



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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48 Edgemount Road, Edison, NJ 08817

Parashat Vayikra

7 Nissan 5785

March 5, 2025

Candlelighting: 7:07 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 7:15 PM (MS),
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15 (YFM) AM

Hashkama Speaker:

Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:47 AM
 Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
cancelled this week

Mincha (MS): 1:45, 6:45 PM
 Followed by Shabbos Hagadol Drasha
SHABBOS HAGADOL DRASHA
 AFTER 6:45PM Mincha (Approx 7:05PM)

Maariv 8:12 PM
Shabbos Ends: 8:17 PM

Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM

*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur
 cancelled until after Pesach*

Mon 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:00 AM
Tue, Wed. & Fri 6:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:00 AM
Thu (Taanis Bechorim-Siyum)
 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:00 AM

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 7:15 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:45 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

DAF YOMI

Daf Yomi is starting a new Masechta, Maseches Makos, this Thursday, April 10. It is a short Masechta that can be completed in only 23 days. It is an ideal time to start Daf Yomi

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE:

Monday-Thursday: After Zman Mincha/Maariv
 Friday night: No Daf Yomi this week
 Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha
 Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

POST HASHKAMA SHIUR

Rabbi Josh Rapps will give a brief Shiur after Hashkama Minyan L'Ily Nishmas his mother and sister A'H.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by:

- Sarah and Michael Keane in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Michael's father, Gershon ben Yisrael haKohen, A'H, and Michael's brother Reuven ben Gershon haKohen, A'H.
- Bella and Henry Lerner in memory of the Yahrzeit of Bella's mother, Ahuva Leiba bas Matisyahu Hacohen A"H and Henry's mother, Penina Perel bas Shlomo A"H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

No Shalosh Seudos in Shul this week

SHABBOS HAGADOL DRASHA

Rabbi Malitzky's Shabbos Hagadol Drasha will take place after 6:45 Mincha. The topic is *Beyond the Minimum: Does Eating More Matzah Matter?*

MAZEL TOV

... to Rabbi Sarel and Shoshi Malitzky on the marriage of their daughter, Shevy, to Joseph Kaufman of Woodmere! Mazel Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Richard and Mary Schanler and David and Bryna Malitzky, and to the entire family who joined for the Simcha. A special Mazel Tov and warm welcome to Joseph's parents, Adam and Shari Kaufman, and to his siblings, Rayna and Jeremy and Sarah Schneider.

...to Bonnie & Alan Borck and Alyssa & Avi Feiner on the birth of a grandson to their children Meira and Jacob Borck. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Shirley Kaye, Rena & Norman Turoff, Bobby & Lenny Feiner and to the entire extended families.

... to Penny and Michael Kaplan on the birth of a son to their children, Benjamin and Bat-Chen Kaplan. Mazel Tov to great grand parents Zehava Strikovsky, Mindy and Jeff Callen. Grandparents Rachel Callen and David and Stacy Waxman-Callen, to siblings Zoey and Yedidya and the entire Kaplan, Callen, Strikovsky, Waxman, Morse, Klerer, and Broder families. *Shalom zachor will graciously be taking place at the Klerer home, 16 Celler Road, at 9:45*

PESACH QUESTIONS

WHATSAPP GROUP FOR OT MEMBERS

This WhatsApp group, exclusive to OT members, is here to assist you with your Pesach preparations. Many people have similar questions, and we can all benefit from each other's inquiries. Feel free to ask about whether specific products require Pesach Hashgacha, Kashering guidelines, or any other Pesach-related topics. I will do my best to respond in a timely manner. To join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GkbnaS6rYcEDD5WVQaPp12>

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Come see the OT youth art exhibit on display in the group's rooms! Created earlier this week by the young artists of OT!

PESACHLYMPICS

1ST thru 5th Grades-SUN, APRIL 6th 1PM-4PM PIZZA WILL BE SERVED
 S20 register by April 4TH S25 register day of Register by emailing

TZVIBERHEUGMAIL.COM Pay by Zelle
 Account: PAYOHRTORAHEGMAIL.COM

MAOS CHITTIM

The Mitzvah of Maos Chittim dates back to the time of the Gemara and is codified in the Shulchan Aruch. As we prepare for Pesach, it

is our responsibility to ensure that those in need have the means to celebrate Yom Tov with dignity. Part of שמחת ברה"ק (rejoicing on Yom Tov) includes bringing joy to others—our friends, neighbors, and community members. The cost of making Yom Tov can be overwhelming for many families. Please open your hearts and give generously so that everyone can experience a truly joyous and dignified Pesach.

As I mentioned in my Derasha recently, please don't simply give the same amount as in previous years. Take a moment to discuss with your spouse what you're able to give, and try to stretch a bit beyond the usual. There are so many within our own community who truly need our support.

