



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

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Parshas Vayigash

5 Tevet 5778

Dec 23, 2017

Candlelighting: 4:16PM
Mincha: 4:25PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:37AM
Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 3:20 PM
Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur – between Mincha and Maariv

Mincha: 1:45 PM & 4:10 PM
 Shalosh Seudos speaker: *Dr. Bernard Schanzer*

Maariv: 5:20PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:25 PM

Weekday Shacharis

Sun. & Mon. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Tue, Weds, Fri 6:30, 7:00 & 8AM

Thur. (Asarah Beteves) 6:12, 7:05 & 8 AM

Earliest Talis and Tefillin Thursday: 6:19 AM

Sunday Mincha 1:00 & 4:25 PM

Mincha/ Maariv: 4:25 PM

Late Maariv: 7:30 and 10:10 PM

SHIURIM

- Rabbi Akiva Sauer's Shiur on Daf Yomi Be'Iyun – Sun after 7:15 Shacharis

- Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur on Sh'eilos Uteshuvos - 9:10PM.

- Rabbi Malitzky's Chafetz Chaim Shiur – Weds. 8:30 PM

- Thursday Night Live with Rabbi Malitzky – 9:15 PM.

Daf Yomi Schedule

Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv

Friday -after Maariv. *Daf yomi this Shabbos* will take place at 8:15 AM. Sun-after 8am Shacharis.

Every Friday night, all young children in Shul on Friday nights are invited to come to the front of Shul immediately following Yigdal for 5-8 minutes of Parsha questions.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Penina and Asaf Shmuel in honor of Yosef's Bar Mitzvah.

Kiddush sponsorship available for Jan 13th & 20th, Feb 3rd and March 10th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sheila and Henry Schnazer in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Henry's father Brachya ben Dov Halevi A"H.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Join us for an informative and uplifting shiur, Thursday night at 9:15 PM, in the YFM room, on *Nefilas Apaim*- why do we bury our head in our hand while saying *Tachanun*.

Refreshments will be served. Please contact Rabbi Malitzky for sponsorship opportunities.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Get Your 2017 Tax Deduction! Year end statements were mailed out recently to those members with outstanding balances. Please settle your account by the end of the year and receive a 2017 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your

account, please email our financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

MAZEL TOV

...to Penina and Asaf Shmuel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yosef. Mazel Tov to siblings Rachel, Tamar, Ezra, and Molly, to grandparents Bernie & Sherri Perlowitz and Avner & Michal Shmuel and to all the aunts and uncles celebrating with us.

...to Marcia and Andrew Freedman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Natan Yechiel, son of Avi and Stacey Horowitz, which took place last Shabbos, Parshat Mikeitz, in Bergenfield. Mazel Tov also to the entire Freedman, Horowitz and Haber families, as well as to the Klein cousins.

OT BOARD ELECTIONS

The Congregation Ohr Torah Governing Board elections will take place at a Membership Meeting to be held tomorrow Sunday, Dec 24 from 8:30am to 10am. All "members in good standing" (i.e. full members who have no outstanding balance as of Dec 31, 2016) may vote. A 'member in good standing' may vote if in attendance at the membership meeting on Dec 24th. A spouse in attendance at the meeting may vote by proxy for his/her spouse if the voting spouse has authorization in writing to do so. In addition, absentee ballots may be submitted in advance of the meeting. Ballots have been mailed out and are also available on the website. All absentee ballots must be placed in a sealed envelope with the outside of the envelope signed by the voting member and dropped in the Ohr Torah mailbox by 8am on December 24th.

ASARAH BETEVES SCHEDULE

Thursday 12/28

Fast Starts: 6:08 AM
 Shacharis: 6:12, 6:50 & 8AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:19 AM
 Mincha: 4:05 PM
 Maariv: 5:20 PM
 End of Fast: 5:24 PM

2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2018 Membership Directory is being prepared. All current directory information, 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, phone, 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 information was not necessarily collected on the membership form. NOTE: Children's names and up to two email addresses not currently listed will be included only if an emailed request is received at the address above. The phone tree email list will not be used for this publication.

SUPPORT TOMCHEI SHABBOS

Please do not forget our friends and neighbors who cannot afford even the basic necessities for Shabbos. Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County is appealing to the entire community to help us provide food for the families who rely on us during this important time of the year. To donate by credit card go to <http://www.tomcheimc.org/> or make checks out to Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County and drop off at Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd Edison. For questions or info please contact tomcheimc@gmail.com. Tomchei Shabbos is a 501 (c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please get your donation in by Dec 31st to benefit from a 2017 tax deduction.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Mr. Avi Milgraum Esq., Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guests of Honor at this year's Breakfast will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elbaz. The breakfast will IY'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, January 14th at 9:30am. We look forward to greeting you there!

VAAD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

As a reminder, our community maintains a central community calendar at vaadv.org. Both organizational (shul, school, etc.) and individual (wedding, bar mitzvah, etc.) events can be put on the calendar by submitting them through the website. Using the community calendar is a great way to be aware of upcoming events in our community and to avoid conflicts between simchas or other events. Everyone is encouraged to submit their events through vaadv.org.

