



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

22 Tishri 5781

October 10, 2020

Hoshanah Rabba, Erev Shemini Atzeres
(Fri. Oct. 9)

- Shacharis: 6:40 (Parking Lot), 7:15(RPRY Blacktop), 8:00 (Parking Lot), 9AM (RPRY Blacktop)
- Candlelighting: 6:08 PM
- Mincha-Maariv: 6:15 PM

Shemini Atzeres (Shabbos October 10)

- Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 8:30 (RPRY Blacktop), 9:15 (Main), 9:30 AM (Teens-RPRY Gym)
 - Hashkama speaker: Rabbi Malitzky
Yizkor not before 9 & 10:30AM
- Mincha: 1:45, 6PM
 - Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky
"Should We Risk Our Lives to Learn Torah? Can We?"
- Maariv: 7:10PM
- Candlelighting not before 7:15 PM

Simchas Torah (Sunday October 11)

- * Shacharis: 7:30 (SH), 8:30 (RPRY Blacktop), 9:15 (Main), 9:30 AM (Teens-RPRY Gym)
 - * Hashkama Speaker Shlomo Ziegler
- Mincha: 6:10PM
 - Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky-
Burning Lulavim-What Should We Do With Our Lulav After Sukkos?
- Maariv: After Mincha (RPRY Blacktop), 7:10PM (Indoors)
- Yom Tov ends: 7:13PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Mon., & Thurs.:
6:20 (Main Shul), 7:05 (Social Hall) & 8:00AM (Main Shul),
7:00 AM (RPRY Blacktop)
Tues., Wed, & Fri:
6:30 (Main Shul), 7:10 (Social Hall) & 8:00AM (Main Shul)
7:00 AM (RPRY Blacktop)

Mincha/Maariv: 6:05 PM
(Main Shul and RPRY Blacktop)
Late Maariv: 10:10PM

YOM TOV DAVENING

-Hakofos: Only two people will carry Sifrei Torah for each Hakofa. These two individuals will make one rotation per Hakofa while everyone remains at their seats. The Chazan will recite the words of the Hakofa with everyone responding. After each circuit, the congregation will sing and then move onto the next Hakofa.

-Unfortunately, it is not practical to give everyone an Aliya in a safe fashion. Only the basic Aliyos will occur at each Minyan.

-One of the most beautiful parts of Simchas Torah is Kol HaNe'orim, with all the young children standing under one large Talis. This

will not occur, but we ask Hashem to bless our children as He has done in previous years.

Traditionally, Birkas Cohanim is recited in Shacharis on Simchas Torah (and not in Musaf, as is the case other Yom Tovim) because the Kohanim make Kiddush and drink before Musaf on Simchas Torah. This year there is no Kiddush on Simchas Torah and Birkas Cohanim will be said in Musaf. -The Kibudim for Ata Ho'raiso, Hakofos and Aliyos will be auctioned in Shul. -Please note that Yizkor will take place on Shabbos, Shemini Atzeres. It will be recited at the end of Musaf to avoid congregation of those who will leave for Yizkor.

MAZEL TOV

...to Barbara and Jerry Belsh on the Bat Mitzvah last weekend of their granddaughter, Rivky Belsh. She is the daughter of Meir & Aliza Belsh of Skokie, IL. Mazel Tov to siblings Michal & Aryeh.

... Sue & Alan Redlich and Breindy & Neil Pomper on the birth of a son to their children, Kivi & Chani Neuman. Mazel Tov to Kivi's siblings, Rabbi Ari & Shira Neuman, David & Eliana Redlich, Josh Redlich, and the entire Pomper family. There will be a COVID-ika Shalom Zachor this Friday night at the Neuman home, 409 Grant Avenue, Highland Park. Masks are required. The Shalom Zachor will take place outside with Divrei Torah and singing in breathable Sukkahs. All food (no Mezonos) will be served outside of the Sukkah. There will be an "Enforcer" to monitor the distancing and seating to ensure safety. Time: 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM.

