



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

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Parshat Vayeishev-Mevarchim

23 Kislev 5758

December 21 2019

Candlelighting: 4:15 PM

Mincha: 4:25 PM

Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM

Hashkama Speaker - Rabbi Luban

Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after

Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:36 AM

Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur - 3:15PM

Mincha: 1:45 & 4:05 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Tzvi Hoff

Maariv: 5:20 PM

Shabbos Ends: 5:24 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Mon., & Tues. (Chanukah) 6:17, 7 & 8 AM

Earliest Talis/Tefilin On Monday & Tuesday, is 6:24 and on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday it is 6:25.

Wed. (Chanukah+Legal Hol.) 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Thurs. & Fri. (Chanukah) 6:18, 7 & 8 AM

Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM

Mincha/Maariv: 4:25PM

Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday

Shiurim:

- Rabbi Akiva Sauer's Shiur on Daf Yomi Be'iyun : Sunday after 7:15 AM Shacharis

-Rabbi Luban's She'eilos Uteshuvos Shiur Monday 9:10PM.

-Semichas Chaver Program with Rabbi Malitzky, Tuesday 8:00 PM in YFM

Daf Yomi (EST)

Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv

Friday night after Maariv

Shabbos morning -8:15 am and after Hashkama

Sunday-after 8am Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Blimie and David Hamel in memory of the Yahrzeit of David's father, Moshe ben Tzvi Yechezkel, A"H.

Kiddush sponsorship is available January 25 and February 1.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by by Audrey and Danny Mondrow in memory of the Yahrzeits of Danny's grandfather and Aunt, Avrohom Shmuel ben Nasan Nate Halevi, and Ruth bas Avrohom Shmuel Halevi, A'H.

OT DAF YOMI

& SIYUM HASHAS KIDDUSH

Ohr Torah has scheduled a Shul Kiddush for 1/4/2020 in honor of Daf Yomi leaders, participants, as well as in celebration of the completion of the Daf Yomi Cycle & Siyum HaShas.

Thanks to ALL Ohr Torah Daf Yomi Shiur givers who prepare and give Shiur as well ALL those who learn Daf Yomi wherever. Kiddush sponsors are requested for \$36 (or more) donation and a sponsor sheet will be printed. If you would like to participate as a sponsor, please contact Barry Siegel

(siegeldad@gmail.com),
Russell Adler or Moshe Schneider.

MAZEL TOV

...to Sheila and Morty Dear on the engagement of their grandson, Mark Baruch to Mimi Feigenbaum of West Hartford, Connecticut. Mazel Tov to Mark's parents, Cindy and Mitch Baruch and to Mimi's parents, Deborah and Ira Feigenbaum and the entire extended families.

...to Basya and Meir Willinger on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel Tov to big brother Max, the grandparents, Avi and Cheryl Willinger, Yaakov and Margaret Gorlin, and the rest of the Willinger and Gorlin families.

...to Lauren and Binyamin Cooper on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Ronnie and Bonnie Schwartz and Stanley and Carrie Cooper.

The Shalom Zachar will take place at 8:00 p.m. this Friday at the Cooper home, 150 Barnard Street.

...Brochie and Yitzchok Eskin on the birth of Emunah Din. Mazel Tov to big sisters Shayna and Zisa .

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Get Your 2019 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. If you have any questions regarding your account, please email financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com

BOARD ELECTIONS

The shul Governing Board elections will take place at a Membership Meeting to be held Monday, Dec 23 from 7:30pm to 9pm. All "members in good standing" may vote in person Dec 23rd. 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 7pm on Dec 23rd.

LEGAL HOILDAY SHIUR

Ohr Torah is excited to most Rav Zev Reichman for a special legal holiday Shiur this coming Wednesday morning (12/25). Join us at the 8am Shacharis, which will be followed by breakfast in the social hall and the Shiur by Rav Reichman. Rav Reichman

will be speaking on the topic of Why is Learning Torah so important". Rabbi Reichman has served as the Rabbi of East Hill Synagogue in Englewood, New Jersey since 2002. Additionally, he has authored six very well received English Seferim.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth programs by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets is one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the Chanukah event on 12/22. 1'st Prize \$1000, 2'nd prize \$400, 3'rd prize \$300 Please contact Barry Siegel

(siegeldad@gmail.com), Aaron Breslin, Meir Berg, David Kelman or Ami Avraham to purchase tickets.

So far ~265 tickets out of 300 have been sold. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs

CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of Bernard Raskin, the father of Fran Leitman.

The Levaya will take place this Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral home at 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Maryland 21208.

Fran will be returning to sit Shiva at her home, 21 Celler Road in Edison, starting Monday morning, December 23, 2019.

There will not be any minyanim at the house.

Shiva hours will be as follows:

Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

OT ANNUAL CHANUKAH CHAGIGA

The annual OT Chanukah Chagiga will be taking place Sunday, December 22nd from 10:30am until 1pm at RPRY. There will be a photo booth, donut decorating, face painting, a mad science show, music, prizes and much more!

