



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein - President

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi

Parshat Miketz

Candlelighting:	4:19 PM
Mincha:	3 & 4:25 PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
<i>Hashkama Speaker - Moshe Siegel</i>	
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):	9:39 AM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur - 3:20 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45 & 4:10 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Dr. Theodore Stahl</i>	
Maariv:	5:25 PM
Shabbos Ends:	5:28 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:00, 8 & 9 AM
Mon., (Zos Chanukah)	6:15, 6:55 & 8 AM
<i>Earliest Talis/Tefillin - 6:22</i>	
Tue. & Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Wed. (Legal Holiday)	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Thurs.	6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM
<i>Earliest Talis/Tefillin - 6:22</i>	
Early Mincha Sun.	1:00 PM
Mincha/Maariv:	4:30 PM
Late Maariv:	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday</i>	
Shiurim:	
- Rabbi Akiva Sauer's Shiur on Daf Yomi Be'iyun: cancelled this week	
- 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	

MINCHA EREV SHABBOS

On Friday Erev Shabbos 12/27, there will be an Additional Mincha Minyan at 3:00 PM for those who prefer to daven Mincha before they light Menorah.

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Aviva & Barry Siegel are sponsoring Kiddush at the Hashkama Minyan for the Yahrzeit of Aviva's father Chuna Rachmiel ben Menachem Mendel Z"L. Prior to the Kiddush, Barry will make a Siyum Hashas Lzecher Nishmas. May the Neshama have an Aliyah.

YFM KIDDUSH

YFM Kddush is sponsored by Joanne and Payam Hanian in commemoration of Payam's mother's, Turi bat Yakov A"H fuorth Yahrzeit

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Shoshana and Ted Diskind in the memory of the Yahrzeits of Shoshana's father Mordechai Hecht, Mordechal ben Shmuel A"H and Ted's father Meyer Diskind, Chaim Meir Yechiel ben Pesach A"H.

Kiddush sponsorship is available January 25 and February 1.

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SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is cosponsored by Dr. Theodore Stahl in honor of the Yahrzeit of his son Doug Stahl A"H, and Debbie and Moshe Schneider in memory of the Yahrzeit of Debbie's father Emanuel Libin, Emanuel ben Shimon A"H.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rivky and. Shimon Schreiber on the engagement of their grandson Asher Chaitoff, son of former members Jeff and Chani Chaitoff, to Aliza Weinick of Woodmere NY. Mazel Tov to Aliza's parents Gary and Melissa Weinick and family and to Asher's Uncles, Aunts and Cousins.

...to Fran and Shmully Leitman on the birth of a daughter, Nava Orly, to their children Danielle and Yoni Leitman of Fair Lawn. Mazel Tov to aunt and uncle Chavi and Gavi Berkovits and cousins Etai, Natan and Ayala. ...Sue & Alan Redlich on the birth of a son to their children, Rabbi Ari & Shira Neuman from Columbus, Ohio. Mazel Tov to Ari's siblings, David and Eliana Redlich, Kivi & Chani Neuman, and Josh Redlich.

CARLEBACH MINYAN

In honor of Shabbos Rosh Chodesh Chanukah, there will be a special Carlebach minyan beginning with Mincha at 4:25 this Friday night. Davening will take place in the YFM room and will be led by our very own Srullee Hercman!

OT SIYUM HASHAS KIDDUSH

Ohr Torah has scheduled a Shul Kiddush for next Shabbos 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 to 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. There will be a Siyum and Kiddush at the conclusion of both the Hashkama (Ira Krumholtz) and Main minyanim (Yossi Strauch).

DAF YOMI SIYUM JAN 1 AT MEADOWLANDS

Siyum starts at 1 pm [Mincha]. All those taking NJ Transi,t schedule is as following:

- Leaves Edison 10:56 arrives Meadowlands 11:58,
- Leaves Edison 11:32 arrives Meadowlands 12:44

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• Leaves Edison 11:53 arrives 12:54
In all cases switch at Secaucus for Meadowlands shuttle.

Hand warmers, feet warmers and body warmers will be handed out at the door.

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

SECURITY

As announced several weeks ago, the front doors of the Shul will remain locked on Shabbos and will need to be opened using the code. It is important that all members know the code so they can access the building on Shabbos. Anyone who doesn't know the code should ask one of the members of the security team.

