



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayigah

11 Tevet 5781

December 26, 2020

Candlelighting: 4:18 PM

Early Mincha: 1:00 PM

Mincha/ Kabbalas Shabbos: 4:05 (Main Shul and Social Hall) 4:15 PM (RPRY Blacktop)

Shacharis:

7:25, 9:15 (Main Shul)

Hashkama speaker – Ira Smith

8:30 (RPRY blacktop),

9:15 (YFM- Social Hall)

9:30 AM (Teen Minyan, RPRY)

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A)

9:38 AM

Sof Zman Tefila:

10:22 AM

Mincha:

1:45 & 4:10 PM (Main Shul, RPRY Blacktop)

Rabbi Luban's Gemara Chagiga Shiur in Main Shul after Mincha

Maariv: Mincha followed by Maariv at

Shekiya.(RPRY blacktop), 5:25 PM (Main Shul)

Shabbos Ends:

5:27 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM (Main Shul), 8 AM

(Blacktop)

Mon., & Thurs.

6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM (Main Shul), 7 AM

(Blacktop)

Earliest time for Tallis and Tefillin: Monday: 6:21 - Thursday 6:22.

Please note: All blacktop Shacharis Minyanim start at R. Yishmael

Tues., & Weds.

6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM (Main Shul), 7 AM

(Blacktop)

Fri. (New Years) 7:15, 8 & 9 AM (Main

Shul), 8 AM (Blacktop)

Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 PM (Main Shul and Blacktop)

Early Mincha-Sunday (Main Shul) 1:00 PM

Late Maariv: 10:10PM

DAF YOMI

Yossi Strauch will conduct Daf Yomi on Zoom on Sundays at 9 AM and Monday - Thursday at 7:30 PM.

To join, please use the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6509663250> and enter password 156781. This link and password are to be used for the daily Daf Yomi

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

KEYLIM MIKVAH

Please do not use the Keylim Mikvah Monday through Friday between 8AM and 4PM.

GET YOUR 2020 TAX DEDUCTION

Year end statements were mailed out this week to those members with outstanding balances. Please settle your account by the end of the year and receive a 2020 tax deduction! If you have any questions

regarding your account, please email our financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com. Thank you!

CONDOLENCES

Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences to: -
-Rabbi Josh Rapps on the loss of his father, Rabbi Moshe Rapps, Z"L.

Josh will be sitting Shiva at home on Zoom and by phone. He will be sitting from:

9:30 AM- 12 PM, 2-4 PM, 9:15-10:15 PM

He will be having a Zoom time with all his siblings from 7:30- 9 PM. He can be reached by phone at 908-616-4718.

There will be Minyanim outside by the Rapps driveway. Mincha/Maariv at 4:20 PM.

-Gil Reich on the loss of his father, Yehuda Reich, Z"L.

Shiva: Private due to the pandemic, but phone calls are welcome. Please note: The mourners are at 17 Harrison St. Edison, NJ.

Weather permitting, visitors can speak to them from the outside porch in the back of the house. Gil (908) 768-9994. Shiva ends:

December, 29, 2020 at 8am.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion in Jerusalem

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Israel & Rebecca Rivkin in memory of Josh Rapps father Rabbi Moshe Rapps Z"L

-Robert & Riki Kreitman in memory of Josh Rapps father Rabbi Moshe Rapps Z"L

-Special thanks to Dr. Ted Stahl and his family for donating a beautiful collection of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks ZT"L Seforim to our Shul library in memory of their dear wife and mother, Dr. Eva Stahl, Chava bas Binyamin O"H ,and their treasured son and brother, Yoseph Baruch ben Yitzchak O"H.

WOMEN'S SHIUR WITH MRS. MICHAL

HOROWITZ

All women are encouraged to join (virtually) the first of our monthly special women's Shiur on Tuesday night, January 12th. Our first Shiur will be given by the very popular speaker, Mrs. Michal Horowitz.

The Shiur, "Chodesh Shevat & The Tree of Life: Insights & Inspiration" will begin at 8:00pm and will be given over zoom.

Mrs. Michal Horowitz teaches weekly Shiurim in her home community of the Five Towns, NY, and the greater NY area. Michal is a speaker at Yeshiva University's Midreshet Yom Rishon, has published articles in YU's Torah To Go publication, and has been a featured speaker for the last four years at the YU RIETS Shavuos Yarchei Kallah. Mrs.

Horowitz is a featured speaker on the Speakers Bureau of the Orthodox Union (OU), and is a regular speaker for the OU's Torat Imecha Programs. She has been a guest lecturer and scholar in residence in schools and communities around the country. Michal has hundreds of Shiurim online, which can be found on YUTorah.org, TorahAnyTime.com and OUTorah.org. Michal lives in Woodmere, NY with her husband and children.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM & ENHANCING SECURITY

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Dan Rozett, Manager, Community & Israel Engagement with the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey on Saturday night, January 9 at 8pm. The presentation will provide an overview of the current antisemitic threats posed to the Jewish people globally as well as locally, here in central NJ. He will present in his role as lead staff of Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and will also discuss opportunities for engagement in the community. Dan Rozett is Jewish Federation's Manager of Community and Israel Engagement. He is a native of Middlesex County and a graduate of RPRY, who returned to the U.S. in 2015 after living in Israel for 20 years.

