



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

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Parshat Vayechi

14 Tevet 5779

December 22, 2018

Candlelighting: 4:15 PM
Mincha: 4:20 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM
Hashkama Speaker – Rabbi Weil
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:37 AM
Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 3:15 PM
Mincha: 1:45 PM & 4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Weil (in Shul)
Maariv: 5:20 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:24 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9:00 AM
Mon. & Thu 6:17, 7:05 & 8AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin:
6:20 AM Mon., 6:21 AM Thurs.
Tue. 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Wed, Fri: 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM
Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Note that there is no 7:30 Maariv on Sundays or this Tuesday

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis
 -Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Sheilos Utshuvos Monday night 9:10 PM
 -Rabbi Malitzky's Chofetz Chaim Shiur – Wednesday 7:45 (please note earlier time)
 -Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th grade- cancelled this week
 -Boy's High School Shiur by Rabbi Raffi Landau between Mincha and Maariv in downstairs classroom
Daf Yomi
 Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday -after Maariv
 Shabbos -8:15 AM
 Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Ellen and Ira Smith in honor of Shabbosh Sheva Berochos for the newlyweds Rebecca and Menachem Greenberg.

YFM KIDDUSH

YFM Kiddush is sponsored by Jonathan & Nadine Teitelbaum in memory of Jonathan's father's 2nd Yahrzeit, Naftali Tzvi ben Aaron, A"H. Jonathan will be making a Siyum on Shas Mishnayos.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

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

SAVE THE DATE –

OT PROGRESSIVE DINNER

OT will be holding a progressive dinner on Motzei Shabbos, Feb 2. Additional details to follow.

MAZEL TOV

...to Ira & Ellen Smith on the celebration of Shabbos Sheva Berochos of their daughter, Rebecca to her Chasan Menachem Greenberg. Mazel Tov to Menachem's parents, Sheldon & Miriam Greenberg and to the extended family who are visiting to share in the Simcha.

...to Dr. Alan Singer, Professor at the Touro Graduate School of Social Work, for presenting a seminar at the upcoming conference of Nefesh International, the association of Orthodox Mental Health Professionals. The seminar title is: Nine Essential Principles for Counseling Couples on the Brink of Divorce.

OT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

OT will be conducting a membership drive from now through the end of the calendar year. If you're thinking about becoming a full or associate member and supporting all of the wonderful programming and activities our shul offers, this would be a great time to do so! Membership applications are available in the lobby and at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. If you have any questions or need to discuss financial issues please contact Jeff Klein at jeffreyklein@yahoo.com or Brian Allen at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

THIS SHABBOS

RABBI STEVEN WEIL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

OT is proud to host Rabbi Steven Weil, Senior Managing Director of the OU, as Scholar in Residence this Shabbos, Parshas Vayechi, Dec. 21-22.

Rabbi Weil will speak:

- Friday evening at 8pm – “The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann: Its Ramifications & Impact on the Jewish & Global Community”
- Shabbos morning in Hashkama Minyan – “The Lone Warrior”
- Main Minyan – “Checks & Balances”
- Shalosh Seudos: “Anatomy of Genocide”

YOUTH EVENTS

-On Motzei Shabbat Dec 22, meet at OT at 6:15PM sharp as children in grades 4 thru 9 are headed by school bus to the Woodbridge Community Center (formerly United Skates of America) for a fun evening of roller skating. We return to the Shul 9:15PM. Cost is \$20 per child \$25 at door. Price includes bus transport to/from facility, 1 1/2 hour use of roller skating/blading rink, roller skate or blade rentals, \$3 game card for use at the arcade games in the arena and snacks/drinks

at the facility. Checks can be made out to Ohr Torah and provided night of the event.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE.

Please join us for an engaging, interesting, and inspiring Shiur on Thursday Night 12/27 at 9:15pm in the YFM. Please contact Rabbi Malitzky for sponsorship opportunities.

2019 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2019 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.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Get Your 2018 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 2018 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your account, please email our financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Susan Haller's mother Marsha Malin Z"L
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Rona Kessel's father Bennett Koppelman Z"L
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Jonas Waizer's mother Hansi Waizer Z"L
 -Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Susan Borger Z"L

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

NEXT SHABBOS

Next Shabbos, Parshas Shemos, Ohr Torah is incredibly excited to welcome Rabbi Elchanan Adler, Rosh Yeshiva at RIETS.

CPR/AED CLASS

The CPR class on December 22 is full. Another may be scheduled in the future. Stay tuned.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS **COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST**

Mr. Avi Milgraum, Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guests of Honor for this year's Breakfast will be Mr. & Mrs. Akiva & Sara Scott. The breakfast will IY'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday morning, December 30th at 9:30am.

