



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Devarim

7 Av 5781

July 17, 2021

Pre-Plag Mincha 5:45 PM
Candlelighting: 8:08 PM

Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:
7:00 (Main Shul), 7:30 (Social Hall), 8:15 (Main Shul)

Shacharis:
7:45 (Social Hall), 9:00 AM (Main Shul), 9:15 (YFM room).

Hashkama speaker – David Sidney

9:30 AM (Teen Minyan, RPRY)
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A) 9:22 AM

Mincha:
1:45, 6 PM (Main Shul)

Rabbi Luban's Chagigah Shiur: 5:10 PM

No Shalosh Seudos in shul

Shabbos Ends: 9:15PM
See Tisha B'av Schedule

Weekday Shacharis:
Mon & Thurs 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM (Main Shul)
Tues., Weds. & Fri 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM (Main Shul),

Shimon Daniel BM Program 9-10 PM Wed.

Early Mincha-Sunday (Main Shul) 1:45 PM
Weekday Mincha: 8:10 PM

Late Maariv: 10:10PM

DAF YOMI

Shabbos -one hour before Mincha,
Mon-Thur-7:40pm & continuing after zman Maariv

PEREK ON THE LAWN

Perek On the Lawn will not be held this Shabbos.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Luban to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Luban's father Horav Chaim Mendel ben Yosef Dov Z"L.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

No Shalosh Seudos in shul this week.

TUESDAY NIGHT TEHILLIM

The Ohr Torah Tuesday night Men's Tehillim group meets (virtually) starting at 9:30PM.

For a ZOOM invitation weekly, please email dralansinger@gmail.com.

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH

BREAKFAST HONORING RABBI ISRAEL AND REBECCA RIVKIN

Please join us on July 25, at 10AM at Congregation Ohr Torah as we honor an extremely special couple, Rabbi Israel and Rebecca Rivkin for everything they have done for our Shul and community. Please visit <http://www.ohrtorah.net/breakfast> for more information and to register.

CHOFETZ CHAIM 9 AV VIDEOS

Ohr Torah presents 2 outstanding Tisha B'av DVD's from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. The 1st at 3:45 PM featuring Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro et al.

The 2nd at 5:45 PM featuring Rabbi Wallerstein, Rabbi Fishel Schachter et al. The

presentations are in the Ohr Torah social hall.

MAZEL TOV

... to Miriam and David Hanfling on the birth of a son to Chopsi & Frumie Aqua in Israel. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Tzvi & Deena Rajchgod and Uri and Yehudit Aqua, to older brother, Meir Simcha and to all the uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and to the extended Aqua families in Israel.

...to Juliet and Ira Krumholtz on the birth of a daughter to their children Dovid and Chani Roll

TISHA B'AV

Mincha Shabbos: 6:00 PM

Fast Begins at 8:25 PM

Shabbos Ends: 9:15 PM

Maariv: 9:45 PM
(Two minyanim: main Shul and in the social hall)

Sunday Shacharis:

One minyan at 8:30 AM

We will then divide into two groups for Kinnot: regular Kinnot (upstairs), and one with interpretations (downstairs)

Chatzotz 1:04 PM

Early Mincha: 1:45 PM

First Chofetz Chaim video: 3:45 PM

Second Chofetz Chaim video: 5:45 PM

Mincha/ Maariv: 7:45 PM

Late Maariv: 8:50 PM

Followed by Kiddush Levana

Fast Ends: 9:15 PM

KINNOT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS ON

TISHA B'AV MORNING

Connect with the spiritual power of the day of Tisha B'av by coming together with other women to learn, understand, and feel the message of the Kinnot as we say them together. Led by Mrs. Amy Tropp, Kinnot will be explained by members of the Bruriah faculty, Bruriah alumni and community members. This program will be held in the RPRY Beit Medrash from 10:30 - 1:00 PM, Bezrat Hashem. If you would like to explain one of the Kinnot or for more information, contact Amy Tropp (908) 337-7756

9 AV YOUTH EVENT

The Ohr Torah Youth Department presents the annual Tisha B'av Youth Program featuring a never before seen video presentation! This event will include arts and crafts, as well as individually packed food and will be taking place on Sunday July 18th from 12:45 pm-3:20 pm for ages 6-12 in the

Ohr Torah Social Hall. The cost is \$10 per child.