YESH TIKVA FUNDRAISER

Please help the Salomon family reach their goal in raising awareness and funds for Yesh Tikva: Supporting Jewish People Facing Infertility. Elie, Awi, Jack and Gabriel will be running in the 5k, 10k, marathon and kids races at the Walt Disneyworld Marathon Weekend January 3-7. The goal is to raise \$10,000 and we are more than half way there. You can either drop off a check at our home: 329 North 5th, Edison, or donate via the website: <https://www.youcaring.com/yeshtikvaaejewishfertilitycommunity-939517>

KOL TORAH

Kol Torah, a organization formed by TABC students, where Divrei Torah are written for many communities. It is distributed in Teaneck, Highland Park, Edison, New Rochelle, Riverdale and more.

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

However, we need to help pay for the expenses of making these articles. Anyone interested in sponsoring Kol Torah should contact Kol Torah at business@koltorah.org, Avraham Gellman at gellmana2019@tabc.org or Eli Schloss at schlosse2019@tabc.org. Sponsorships start at \$25 per week, and \$50 per month. Thanks so much. From, Avraham Gellman, Eli Schloss and the Entire Kol Torah Staff

RABBI WEISS WED NIGHT SHIUR

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: Wednesday evenings at 8:30 PM at the Eiserman's home, 154 North 10th Ave, Highland Park. For more info, please call Marsha at 732-503-8675.

RPRY NEWS AND EVENTS

-RPRY Annual Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Breakfast to benefit the RPRY Scholarship Fund. Educator Excellence Award to be presented to Elise Berlin. Sunday Dec 24th at 9:30AM at RPRY.
-SOS Mishmar Save our Saturday Nights A Parent-child learning program in true Beit Midrash setting. Motzai Shabat in the RPRY Beit Midrash 7-8PM. Open to all grades. Bring: Yourself, Your Chavruta, Your Sefarim. Enjoy: Refreshments, Pizza, Raffle Prizes, Quality Time.

EVENING OF INSPIRATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Women & Girls of Marriageable Age: "Come Discover Why We Cover". Mrs. Reena Resnick, kallah teacher and personal life coach, will discuss the spiritual reasons as to why married women cover their hair. Light refreshments. Demonstrations and Israeli rectangular scarves avail for purchase. Sun, Dec. 24 at 8PM at the Agudah basement, [1131 Raritan Ave, Highland Park](http://www.1131RaritanAveHighlandPark.com). Sponsorships available. 10% proceeds go to Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion. If interested, please text Avivah Eisengart at [609-462-3979](tel:609-462-3979).

MA'AYANOT'S ANNUAL DAY OF BIG IDEAS

Please join us for Ma'ayanot's Annual Day of Big Ideas Mon, Dec 25th 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 1650 Palisade Ave, Teaneck, NJ 07666 Open to the community. Keynote Address by Shalom Holtz, Ph.D., Assoc Prof of Bible at YU and director of the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program at Yeshiva College, on the topic "The Tenth of Tevet and the Second of Adar: Hurban Bayit Rishon as a National and International Event." Additional lectures by Ma'ayanot's distinguished faculty. This event is generously sponsored by the Brodsky family in loving memory of Bernice and Bernard Kramer, z"l, grandparents of Molly Brodsky (Class of 2013). For info on other sponsorship opportunities, contact Pam Ennis, Director of Development, ennisp@maayanot.org. For a full schedule, please visit <https://www.maayanot.org/community/>.

GENEALOGY CLUB OF CENTRAL JERSEY

The next meeting of the Genealogy Club of Central Jersey (GCCJ) will be Thur Jan 11, at 7pm. at Ahavas Achim [216 South 1st Ave., Highland Park](http://www.216South1stAveHighlandPark.com). Speaker will be Nathan Reiss Intro to Jewish Genealogy: The Basic Nitty-Gritty Stuff that you need to know in order to get started. Exploring one's family history can be a satisfying and informative activity. It opens the door for you to understand from where and from whom you derive. The purpose of this talk will be to discuss the primary sources of information that are useful for persons just beginning their research. No technical experience is required -- only interest and patience!

A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE

Very few people with brain and bone cancer survive after a bone marrow transplant and lots of chemotherapy. Marcelo Schor is one of the lucky few, even the most skeptical doctors are at a loss to explain his survival in any other terms but a miracle. Come and hear the most amazing story of his brush with death and affirmation of life. 12/25/2017 at 10.30 am @ Congregation Etz Ahaim.

TIFERES

DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, Jan 6th 8:30PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting avail to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Relationship Rescue". Speaker: Dr. David Lieberman. Teleconferences are free in the month of Kislev - call [212-444-9898](tel:212-444-9898), Pin 2077. For info/to become a member, contact Aviva sieglmom@gmail.com. The HP/ Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

FOR WOMEN

-Women's Learning Initiative Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class on Tuesday, December 26 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park. For more info, please call Leah at 917-763-1848.
-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, December 24 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah shul; Parsha class on Monday, December 25 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva at 732-572-4408 or sieglmom@optonline.net
- Women's Learning Initiative Shimiras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: Monday, Dec. 25 at 7:30 PM at Ellen Smith's house, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison. For more info, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.
- Tehillim group: There is a new Woman's Tehillim group every Shabbos afternoon at 3:45PM at Cong Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, HP Please join us.