PROJECT INSPIRE CONVENTION

Be Inspired at the Project Inspire Convention, February 22-24 at the Crowne Plaza in nearby Stamford Connecticut. The amazing weekend includes outstanding presenters such as Rabbi YY Jacobson, Rabbi Yoel Gold, Rabbi Akiva Tatz, Rabbi Mordechai Twersky, Rabbi Gav Friedman, Rabbi Shmuel Silber, Rabbanit Yemina Mizrachi, Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker and others with Shulem Lemmer leading the davening! Enjoy great Torah, davening, food, entertainment and the company of fellow conventioners all looking to be inspired. You'll be happy you went and guaranteed to be inspired as we were.

Moshe & Debbie Schneider and Russell & Nitza Adler

For information, please contact us or Rabbi Mordechai Tropp mtropp@projectinspire.com. To register, go to www.projectinspire.com/Convention

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON

The HP/Edison community will host a Chai Lifeline Shabbaton on March 1st-2nd. Approximately 25 girls, ages 7-15, who have life-threatening illnesses, will attend. Please help us make this an event to remember by sponsoring or volunteering today. Checks should be made out to Chai Lifeline and mailed to David Waizer, 53 North 7th Ave., Highland Park. High school students who would like to volunteer, should contact Barbara Ederly at barbaraederly@gmail.com.

RPRY

-Save Our Saturday Nights - A Parent-Child Learning Program in a True Beit Midrash Setting: Motzei Shabbat in the RPRY Beit Midrash from 7pm-8pm. Open to all grades! All you need to bring is your sefarim, your chevruva and yourself! Enjoy pizza, refreshments and raffle prizes! To sponsor an SOS Mishmar, contact Rabbi Einzig at (732) 572-5052 x 203

-Please join RPRY in its mission to provide a stellar Jewish education for all students, by donating generously to the The Toby Mayer Memorial RPRY Scholarship Fund breakfast honoring Rabbi Steven Miodownik will be held on Dec 23, 9:30 am To make a donation and/or RSVP, go to:

www.rpry.org/support-rpry/scholarship-campaign.

- Sponsor a Day of Learning to commemorate a Yahrzeit, honor a special person, celebrate a Simcha or merit a Zechut for a Refuah. Your loved one will be recognized on the chosen day in the RPRY morning announcements, by email to the RPRY community network, in the school's weekly newsletter and on a Certificate of Appreciation.

You may submit a short narrative and a special photo about your loved one. Further info and forms available on RPRY website:

<https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/day-of-learning>

DEC 21-22 HIGHLAND PARK/EDISON **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SHABBATON!**

- Friday Night dinner for teens and 8th graders at Eitz Ahaim following services (~5:15pm). Cost \$10 per person. Sign up at

<http://newjersey.ncsy.org/events/223966/register>

- Oneg after dinner at Eitz Ahaim (~8pm-10pm)

- Seudat Shelishit and Havdalah for teens and 8th graders at Zemle residence, 24 Leslie St, 4:15PM Registration at

<http://newjersey.ncsy.org/events/223967/hp-fnl-seuda-shlishit>.

ILLUMINATE YOUR LIFE

A series of 6 highly inspirational videos called ILLUMINATE YOUR LIFE, by Tammy Karmel, a very special woman who has inspired and changed many lives, will be presented for women only, at the home of Mindy Billowitz, 98 Leslie St, Edison, on 6 consecutive Monday nights at 8:15pm, starting Dec 17. These videos of Mrs. Karmel, who is currently suffering from ALS and is only able to communicate with her eyes, were taken when she could still speak. The minimum \$10 tax deductible donation per showing will be used to help offset her huge financial burden. There is no commitment, one can attend any or all of the showings. Any questions contact 917-583-2756.

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ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg. When Did Tikun Olam Become a Jewish Value? Orthodox American Jewry's Involvement with Social Justice, Sat, Dec 22, 8pm, Ahavas Achim. Rabbi Schwarzberg will discuss Orthodoxy's relationship with the concept of "Tikun Olam." He will address the ways in which traditional Jewish commentaries from Talmudic times until the present day have instructed Torah observant Jews to interact with the non-Jewish world, to be involved in social justice, and the reasons for doing so. Program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. Info www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

RABBI WEISS SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss' Shiur on Tehillim: for men and women Wednesday nights at 7:30pm, at Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave., HP. Info 347-203-7906.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HS FOR GIRLS

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites you to their 10th Annual Day of Big Ideas Sun, Dec 30th, 9:30AM-12:30PM. Keynote by Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, Pres of YU. Who is My 'Brother': A Halakhic Look at a Medieval Christian Dilemma With additional lectures by our distinguished faculty. Men & women in the community are welcome. Info: Chana Stiefel, Dir of Public Relations, stiefelc@maayanot.org. This program sponsored by the Brodsky family in loving memory of Bernie and Bernice Kramer, grandparents of Molly Brodsky, Ma'ayanot Class of 2013.

YOUNG ISRAEL OF EAST BRUNSWICK

The Young Israel of East Brunswick presents "On The Road with Rabbi Steinsaltz," a lecture by Arthur Kurzweil Sunday, January 6th, at 8pm. at YIEB. Please visit www.yieb.org for details.

FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for Women: No class Sun, Dec 23; Parsha class Mon Dec 24 at 8PM at Ohr Torah. Info, call/text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or sieqelmom@gmail.com

-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

·Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class on Tue, Dec 25 -9:30AM at home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Ave, HP. Babysitting now available at shiur; call/text Leah 917-763-1848 to reserve.

·Shimiras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: Class Mon, Dec 24 at 7:30PM at home of Ellen

Smith, 407 North 8th Ave, Edison, Info, Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, Dec 22 at 8:30PM at the Siegel house: "It's all in your Head! Reality Thinking and Positivity". Speakers: Rabbi Jonathan Rietti and Mrs. Zehava Lefkowitz. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "The Giving Tree - Nourishing your soul, nurturing your children" with Mrs. Chaya Breindy Kenigsberg. Info/to become a member, Aviva

sieqelmom@gmail.com The HP/ Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

- Women's AMEN Group meets monthly on the Sundays following the Shabbos in which one bensch Rosh Chodesh, at 9:30AM in a downstairs classroom at Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.

- The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program welcomes Chaya Rivka Zwolinski, the Dir of BRI Women Jan 13th 2019 at 11AM. as she discusses "Holy Self-Esteem". In "Holy Self-Esteem" you will learn the difference between the secular and Torah concepts of self-esteem as well as inspirational insights and practical ideas to strengthen your belief in yourself. Based on the teachings of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, "Holy Self-Esteem" will show you the connection between self-esteem and your relationship with Hashem. The shiur will be held at Ahavas Yisroel 1587 Route 27 Edison, NJ and a light brunch will be served. RSVP to: Sharon Glaser sharonnglaser@gmail.com or Ginny Kafka: SpinningGinny@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Email Bob Lansley at ENRVInfo@gmail.com if you would like to receive our job postings and/or would like help with your resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please email the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim Annual event: SAVE THE DATE! Sun, March 17, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Pines Manor. More details to follow.

WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. Website provides info regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, how to borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbos

GEMACHS

Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is happy to announce they are also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Located in Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed 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.

- New Kittel gemach available! If you - or someone you know--needs to borrow a kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at [732-545-9353](tel:732-545-9353). Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

-Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hats, tichels scarves, sheitels, accessories. Call to receive or donate. Gina Gittle Tonkonog 347-615-3294

PARK MIKVAH

- SAVE THE DATE! Park Mikvah presents a Melave Malka for women on Motzai Shabbos, Feb 23, 2019. Guest Speaker: Charlene Aminoff from @galicouturewigs. Details to follow.

-Hours: Sun-Thur hours 9PM-11PM. Sun-Thur hours are 8PM-10:30PM. Friday night by appt only by leaving message at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or via website or call/text [732-221-8155](tel:732-221-8155). All motzai Shabbos in Dec 7:30PM-10PM. Please check www.parkmikvah.org and vm at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) for updates.

-Have you participated in this incredible mitzvah campaign yet? Go to www.parkmikvah.org/donate to help raise the remaining funds!

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

Rabbi Elchanan Adler	12/28-29
Aryeh Halivni	2/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg	3/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Lichtman	5/3-4
Mrs. Michal Horowitz	TBD

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: 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 Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net

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 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 of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@gmail.com.

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 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 Yahrzeit database, go to ohrtorah.net click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: The Eruv committee checks the eruv every week. However, if eruv is down, and you didn't check the status before Shabbat, the averah of carrying on Shabbat is on you. It's extremely important to know the status of the eruv before Shabbat start! We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Be aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

Twitter: Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter. Follow @hp_ervuv on Twitter Get updates about eruv's status as it's been determined.

Text Messages: Don't have a Smartphone or don't want to use Twitter? Get alerts via text. This involves setting up a Twitter account, but once setup, you can ignore your Twitter account. It gives you immediate alerts without Twitter blather.

Facebook: Facebook group @hperuv that gets updated when we update Twitter account. Follow

Facebook group (don't just "Like" it), and you'll get alerts about the eruv's status via Facebook.

Email: Go to <http://hperuv.org> and sign up for the email list. The email list checks the eruv's status after 3pm once per hour and sends out an email with updates.

Eruv Webpage: The eruv webpage at <http://hperuv.org> has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page.

Hotline: Yes, there is still the eruv hotline. However, it's too easy to forget to call when you're busy preparing for Shabbat. That's why we offer push notifications through Twitter, SMS Text messages, Facebook, and email.

We also have new webpage at <http://hperuv.org> with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv. There have been some major changes in the eruv in the last few years:

- The eruv boundary is now goes along Plainfield road and not Sutton Lane.
- The Stelton Community Center Playground is now in the eruv.
- Cook/Douglas campuses of Rutgers are no longer in the eruv.
- If eruv around Donaldson Park is down, the playground in Donaldson is no longer in backup

If you weren't aware of these changes, check out the latest Interactive eruv map. Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.

Parshat Shemot

Candlelighting:

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4:25 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.