MISSING

Mishnah Berurah Hebrew English Volume I(B). Please return to Herb Engle.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF TISHA B'AV HALACHOS FOR THIS YEAR

Shalosh Seudos should be eaten Shabbos afternoon after Mincha. One may drink wine and eat meat at this meal. Shalosh Seudos must be concluded by 8:25 PM

Tisha B'av evening (Saturday night), the fast begins at 8:25 PM. One must remove one's shoes at home at 9:15 PM. Before doing so, one must say *Boruch Hamavdil Bein Kodesh Lechol*. After changing shoes, one should light the Havdalah candle and recite only the Bracha of *Borei Me'orei Ha'aish*. At that point, one should change into weekday clothes. Maariv will take place at 9:45 PM followed by Eicha. It is not necessary to bring sneakers to Shul before Shabbos.

Sunday evening, the fast ends at 9:14 PM. Before one eats, Havdalah must be recited. The paragraph of *Hinei Kel Yeshuasi* is not recited on Sunday evening. It is permissible to drink wine for Havdalah. One does not make a Bbracha on the candle or Besamim at this time. One should not eat meat, drink wine (except for havdalah), bathe, take a haircut, shave or do laundry until Monday afternoon at 1:04 PM.

SEATS FOR YOMIM NORAIM 5781 (2021)

Seat reservation forms for the Yomim Noraim are in the mail. Preferably, use the Shul website at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>; select "Members Tab" and scroll down to "Seat Reservations" in the right panel. Paper forms are available in the Shul hallway. To receive priority seating, applications must be received by July 20th for either the Main or the Hashkama Minyan. After that date the rates go up and seats will be offered as available. The seating plan for 2019 will be used. As usual, full payment for the 2021 seats must accompany this reservation to be processed. Also, the Shul Board requires that personal balances be paid up through the year 2020. If you have any questions regarding your current Shul balances, Contact Brian Allen at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP LEADER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Interested in becoming an OT Group Leader? We are looking to hire for the upcoming year! If you are interested please contact youth@ohrtorah.net or see Aaron

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

Breslin. We are looking forward to hearing from you

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HP FIRST AID SQUAD DISCOUNT CARDS

Help support the Highland Park First Aid Squad by purchasing its discount cards. The cards provide discounts to many local businesses including Jerusalem Pizza, Sushiana, Park Place, Bridge, Dunkin Donuts, Dairy Deluxe, China Lee, Orchid and Giddy's Pizzeria. There are 2 cards this year: one for \$30 or both for \$50. The cards may be purchased at Jerusalem Pizza, the Ahavas Achim office or by contacting any Squad member including: Ari and Deborah Lewitter, Yossi Benedek.

CHABAD HOUSE LUBAVITCH AT RUTGERS CALENDAR CAMPAIGN

Your business advertisement or personalized date dedication in our Jewish Calendar will support our vital educational and social outreach programs for young men and women at Rutgers University; and our ten affiliate Chabad Houses serving Central - South New Jersey. Deadline is Friday, July 30, as the Jewish Calendar will be sent in time for the High Holidays! Call 732-296-1800 or info@chabadnj.org

BIKUR CHOLIM

WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. The website provides info regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, how to borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

WOMEN'S LEARNING INITIATIVE:

-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen on ZOOM Tuesday mornings. Text (732) 710-6932 for the time and zoom link.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

The Mikvah is appt only. All appts should be made via MikvahCloud.com or via the MikvahCloud app. Regular services, baths and showers, are being offered. Please see mikvahcloud.com for mikvah hours. A face mask should 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 Lenefresh centerpiece Gemach number ha -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.

-Re-Pleat - Gemach of outfits for dressy occasions! New in Edison/HP! Have something to donate? Have a special occasion and need something to wear? Open by appt only. Text 732-267-3216

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 ludjeeju@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 732-678-8848 (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 to get the eruv status as soon as it has been determined.