...to Mel Barenholtz on the Bat Mitzvah of his granddaughter, Nava Barenholtz, in Teaneck last week. Mazel Tov to Nava's parents, Donny and Yael, and to her siblings, Meira, Noam and Eitan.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC PRAYER: HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK FOR A CONTEMPORARY QUESTION

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Dr. Shana Strauch Schick, Yeshiva University Research Fellow, online Sunday, October 18 at 10am. Dr. Strauch Schick's presentation provides a historical framework for this very contemporary issue of women's presence in public prayer spaces. This presentation explores the history of women's presence in holy spaces from the ancient Temple to modern day synagogues. She is a fellow of the Center for Israel Studies at Yeshiva

University and teaches Talmud and Halakhah at Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim in Jerusalem and Drisha Institute in NY. She grew up in Highland Park davening at Congregation Ohr Torah and is a proud graduate of RPRY.

Following the presentation, the moderator will pose questions entered online to Dr. Strauch Schick. Registration is required for this online presentation. Register from the Orthodox Forum website: www.orthodoxjewishforum.org or using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/756308278802966286?source=an>. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships.

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CONDOLENCES

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Dr. Steven Ostrove, father of Elliot Ostrove.

Shiva will begin after Sukkot and will take place outdoors, weather permitting only. In the event the weather does not permit backyard shiva calls, phone calls and/or Zoom visits should be made instead. No indoor visitation will be made during shiva. Visitors must sign up for a designated time to limit the number of participants. Masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed. To schedule a visit, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4D4A4A623A2F85-shiva>

From Monday through Wednesday, 10/12-10/14, Elliot will observe shiva at the home of Karen Ostrove, 249 Keats Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208.

Minyan times will be as follows:
Shacharit 8 am, Mincha/Maariv 6:05 pm
In-person outdoor shiva calls can be made between the hours of 10 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm.

Zoom hours will be on Tuesday, 10/13 from 9-10 am and Wednesday, 10/14 from 4-5 pm. Link to be provided upon sign-up. Elliot will return to Highland Park for Thursday and Friday, 10/15 and 10/16, where he will be available to receive shiva calls in his backyard, 220 Wayne Street, Highland Park, NJ 08904, from 10 am-12 pm and from 1 pm-4 pm.

Minyan times in Highland Park will be as follows:

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

Shacharit 8 am (Thursday and Friday)
Mincha/Maariv 6:05 pm (Thursday only)
Elliot can be reached by phone at (732)485-6241 and via email at e.ostrove@epsteinostrove.com.
May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion in Jerusalem.

TUESDAY NIGHT TEHILLIM

The Ohr Torah Tuesday night Men's Tehillim group meets (virtually) starting at 9:30 PM. For a ZOOM invitation weekly, please email dralansinger@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS ELECTIONS

Mail in ballots should have been received by every eligible voter. PLEASE VOTE! For information regarding local and state wide elections please contact Dr Israel.Rvkin, 732-735-4862 [rivsj@aol.com](mailto:rivsja@aol.com).

SH'NAINU SIDDUCH GROUP

The Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison/Highland Park is a volunteer organization that aims to assist Orthodox Jewish singles find that special someone. A group of caring local women joined forces to facilitate dating opportunities for Orthodox singles of all ages and Hashkafot. Our dedicated team of local volunteers takes meticulous care to introduce singles based upon their specific ideals and goals. We are eager to get to know each single on a personal level, and it remains our top priority to treat each individual with professionalism, sensitivity, and respect. Singles, or their representatives from various communities, present profiles for us to review at our monthly shidduch group meetings. The information is kept with great discretion in our private database to be reviewed frequently. In addition, we organize and host singles events such as shabbatonim, speed dating, and luncheons. We look forward to sharing exciting events with you in the coming months. Sh'nainu will plan each event with consideration to a specific age group and hashkafa. We welcome volunteers to help us in this important endeavor. For more info or to submit your profile, please email Shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com. A volunteer shadchan will contact you in a timely manner.

