM

Weekday Shacharis

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

Mon. 6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM
Thu (Rosh Chodesh) 6:10, 6:50 & 8 AM
Earliest T & T 6:23 Mo, 6:22 Th

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 4:40 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

CARLEBACH MINYAN

The Shabbos Mevorchim Carlebach Minyan will take place in the social hall this Friday night. Join us for an energetic, lively, and inspiring Davening. Davening will be led by our very own Srulee Hercman.

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 Riki and Robert Kreitman in honor of the 2022/2023 OT Board and each and every member of COT. It is also in honor of our new President, Arkady Broder, his beloved wife, Marnie, and the newly elected Board.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Penny and Michael Kaplan in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Penny's father Yoel ben Yisroel A"H

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 Ophira and Heshy Gottlieb on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Michelle and Gadi Gottlieb. Mazel Tov to great grandmother Miriam Ringler, to Mordechai and his daughter, to Malky and David and family, to Lisa and Josh and family, Roni and Shaindy and family, to Great Aunt Leah Schecter and family and Shaul and Rachel Ringler and family.

...to Asaf Shmuel on being installed as an Edison Councilman. This is a milestone for our community and we wish him the best. ...to Shoshana and Jordan Kaplan on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Nitza and Russell Adler and Penny and Michael Kaplan. Special Mazal tov to the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Shiloni, big brothers Shaya, Roni, Dani and Gavi and to the entire extended Kaplan, Adler, Klerer and Broder families. The Shalom Zachor will IY"H be held at the home of Sari and Michie Klerer - 16 Celler Road, beginning at 8:30PM.

...to Aliza and Binyamin Goldstein on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Avigail & Perry Raskin.. Mazel Tov to grandparents Chagit & Jeffrey Raskin, to great grandparents Heni Weisfogel, Gerald and Judy Weisfogel, Bette and Naftoli Goldstein, Lori Raskin, Chana and Menachem Landau, and the entire extended Goldstein and Raskin families.

...to Ellen and Ira Smith on the birth of a granddaughter (Chana) born to their children children Rabbi Menachem and Rebecca Greenberg.

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 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

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

collected on the submitted membership form.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to join Rabbi Malitzky at 9:15 this coming Thursday night for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Shiur. We will learn and better our understanding in the Beracha of Hagomel. Join us for good food, good drink, and great Torah!

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 Kolliel 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: hpcommunitykolliel@gmail.com - with your address, so that we can update our files. Thank you! Online donations can be made at: <http://www.hpkolliel.com>

DONATION TO AID

FALLEN SOLDIER'S FAMILY

Elisha Loewenstern Z"L, 38 years-old from Harish, Israel, was killed in Gaza on Dec 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>

RABBI REISMAN SHABBOS

MEVORCHIM SHIUR

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on The Tzavah of R'Yehudah Hachasid. It will be on Friday night, Parshas Shmos, December 5th, at 8:30pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Ave. Topics will include Chasidim before the Besht? Closing up windows and doors. Rosh Chodesh haircuts .Shidduch name conflicts. And some most people haven't heard of.

Info contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

You can make a difference! Join the World Mizrahi Highland Park/Edison/East Brunswick Solidarity Mission to Israel on Monday-Thursday,

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

February 26-29. The Mission will be led by Rabbi Yaakov Luban. It will include: Bikur Cholim, Visiting Bereaved Families, visiting an IDF army base, volunteering opportunities, meeting with families. We need a minimum of 20 people to register. Estimated price per person is \$900 without a hotel room, \$1,200 per person with double room occupancy and \$1,400 single room occupancy. We need a minimum of 6 hotel rooms to qualify for the World Mizrahi room rate at the Prima Kings. A \$500 deposit is required by Sunday, January 14 to participate. Please give a check, payable to World Mizrahi, to Lynn Hanfling or Brondy Strassman. For more info, contact Lynn at

docdad@aol.com or Brondy

at barbara.strassman@gmail.com. To register, go to

<https://forms.gle/E4mTmPFHx5wX2p56>

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH ANNUAL SHOAVAVIM SHIUR

Women's Shiur, January 15th, 8pm
Congregation Ohr Torah

The Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah is excited to present its annual Shovavim shiur for married women. Mrs. Yael Kaisman- veteran teacher, life coach, lecturer and outreach professional will speak about "How to make a good marriage great." For more info- lynnhanfling@gmail.com

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 this has been made possible by the generosity of individuals in our community. Now is a great time to offer support for the continuation of these programs. Please send tax deductible contributions made out to Cong Ohr Torah Gemach to: Henry Lerner, 1 Celler Rd, Edison, NJ 08817

COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday JANUARY 23rd Enjoy Delicious Hot Lunch with All the Trimmings RSVP: PRE-PAID REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

www.ohrtorah.net/lunch TICKETS must be purchased absolutely no later than midnight Sat, Jan 20th!! No Exceptions! \$15 per person 12 noon Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ 08817

An Afternoon of Hope and Healing: Rabbi Malitzky Has Returned From Israel! Join us for a powerful and moving Lunch & Learn as Rabbi Malitzky shares his firsthand experience bringing Tzedakah, Chesed, and entertainment to Israelis impacted by The War.

Rabbi Malitzky will delve into his recent mission to Israel, where he witnessed the devastating effects of the war and the incredible resilience of the Israeli people.

RSVP: REGISTRATION and TICKET IS REQUIRED! www.ohrtorah.net/lunch your tickets will be at the door. \$15.00 per person. Pay online, by Zelle use: 732-310-3410, by check or cash to Aliyana Wasserman, 400 N 8th Ave, Edison NJ 08814 Questions? aliyana.wasserman@gmail.com

RAISING RELIGIOUS EXPECTATIONS: PARENTS, KIDS AND

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

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.

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!

FOR WOMEN

Women's Learning Initiative:

- Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas. For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact info to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com

- Weekly Parsha shiur with Mrs. Miri Cohen Tuesday mornings 9:15AM. For location/zoom link, Leah at 917-763-1848.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women:

- Tefilla class on Sundays at 10AM at Aguda Shul

- Parsha class on Mondays at 8PM at Ohr Torah. Please text Nechama at 347-909-2755 to confirm.

- Emanah 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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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 ludeeu@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 Va'eira
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