Facebook: Join the Facebook Group 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

Parshas Va'etchanan

Candlelighting:

8:02 PM

Mincha:

7:00, 7:30 & 8:10 PM

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Sof Davar

Markus Elias (1886-1984) and Joseph Elias (1919-2014)

by Moshe Sherman

Many of you are familiar with the yeshiva in Washington Heights, commonly known as the Breuer's Yeshiva. The name, Breuers Yeshiva is a popular term; the formal and correct name is Yeshiva Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch. The school had been founded in Frankfurt am Main, in 1853, by Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, where for decades it was known as the Realschule der Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft. In celebration of its 75th anniversary, in 1928, the school was renamed the Samson Raphael Hirsch-Schule, in honor of its founder. The school, at that time, included a high school for girls, and a high school for boys, with almost 400 students.

That same year, 1928, Dr. Markus Elias was hired to serve as Director of the school. Born in 1886 in Vienna, Markus Elias had studied for a while at the Telshe Yeshiva, and for several years at the Torah Lehranstalt Yeshiva, initially founded by R. Hirsch, headed at the time by R. Shlomo Breuer, Rabbi Samson R. Hirsch's son in law. In 1911, Elias received a Doctorate degree from the U. of Heidelberg. He then taught and served as Director of Jewish schools in Leipzig and Furth, before returning to Frankfurt to become Educational Director of the newly named, R. Samson Raphael Hirsch Schule.

In 1933, German Jews began to endure the growing persecution of the Nazis. Following Kristallnacht, in November 1938, Dr. Markus Elias was imprisoned in Buchenwald. His son, Joseph Elias, who was studying in England at the time, succeeded in gaining the assistance of a prominent British Jewish philanthropist to secure the release of his father. Markus Elias fled to England in 1939, and immediately emigrated to the United States, where he joined his friend and colleague, Rabbi Joseph Breuer, who had come to New York one year earlier, in 1938. Rabbi Joseph Breuer immediately appointed Markus Elias as Educational Director of the revitalized, Samson Raphael Hirsch School in New York, where he would serve until retirement in 1954.

Dr. Markus Elias' son, Joseph Elias, born in Leipzig, in 1919, had left for England in 1938, at the age of 18, to study at Cambridge University. When World War II began and the United Kingdom officially declared war against Germany, the British government began deporting all German citizens in their midst. In 1940, Joseph Elias was briefly interned on the Isle of Man, off the British mainland, and from there deported to Canada along with a group of yeshiva boys, where he remained until 1942. Eventually, the Canadian government came under pressure to release those, who were obviously innocent refugees, and posed no threat of espionage.

Joseph Elias moved to Montreal, where he attended Yeshiva Merkaz HaTorah, and received semicha from the eminent Rav Elya Chazan. (In a forthcoming Sof Davar, I will tell you the story of R. Elya Chazan zt"l.) Elias was then hired by R. Shraga Feivel Mendlowitz, Administrative Head of Mesivta Torah Vodaath to serve as Director of its newly formed teacher training program. Torah Vodaath had a teacher training program, until the death of R. Mendlowitz, when the program became defunct. In 1951, Elias moved to Detroit, to become Principal of the Beth Yehudah Yeshiva, which today is the largest primary and secondary school yeshiva in Detroit. However, it was in 1963, that remarkably, Rabbi Elias moved to Monsey, to become Educational Director of the same school that his father once lead in Frankfurt from 1928-1938, and later in New York, from 1939-1954. For several decades, his leadership shaped the direction of the boys and girls yeshiva high schools in Washington Heights.

Rabbi Elias was also known as an outstanding teacher, who influenced the lives of countless students. He published numerous articles, pamphlets and books, largely on matters of Jewish Thought. And he proofed, read or reviewed many of the articles published by Agudath Israel's publication, *Jewish Observer*, which was founded, in part, by his brother in law, Dr. Ernst Bodenheimer.

When Dr. Markus Elias stepped down from his position at the Rabbi Samson R. Hirsch Yeshiva, he retired to Monsey, New York, where he died in 1984, at the remarkable age of 98. His son, Rabbi Joseph Elias, also a longtime resident of Monsey, died in 2014, at the notable age of 95. Incidentally, Mrs. Chaya Eidelman, Principal of our local Reenas Bais Yaakov is a granddaughter of Rabbi Joseph Elias.