Register for the online session using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yafuhs7d> or via the website: www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships.

SH'NAINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

The Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison/Highland Park presents 2 Zoom speed Dating events for Orthodox Jewish singles: Motzei Shabbat, December 26 at 7:45pm. for men and women ages 23-33; Motzei Shabbat, Jan 2 at 7:45pm. for men and women ages 31-45. Space is limited. Singles will be strategically grouped according to age and hashkafa. Advanced registration is required. Please email your name, date of birth, phone number, hashkafa and profile to: Shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com

ACTT

ACTT (Achieving Change Thru Torah): module: Bitachon – Trust in Hashem; source book: Artscroll's A "A Life of Bitachon: Stories and insights – connecting with Hashem through faith and trust" by Rabbi Yitzchak Dwek. For more info, see www.actt613.org.

RPRY

-RPRY is pleased to announce that this year's Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Breakfast will honor the entire RPRY faculty. This will be a virtual event Sun, Dec 27 at 10AM. Details on participating and contributing in honor of the RPRY faculty will be forthcoming shortly. For more info contact Josh Caplan at: jcaplan@rpry.org

Are you a prospective family who would like to learn more about our school? Let's chat! Are you a

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 member who knows someone that would benefit from our Open House? Introduce us! Because it's virtual, even those considering moving to our community can easily attend. RSVPs can be made at www.rpry.org At Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, our warm and nurturing environment provides the platform for academic excellence in general and Judaic studies for pre-schoolers (age 2) to 8th grade. We look forward to introducing prospective families to this great Yeshiva! Shoshana Madsen Dir of Admissions 732-572-5052 x204 smadsen@rpry.org

5TH ANNUAL EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH COMMUNITY VIRTUAL WINE & FOOD EXPERIENCE

A Virtual Wine & Food Experience will take place Sun, Jan 3 at 6pm. In support of Yashar LaChayal—Straight to the Soldier. The net proceeds of the event will benefit the Ari and Sari Horowitz Fund for Soldiers in Need. In the comfort of your own home with dinner from Giddy's Pizzeria and MONY Vineyards Wines, enjoy a YouTube video which provides information about the wine you are drinking, Yashar LaChayal and a solo musical performance featuring Rav Shlomo Katz. The food and wine will be available for pick up from Giddy's. Prior to the event an email will be sent to all attendees providing instructions for pick up as well as the video link. Participation Levels • IDF Supporter \$36 • Bronze Star Level \$60 per person • Silver Star Level \$100 per person • Gold Star Level \$250 for (2) people Visit: <https://helpisraelnow.org/5thannual-food-and-wine-experience> to learn the details for each level of participation, register online and pay with your credit card. For questions, email: ebjcmitzvahcorps@comcast.net. RSVP by Sun, Dec 27 at 5pm.

MTA VIRTUAL DINNER OF TRIBUTE

Yeshiva University High school's (MTA) Virtual Dinner of Tribute, honoring essential responders, will be held Wed, Jan 13 from 7:30-8:30 pm. For more info, email Sari Kahn at sarikahn@yu.edu.

TABC VIRTUAL 38TH ANNUAL DINNER

Torah Academy of Bergen County invites you to their Virtual 38th Annual Dinner honoring their distinguished alumni who have served in the IDF. The event will take place Sun, Jan 10 at 8pm. It will feature Hillel Fuld on: "Heroes do Exist" and Ambassador Nikki Haley on: "Defending America, Defending Israel." TABC relies on this fundraiser to provide critical support for the Bruce Ritholtz z"l Scholarship Fund. While the dinner will be virtual this year, it is their sincere hope that you will donate as if you are attending. Donations and RSVPs can be made at: www.tabc.org/virtualdinner, or mailed to: TABC Dinner, 1600 Queen Anne Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666. All registrants receive a private link to view the program the week of January 4. For questions, contact Sharon Rivkind, Dir of Institutional Advancement 201-837-7696 ext. 123 or sharon.rivkind@tabc.org.

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Save the Date! Please join us Feb 13th at 8:30 PM for the Bikur Cholim Annual (Virtual) Event featuring master illusionist and mentalist David Blatt. Enjoyment for the whole family! Invitations and more details to follow.
- 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.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Please call/text Aviva at 732-672-7104 or siegelmom@gmail.com for status of classes on Sun, Dec. 27 and Mon, Dec. 28.
-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 will take place on ZOOM on Tuesday mornings. Please text (732) 710-6932 for the time and zoom link.
-Tiferes
Teves DVD: "Your Pain is Mine," speakers: Dr. David Lieberman and Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: Speaker: Mrs. Chany Feldbrand; Topic: "The World is on a Roll," how to 'stop and drop' in these challenging times. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

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 appt only. Thru March 13, 2021: All motzai Shabbos 7:30PM – 9:30PM; weekdays: 8PM–10PM. All preparations should be done at home and all appointments must be made via our [appointment page](#) on 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, 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. 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, ginatonkonog@gmail.com. Also contact for no-charge Kallah Classes, as originally taught by Rebbetzin Tehilla Abramov.

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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 luddeju@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 the Members tab and then 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_eruv](https://twitter.com/hp_eruv) 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:	4:23 PM
Mincha:	4:30 PM

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