GEMACHS

-Diaper Gemach: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed for HP/Edison Gemach. Email diapergemach@gmail.com.
-The Edison/HP Gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin Gemach Gowns for children thru adult. Donations of good condition gowns sought. Tax deduct given/pick up of gowns arranged. Info/appt Sara Scott 516-526-0941.

PARK MIKVEH EVENT

Save the date! Melave Malka on Motzai Shabbos, Feb 10 at Congregation Ohr Torah. Speaker: the Honorable Judge Ruchie Freier. For women only. Chairwomen: Rivky Arnow, Marni Broder, and Elle Lieblich. More details to follow. For more info and to help sponsor the event, please email hpmikvah@gmail.com or call 516-526-0941.

PARK MIKVAH

-Hours: Sun-Thu hours are 8PM-10:30PM. Fri night by appt only-leave message at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or via website. Motzai Shabbos Dec & Jan 7:30PM-10PM.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: To subscribe to Announcements, go to www.ohrtorah.net
E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.
KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Mel Barenholtz email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.
SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Shalosh Seudos, contact Moshe 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 fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-807 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.
SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegelddad@optonline.net.
HOUSEKEEPING: For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS

Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays from 7AM-10AM. If you need special access during non-open hours, contact Barry Siegel 732- 572-4408 or siegelddad@optonline.net.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS:

Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See the 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 732-828-5642 (home) 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 the Yahrzeit database, go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: If you depend on the eruv for carrying on Shabbat you are responsible to check the status of the eruv before Shabbat starts. We now have six different ways you can check the eruv's status:

- Twitter: You can get a free Twitter account and follow the user [@hp_ervu](https://twitter.com/hp_ervu).
- Text Messaging: You can get text message updates of the eruv's status on your cell phone. You need a Twitter account Twitter accounts are free. Follow [hp_ervu](https://twitter.com/hp_ervu) to 40404. Go to the Eruv webpage for complete directions on [setting up text messaging](http://www.settingupertextmessaging.com) the [Highland Park Eruv](http://www.HighlandParkEruv.com) website.
- Facebook: Follow the [@hperuv](https://www.facebook.com/hperuv) Facebook group. Webpage: The [Highland Park Eruv](http://www.HighlandParkEruv.com) webpage displays the Twitter updates on the [Home](http://www.Home) page and on the [News](http://www.News) page.
- Phone Hotline: The Phone hotline at 732-247---ERUV is updated before Shabbat.
- Email Alerts: Go to the [Highland Park Eruv](http://www.HighlandParkEruv.com) webpage, and sign up.

Parshas Vayechi

Candlelighting:	4:21PM
Mincha	4:30 PM

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Irving Bunim (1901-1980)

A successful businessman and generous philanthropist, Irving M. Bunim served as an important lay leader of Orthodox Jewry, from the 1930s until his death in 1980. Born in Volozhin, Lithuania in 1901, he came to the United States as a youngster, in 1909. Raised in New York's Lower East Side, Bunim attended the newly established R. Jacob Joseph School and De Witt Clinton High School. He then accepted a job at his brother-in-law's textile factory, and when his brother-in-law moved to Palestine, Bunim bought the company. In time, his Eden Textiles Company became a prosperous business.

Irving Bunim played a central role, as a lay community leader, in shaping the direction and articulating the needs of American Orthodoxy to the larger segment of American Jewry. With boundless energy and resourceful talent, Bunim labored diligently on behalf of several American Orthodox institutions. He encouraged the development of the Young Israel movement, at one point struggling to oust what he considered the "Conservative" branch of the movement, to ensure that Young Israel reflect the values of Orthodox Judaism. Bunim's home was a meeting place for Orthodox rabbis and lay leaders, and his impact on the development of Torah Umesorah, and the Hebrew day school movement, the wartime Vaad Hatzolah rescue operation, R. Jacob Joseph Yeshiva, Beth Medrash Govoha, Beth Yoseph Navarodoker Yeshiva, Yeshiva University and Chinuch Atzmai day school system in Israel should be emphasized.

In addition to communal leadership and philanthropy, Bunim was a fine Talmud scholar with a recognized gift as a talented teacher. He regularly offered Torah lectures on Shabbos and yom tov, and his highly regarded work on Pirkei Avot, *Ethics of the Fathers*, followed by a book of essays titled *Ever Since Sinai* underscored his vast Torah knowledge.

The Yeshiva University archives has an important collection of Irving Bunim's personal papers including photographs, telegrams, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other material related to the R. Jacob Joseph Yeshiva, Vaad Hatzolah, and the Young Israel. The Irving Bunim file at the Y.U. archives also has letters signed to Bunim from Rabbis Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn and R. Menachem Mendel Schneersohn of Lubavitch, Rabbi Yitzchak Hutner, and the extended Kotler family of the Lakewood Yeshiva.

Irving Bunim died on December 10, 1980 at the age of 79, survived by a son and 2 daughters.