



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Payam Hanian - President

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**Parshat Vayechi**

18 Tevet 5781

January 2, 2021

**Candlelighting:** 4:23 PM  
**Mincha/ Kabolos Shabbos:** 4:30 (Main Shul and Social Hall) 4:25 PM (RPRY Blacktop)  
**Shacharis:**  
 7:25, 9:15 (Main Shul)  
*Hashkama speaker – Rabbi Malitzky*  
 8:30 (RPRY blacktop),  
 9:15 (YFM- Social Hall)  
 9:30 AM (Teen Minyan, RPRY)  
*Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A)* 9:41 AM  
**Mincha:**  
 1:45 & 4:20 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), 5:30 PM (Main Shul)  
**Shabbos Ends:** 5:33 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sunday** 7:15, 8 & 9AM (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: 6:23 - Thursday 6:23.*  
*Please note: All blacktop Shacharis Minyanim start at R. Yishmael*

**Tues., Weds. & Fri.**  
 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM (Main Shul), 7 AM (Blacktop)  
**Mincha/Maariv:** 4:30 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.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Israel & Rebecca Rivkin in memory of Gil and Mina Reich's father Mr. Yehuda Reich Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Gil and Mina Reich's father Mr. Yehuda Reich Z"L

- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Josh Rapps father Rabbi Moshe Rapps Z"L
- Drora & Sheldon Waltuch in memory of Gil and Mina Reich's father Mr. Yehuda Reich Z"L
- Drora & Sheldon Waltuch in memory of Josh Rapps father Rabbi Moshe Rapps Z"L
- Honey & Max Wisotsky in memory of Gil and Mina Reich's father Mr. Yehuda Reich Z"L
- Honey & Max Wisotsky in memory of Josh Rapps father Rabbi Moshe Rapps Z"L
- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Josh Rapps father Rabbi Moshe Rapps Z"L

### MAZEL TOV

...to Mel Barenholtz on the birth of a baby boy to his grandchildren, Bezalel and Rivky (Swiatycki), of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to Bezalel's siblings and his parents, Levi Yitzchok & Yocheved, and to the entire Barenholtz and Swiatycki families.

### 2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2021 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](mailto: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.

### And New This Year...!!!

Due to increasing requests, we will try to include cell phone numbers in the directory. If you would like your phone number(s) to be published, please send the number(s) and the associated name(s) to [memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net](mailto:memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net). This information will only be used for directory purposes and will not be shared with any external organizations.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank Rabbi Luban and the community for your Nichum Avaylim, care and support during the Shiva for our father, Rabbi Moshe Rapps HK"M. He always felt welcome in Ohr Torah and Edison/HP, thanks to Rabbi Luban, his former students in the community and the new students he acquired over the last 37 years. We would like to thank all who helped ensure a Minyan during the Shiva. Yehi Zichro Baruch.

-Josh and Tzippy Rapps

### WOMEN'S SHIUR WITH MRS. MICHAL HOROWITZ

All women are encouraged to join (virtually) the first of our monthly special women's Tuesday night Shiur, Jan 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 8pm 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 Shavuot 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.

The Shiur has been generously sponsored by Nitza and Russell Adler L'ilui Nishmat Shulamith Yuta bat Harav Aharon Dov, Shulamith Shiloni, on her 18th Yahrzeit.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ROC OF NEW JERSEY

Hold the Date - The ROC of New Jersey ([www.therocnj.org](http://www.therocnj.org)) is pleased to present the Highland Park/Edison and East Brunswick communities with 'An Eye to the Future: The COVID-19 Vaccine and its Communal Impact'. The program includes noted medical experts Drs. Elliott Frank, Josh Segal, and Arkady Broder, who will be discussing the COVID-19 vaccine and what it means to our communities. The program will be held virtually Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. Attendance is free with registration. More information to follow next week.

#### 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.

**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

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](http://www.orthodoxjewishforum.org)  
The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships.

### **ACTT**

ACTT (Achieving Change Thru Torah): module: Bitachon – Trust in Hashem; source book: Artsroll'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](http://www.actt613.org).

### **RPRY**

Are you a prospective family who would like to learn more about our school? Let's chat! Are you a 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](http://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](mailto:smadsen@rpry.org)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 Jan 4. For questions, contact Sharon Rivkind, Dir of Institutional Advancement 201-837-7696 ext. 123 or [sharon.rivkind@tabc.org](mailto:sharon.rivkind@tabc.org).

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

-Save the Date! Please join us Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women on ZOOM: For both classes: Meeting ID: 474 278 7632 Passcode: 1 or +19292056099, 4742787632# (New York).

- Sunday, January 03 at 8 PM, Tefilla class.

- Monday, January 04 at 8PM, Parsha class

Info, Aviva at [siegelmom@gmail.com](mailto:siegelmom@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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, email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Renee@braylawigs.com) 908-208-5738.Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email [diapergemach@gmail.com](mailto: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, [ginatonkonog@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

**E-MAIL LIST:** Contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at [reservations@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@gmail.com).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**YAHRZEIT DATABASE:** To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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](mailto:hperuv+subscribe@groups.io).

**Twitter:** This is our official notification channel. Follow [@hperuv](https://twitter.com/hperuv) 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

### **Vaviqash**

Candlelighting:	4:30 PM
Mincha:	4:40 PM

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