To Donate:

Check – Made out to Ohr Torah Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (write *Maos Chittim* in the memo). You can hand it to me in shul, drop it in the shul mailbox, or leave it at 612 South Park Ave, Highland Park.

Zelle – Send to payohrtorah@gmail.com, noting *Maos Chittim* in the memo.

Credit Card – <https://ohrtorah.net/maos-chitim>

Thank you for your generosity and for helping ensure that everyone in our community has a meaningful and joyous Pesach. Looking forward to preparing for a beautiful Yom Tov together!

R' Sarel Malitzky

LUNCH & LEARN

REGISTER TODAY - LUNCH & LEARN
 Wed, April 30th - Cong Ohr Torah 12PM-2PM
 FEATURING THE NEW DOCUMENTARY:
 CARVALHO'S JOURNEY - A Real Life
 19th Century American Western Adventure about Charleston born Sephardic daguerreotypist Solomon Nunes Carvalho. Through His photography and drawings we will see a rare look at the American Far West. His harrowing Wagon Train journey takes us right along with him as he encountered the untouched nature in the American Far West, where along the way he met Native Americans, Mountain Men and Mormons Full Buffet Lunch \$20pp (Aides eat free) Only Prepaid Reservations will be honored at the door. Socialize, Enjoy a Delicious Lunch Buffet + D'Var Torah. Space is limited, RSVP and register no later than April 28th MUST REGISTER:
<https://ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn>

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, CHAVERIM: 732-844-3577

Payment can be made at registration by credit card at checkout, at the end of the registration process

-or- Zelle: payohrtorah@gmail.com

-or- check made out to Cong. Ohr Torah, or by cash mailed or placed in the shul mailbox at 48 Edgemount Road, Edison NJ 08817

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact: LandL@ohrtorah.net

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY EVENING, June 8th, Annual Ohr Torah Dinner. Chabad House, NB. Details to follow. - OT Dinner Committee

EDISON/HP YOM HASHOA PROGRAM **2025 DR. RAFAEL MEDOFF**

Dr. Rafael Medoff is the author of more than 20 books about the Holocaust, Zionism, and American Jewish history.

THEY SPOKE OUT:

Americans Who Challenged the Holocaust

At a time when most of the world was indifferent, a handful of Americans risked their careers, and sometimes their lives, to rescue Jews from the Nazis. Come hear the inspiring stories of these unsung heroes.

When: Wed April 23th at 8pm

Where: Ohr Torah

Yom Hashoah is the week after Pesach. We have organized an event that should be interesting, informative and appropriate for the day. Dr. Medoff is a well-known historian and scholar who has written 20 books and numerous articles on the Shoah.

We are looking to put together a list of event sponsors. The sponsors will get reserved seating, a free book of their choice (pending availability of that title) and mention as a program sponsor. Sponsorship is \$72.00

Sponsors in formation:

Lynn & Neer Even Chen

Lynn & Marc Hanfling

Rona & Seymour Kessel

Riki & Robert Kreitman

Mary & Richard Schanler

Susie & Moish Wiesel

Please email docdad@aol.com or tell Marc

Hanfling if you would like to participate as a sponsor.

BIYUR CHAMETZ &

PESACH WASTE DISPOSAL

For Edison Residents:

Kehilla of Raritan Valley has B'H once again arranged for Biyur Chametz and Pesach Waste Disposal in Edison on Fri, April 11th. Garbage, recycle trucks and chametz burning will be available at the corner of North Eighth Ave & Edgemount Rd (Tennis Courts) from 7am-11:30am. Fri, April 11th Please limit chametz burning to what is ritually necessary and note that, per the DPW, this accommodation is for Edison residents only.

A Special Thank You to:

- Edison Mayor, Sam Joshi

Edison Councilman, Asaf Shmuel

Edison Fire Chief, Andrew Toth

Edison Deputy Chief of Police, Robert J. Dudash Jr.

Raymond Poerio, Dir of Edison DPW

For Highland Park Residents:

From the Borough: A Chometz disposal drop-off service is offered for any resident to drop off garbage and recycling materials before Passover (Fri, April 11th). Chometz disposal will be offered during the hours of 6:30am. - 11:45am at the Dept of Public Works building, 444 Valentne St in Highland Park. For additional info, call: (732) 247-9379

- Please follow H.P. regular recycling rules and separate garbage and chometz from recycling items such as glass, plastic, paper and cardboard.
- *Please note: All Chometz must be dropped off in H.P. by 11:45am. Please do not leave items after this time, as there is no garbage storage at this location.

Kehilla is a community-wide organization created to support the unique needs of the Greater Raritan Valley Orthodox Jewish Community. Kehilla endeavors to work by way of a common voice with local and state government officials in addressing the special needs of their constituent group. Kehilla is not a PAC (Political Action Committee), nor is it affiliated with any single political party.