Admission for members is \$15 per person or \$40 for a family, for non members it is \$20 per person or \$50 for a family. Each admission includes one Chinese Auction ticket per family member. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$3 each, or you can purchase 10 tickets for \$20. You are not going to want to miss it!

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

ANNUAL HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Mr. Avi Milgraum, Chairman of the Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guest of Honor at this year's breakfast will be Mr. Moshe Wiesel.

The breakfast will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, February 2nd 2020 at 9:30am. For further info or to make an online donation, please visit <http://www.HPKollel.com> or contact Mr. Avi Milgraum at (908) 812.6924

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations :

-Ira & Juliet Krumholtz in memory of Gedalia Reiss's mother Gladys Reiss Z"L

-Ira & Juliet Krumholtz in memory of Harry Chefitz's brother David Chefitz Z"L

-Rabbi Dr. Bernhard & Charlene in memory of Charlene Rosenberg's father Jack Weinstein Z"L

-Lobel Family in memory of Gedalia Reiss's mother Gladys Reiss Z"L

MISSING SEFER

The Beis Medrash library is missing 1 copy (out of the 3 sets) of the Artscroll Rashi Bereshis Chumash (Sapirstein) edition. Please return or inform Barry Siegel or Herb Engel. To all users of the Shul seforim, please return them to their proper place when finished.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Emily and Joy Himer invite the entire community to their annual menorah lighting, dreidel playing and free sufguniyot. Dec 28th, 5:30PM-6:30PM at 6 Perry Road, Edison. Please text RSVP to 718-986-8171 so we know how many donuts to get!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

AVOS UBANIM MOTZEI SHABBOS

FATHER & SON LEARNING

Avos Ubanim Motzei Shabbos Father & Son Learning is back! From 6:45 - 7:45 at Agudah. All boys that attend get a slice of pizza and a raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes! This program is absolutely free of charge! All are welcome regardless of school and Shul affiliation. A light dinner will be served.

VISITING SOFER

The Sofer will be available to check your mezzuzot and tefillin Sunday, Dec 22, from 10am at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, HP For questions/to make an appt, call 732-828-7722.

AN ORTHODOX PROFESSION

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents the Honorable Gary Schaer, Deputy Speaker, NJ State Assembly, on Saturday night, December 21, at 8pm at Congregation Ohr Torah. He will discuss his personal political journey as the first and only Orthodox Jew to serve in the New Jersey State Legislature. He will also share his thoughts on a number of topics: the fight for State funding of education services for Jewish day school students and families, security of Jewish institutions in the age of terrorism and mass school shootings, the growth of anti-Semitism in NJ and the country as a whole, and how an Orthodox Jewish legislator deals with policies that conflict with personal religious beliefs. The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well

as program sponsorships. For more info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss's shiur on Tehilim for men and women: Wednesday evenings 7PM at 154 N. 10th Ave, HP. Info, Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

MACCABEATS CONCERT

Join Congregation Ahavas Achim as we host The Maccabees in Concert with comedian, Eli Lebowicz Saturday Night, Dec 28th at 7:30 PM for an unforgettable evening of music and laughs! General admission tickets are \$25 and VIP tickets are \$30. To purchase tickets please visit aafundraising.org

JOSEPH KUSHNER HEBREW ACADEMY RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

Presents: DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

For Parents of Middle School, Grades 5-8th Prepare your child for technology and social media use Wed Jan 8th, 7PM Q&A afterwards, JKHA – 110 South Orange Ave, Livingston, NJ. Detective Ed Dafuente from the Millburn Police Dept will share: What kids are doing now with technology. Dangers of shared information, Cyberbullying. What parents need to do to stay up to date with their kids' technology use Social media apps to be concerned about. For more info contact Ariel Levenson, Middle School Principal at alevenson@jkha.org

BIKUR CHOLIM:

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Bikur Cholim Breakfast on March 1st at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Shmuel Marcus, Rabbi of the Young Israel of Queens Valley and Rebbe at Lander College for Men. Honorees will be Dr. & Mrs. Josh Segal and Dr. & Mrs. Aviv Orani.

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 e-mail the information to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH

-Game Night Meet N' Greet -Raritan Valley Hadassah invites you to Game Night Meet N' Greet Thur, Jan 9 at 7pm. at the Highland Park Community Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Info, contact Marnie Kean at 732-816-4712 or email: raritanvalleyhadassah@gmail.com.

-Chug Ivrit, for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers, will meet on Sunday, Dec 29 at 11am at the home of Rachel Weintraub. Chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We'd love you to join us! Contact Rachel at rachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298 to RSVP.

-Chicks with Sticks -Next meeting Wed, Jan 22 from 1pm-3pm. at home of Phyllis Pollak, 209 North 4 Ave, HP. If weather is inclement, call Phyllis at 732-853-6058 to check if the meeting is postponed. We always welcome new members. Questions, call 732-853-6058 or phypollak@yahoo.com.