BIKUR CHOLIM

- HOSPITALITY ROOM:

RWJ Univ Hospital: located on the main floor. Go through the main entrance and bear left towards the gift shop. Turn right through the double doors. Follow hall and turn right. The room is located opposite the surgical intensive care unit. St Peters Hospital: located on the fourth floor room 4016. You will find hospitality rooms fully stocked with food and any items that you might need. There is a microwave, urn, sink, table & chairs. For inquiries, please call the helpline at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181).

- HOMEBOUND VISITATION: Seeking adults and 11th graders and older interested in volunteering to visit homebound people in our community. Info call Bikur Cholim [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181).

- NURSING HOME VISITATION: Seeking volunteers to visit Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane in Somerset. Call Bikur Cholim at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181).

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to/from medical appts-match requesters with available driver. Each coordinator serves two weeks at a time. To volunteer to coordinate or to drive, call Bikur Cholim hotline [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on website bikurcholimrv.com

- WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. The website provides info regarding Bikur Cholim services,

including how to access local hospitals on Shabbat, borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

MEDICAL TOPICS LUNCH AND LEARN

Saint Peter's Univ Hospital is teaming up with the East Brunswick Public Library for a three-part virtual "Lunch 'N Learn" program series. The first program is "Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease" on Friday, Oct 23 at 12pm. "Basics of Inflammatory Bowel Disease" will be presented on Friday, Nov 6 at 12pm. The final program in this series will be presented by Arkady Broder, MD on Friday, Dec 18 at 12pm. Titled "Colon Polyp Screening... NOT the Same as Colon Cancer Screening." Registration is requested for these free events. For more info or to register, go online to www.ebpl.org/calendar.

MTA

Join Yeshiva University High School for Boys (MTA) at our virtual Open House Sunday, Nov 15th, 9:30am to learn more about our warm, personalized, and inspiring approach to Torah, academic, and extra-curricular programs and explore all of the incredible opportunities available at our yeshiva. We truly have something for everyone, enabling each and every talmid to shine and make an impact on our community. Choose your journey and discover how you can make the most of your MTA experience. We can't wait to see you! To RSVP, please visit yuhsb.org/openhouse. Questions? Contact Rabbi Yoni Stone at ystone@yuhsb.org or 646-592-6106.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH:

- Please support the mikvah while purchasing on Amazon. Use the following link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953>. A donation will be made to Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah.

- The Mikvah is currently by appointment only. All preparations should be done at home and all appointments must be made via our [appointment page on www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org). Please read through all instructions prior to making your appointment. A face mask should also be worn at the mikvah. 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/>.

-DIABETIC SUPPLIES GEMACH: Providing diabetic Supplies- Insulin, test strips, meters etc. for those who ran out/waiting for insurance approval or guests who left supplies at home. Please text Deutsch family at 646-683-7394.

- 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 also avail. 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 m/o 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, gintonkonog@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: 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, 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 Aaron Breslin at 908-907-7308.

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: Find out the status of the eruv by **Email:** We send out an email within 30 minutes after the eruv's status has been determined. You can sign up to this service by sending a blank email to hperuv+subscribe@groups.io.

Twitter: This is our official notification channel. Follow [@hp_erv](https://twitter.com/hp_erv) to get the eruv status as soon as it has been determined.

Facebook: Join the Facebook Group [hperuv](https://www.facebook.com/hperuv) and get the eruv notifications within 30 minutes after our Twitter update.

Website: Our Website at <https://hperuv.org> will show the eruv's status on the top of the main page. The website also has an up to date map of the entire eruv.

Hotline: Of course, there is always our 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

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Candlelighting:

**5:57 PM
6:05 PM**

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