2020 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2020 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 announcements email list will not be used for this publication.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAMS

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the Z Stern (1), D. Hanfling (2) and M. Reiss (3) families on winning the Ohr Torah Youth Raffle prizes. Thanks to the volunteer raffle ticket sellers and the Kehal for the generous support. Thanks again to our ever helpful Brian Allen for handling the Shul billing. The grand winner is the Ohr Torah youth programs chaired by Aron Breslin and Ami Avraham & the youth committee who run a wonderful & meaningful youth program every week.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to Robert and Riki Kreitman for graciously sponsoring the breakfast shiur this past week, in memory of Robert's grandmother.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Lobel Family in memory of Charlene Rosenberg's father Jack Weinstein Z"L

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SHABBOS

Next Shabbos (January 3-4), Ohr Torah is privileged to host Rabbi Michael and Professor Smadar Rosensweig as our Scholars in Residence.

Rabbi Michael Rosensweig is a Rosh Yeshiva at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and the Rosh Kollel of the Beren Kollel Elyon.

Professor Smadar Rosensweig is professor of Bible at Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University, as well as a professor of biblical studies at Allegra Franco Sephardic Women's Teachers College. Previously, she was a professor of Judaic studies and history at Touro College.

HARVEY PARETZKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Paretzky family is proud to announce the inauguration of the "Harvey Paretzky Memorial Scholarship Fund", which will award scholarships for high school seniors who will study in Israel. Please help make this initiative a great success, l'ilui nishmas our beloved Rafael Yisrael Chaim ben Harav Mordechai Aryeh z"l. Donate before the end of 2019 to maximize your 2019 tax deduction. Checks should be made out and mailed to: Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago, 3531 Madison St. Skokie, IL 60076 with a memo on the check for the "Harvey Paretzky Memorial Scholarship Fund" or can be given to Mr. and Dr. Robert and Riki Kreitman. Online contributions can be made at att.org/donate In the space provided, please note: "Harvey Paretzky Memorial Scholarship Fund". For more info, email paretzkyscholarship@gmail.com.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 IY'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, February 2nd 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

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. required. A light dinner will be served.

RPRY

--SOS Mishmar Parent Child Learning Program Open to All grades in the RPRY Beit Medrash Every Motzai Shabbat at 7PM. Pizza, Refreshments, Prizes

-The safety of RPRY students is of paramount importance and we must be especially vigilant about traffic during arrival (7:30-8:15 AM) and dismissal (3:15 to 4:15 PM) times. To ensure the safety of our students, and in consultation with the Edison Police and Yeshiva's Security Committee, please note the following:

- The carpool lane on Edgemount Road, including in front of the playground and trailer, must remain completely clear during arrival and dismissal. Please do not park there.
- Please drive slowly, do not use a cell phone while driving, and be very aware of children walking to and from their cars and the school.
- Please do not back up or make a K-Turn or U-turn during arrival or dismissal on Edgemount or Harrison.
- Please do not park in front of the Yeshiva during school hours, on either side of Harrison Street. Rather, please use a legal parking spot.

ACTT

ACTT (Achieving Change Thru Torah): module: Kiddush Hashem; source book: Artscroll's "A Life Worth Living - Stories and Ideas for Constant Kiddush Hashem" by Rabbi Shraga Freedman; Module packet: www.actt613.org/3.html; Rabbi Staum's "Kiddush Hashem: the kiddush that never ends" talk: www.actt613.org/6.html or <https://www.torahanytime.com/#/lectures?v=95621>. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762

RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR

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

BIKUR CHOLIM:

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Bikur Cholim Breakfast 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 Lansey 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.

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, @ 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

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, Dec. 29. Please call / text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or sieqelmom@gmail.com for status of class on Monday, Dec. 30.

-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 sieqelmom@gmail.com

-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

-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Please call / text Leah at 917-763-1848 for status of class on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

- "Instilling Emunah in our Children" with Mrs. Ayala Berney. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at sieqelmom@gmail.com. The HP/ Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas 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, Feb. 10 at 8:30PM in the YFM room at Congregation Ohr Torah.

- DATE / TIME CHANGED! 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 8:30 PM 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. - 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](tel: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.

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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.

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