RJJ LADIES LUNCHEON

Rabbi Jacob Joseph School Annual Ladies Luncheon & Chinese Auction. Mrs. Elie Lieblich Hostess. Guest Speaker - Rabbi Shlomo Landau Torah Links of Middlesex County. Sunday December 22nd, 12:00 noon Cong. Ohr Torah.

CONGREGATION ETZ AHAIM PRESENTS: SHALOM SHABBATON JAN 3/4, 2020

Welcome to participate in the Jan 3, 2020 community Shabbaton dinner at the Bridge Turkish and Mediterranean Grill. Over the course of the

Shabbat, commencing at mincha at shul followed by dinner at the restaurant, Rabbi Bassous will be sharing Divrei Torah with special insights into SHALOM. \$36 per adult \$18 per child 12 and under Please become a sponsor for the event for \$100 (includes two dinners).

Prepaid reservations in advance only please. Deadline 12/22/19. Due to limited capacity, please reserve early!

Make checks payable to Cong Etz Ahaim and write "SHALOM SHABBATON DINNER in the memo section, or in the donations section at etzahaim.org if paying on line. Kindly email RushefskyD@gmail.com once your dinner reservation has been made to help the committee prepare and plan for the event, and to request a vegetarian meal if that is your preference.

TOMCHEI SHABBOS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

BENEFIT CONCERT - SIMCHA LEINER

Edison / Highland Park Community Wide Concert featuring Simcha Leiner to benefit our very own Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County. Motzei Shabbos, Feb 1, 2020 @ 8PM at Highland Park High School (102 North 5th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904) Tickets prices available are: \$100, \$50 and \$36. To purchase tickets, visit tomcheimc.org or email mcjewishevents@gmail.com

KHAL CHASSIDIM

Rabbi Reisman will be speaking for men and women on Hilchos Chanukah on Friday night, Parshas Vayeishev, December 20th, at 8:30pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Avenue. Topics will include challenging menorah lighting dilemmas, sof zman achilas donuts, and has the time to light changed today. For more information contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No classes on Sunday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Dec. 23. For more info, please call / text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or sieglmom@gmail.com

-Collecting Sheitels: Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. Sheitels can be dropped off to Aviva, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. Info, Aviva Siegel at sieglmom@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: No class on Tuesday, Dec. 24. For more info, please call / text Leah at 917-763-1848.

-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, Jan 4 at 8:30 PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Strengthening their Core - Instilling Emunah in our Children" with Mrs. Ayala Berney. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at sieglmom@gmail.com. The HP/ Edison group of Tiferes is zecher Inishmas Malka bas Shalom.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

- Shovavim Shiur for married women: Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah and Irgun Shiurei Torah present a 2 part Shiur given by Mrs. Debby Selengut, premier Kallah teacher, Monday, Jan. 13 and Monday, Feb. 10 at 8:30PM in the YFM room at Congregation Ohr Torah.

- Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah presents an evening with famous Israeli news anchor and lecturer, Mrs. Sivan Rahav Meir, popular Israeli news anchor and journalist who gives a weekly Torah shiur to 1000

people in Israel, at the annual Women's Melavah Malka on February 29, 2020 at 8:30PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. To learn more about Sivan, please visit: <https://www.sivanrahavmeir.com/home-en/>. Event Chairs: Racheli Atlas, Leechen Gluck, Sharon Golubchik. Advanced registration is requested. Couvert is \$36. Sponsorship is available at the following levels: \$50- Bronze Sponsor, \$100- Silver Sponsor, \$180- Gold Sponsor, \$250- Platinum Sponsor, \$360- Friends of the Mikvah, \$500- Mikvah Donor. Join us in supporting the one organization in the community that benefits all women of the community! To register or to become a sponsor, visit <https://parkmikvah.org/> or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

-Support the mikvah while purchasing on Amazon Use link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/237037953> A donation will be made to Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah.

- December Hours:

- Sun–Thur: 8PM–10:30PM
- All Motzai Shabbos 7:30pm–10pm

All out of hour and Friday night appointments should be made online at www.parkmikvah.org. Alternatively they can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-8155 or emailing hpmikvah@gmail.com. Please be reminded that out of hours appointments incur an additional \$20 fee. During the winter months the out of hours fee is waived for appointments occurring between nightfall and opening time. For all comments and questions, please email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

GEMACHS

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

- Lev Lenefesh centerpiece Gemach number has changed to (732) 630-9148.

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

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.

-The Edison/HP gown gmach has a large variety of gowns for all ages. Some toddler boys tuxedos are also available. Text 5165260941 for more info.

-Kittel gemach. To borrow a kittel, call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein 732-545-9353. Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

--Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hat, accessories, sheitles. Donate and receive. Contact: call, text or email. Mrs. Gina Gittel Tonkonog 347-615-3294, ginatonkonog@gmail.com. Also contact for no-charge Kallah Classes, as originally taught by Rebbetzin Tehilla Abramov.

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: 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_erv 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.

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.

Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.

Vayigash

Candlelighting:

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Mincha:

4:25PM

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