'SAVE THE DATE'

On Sunday, April 27th at 10AM there will be a ceremony renaming the newly refurbished tennis, pickleball and basketball courts on North 8th Ave In Memory of Rabbi Dr. Israel Rivkin z'l. The community at large is invited to attend this meaningful event, together with the participation of the Rivkin family.

ISRAELI DANCE

Israeli dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's social hall on alternating Wednesday nights from 8PM-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach old and new dances. Class on hiatus until after Pesach. Upcoming sessions will be 4/30, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18. For more info, email naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Shabbat Hagadol Friday night dinner April 11th 8pm. Join us at the Bridge Turkish Grill. \$60 pp Register at www.ohavemeth.org and click on Shabbat Hagadol Dinner - Form - Cong Ohav Emeth. Or make check to Cong Ohav Emeth and send to Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave, HP Vegetarian option avail. Deadline to register extended to April 8th. Space limited. Payment in advance only.

RPRY NEWS & EVENTS

RPRY PLUS PRE-PESACH CAR WASH

RPRY PLUS is hosting a Pre-Pesach car wash in partnership with Trax! (17 State Rt 18 North Bound, New Brunswick NJ 08901) The car wash will take place from Sun, March 30th to Thurs, April 10th. Trax will generously donate a portion of the proceeds to RPRY PLUS for each purchase of

Works, Extreme/Express, Interior Detailing, and Full Detailing services. Please check website, <https://www.traxcarwash.com/newbrunswick> for hours of operation and cost. Please be sure to mention RPRY at time of purchase in order for your purchase to be counted toward the donation. **Book Sale:** RPRY PLUS is hosting a used book, puzzle and board game sale. Come browse and select new to you items in time for yom tov! Sale will take place at RPRY Sun, April 6, at 10:30AM. Mark your calendars—we hope to see you there!

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – **VOTE IN THE WZO ELECTIONS!**

Your vote in the World Zionist Organization (WZO) elections plays a crucial role in securing important funding and resources for our community and Jewish institutions worldwide. By participating, you help strengthen our collective voice and ensure support for the causes we care about. Don't miss this opportunity—every vote counts! Visit <https://azm.castiron.votem.net/election/037548cb-4cbb-4a94-aa9a-8aef017d4ddf> for more details and to cast your ballot. Until 5/4/25

NORPAC 2025 - MISSION-IN PERSON

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress.

Join us on Tuesday, May 20th, as we travel to Washington, DC. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff and share your concerns with them about aid to Israel, Iran, antisemitism, and more.

Buses leave for Washington DC from our area at 6:30AM and return between 9-10PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided.

Register at www.norpac.net or call (201) 788-5133. Adults - \$250, Full time Students - \$200 (must be over 12). Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian.

For more info, contact David Moskovic, Steve Stein, Marc Hanfling at docdad@aol.com, Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Charles Gershbaum

STAHL LECTURE IN BIOETHICS

Tuesday, April 8th 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Annual Mates David and Hina Stahl Memorial Lecture. "Is Ozempic a panacea? The ethics of treating obesity with injectable drugs"

Presenting In-Person: Arthur Leonard Caplan, PhD, director of the Division of Medical Ethics in NYU Langone Med. Center's Dept of Population Health Hosted by: Dalya Chefitz, MD / Dan Housman, PhD Dept of Pediatrics/ Institute for Health Rutgers The State University of New Jersey 112 Paterson St New Brunswick, NJ 08901 1st Floor Conference Room Refreshments catered by Mauzone Zoom

Link: <https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/98900427727>

In Person Parking: **Paterson Street Parking Deck**

124 Paterson St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Exit RIGHT when leaving the garage. 112 Paterson Street will be immediately after the overpass on your RIGHT, directly across from the Rutgers School of Nursing.

IMO ANOCHI, IN IT TOGETHER PRESENTS **SINGLES NIGHT OUT**

Sun May 18th Doors open 6:30PM Brooklyn

—Exact Location given upon acceptance Welcoming singles with physical disabilities or medical conditions, as well as those open to dating someone with these experiences. Frum singles ages 25-35. All singles prescreened. Admission fee: \$50pp. Registration form required. Music by DJ_CP Partnering Organizations: ECP, Keshet, Orthodox

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

Union, YU Connects, Blind Fate with Rivka Fox Entertainment & Activities, Performance by Shlomo Levinger. Hot food, open bar, Speed Dating, Shadchanim on site. Limited spots avail. Must register by May 4th. Hosts/Shadchanim: Eli & Neeli Portal, Rivkah Fox, Shoshana Mounessa, Malky Galler, Mindy Eisenman, Leah Spiegel. Sponsorships opportunities avail. Questions email imoanochi1@gmail.com

ZICHRON CHAIM BARUCH LIBRARY.

A new library featuring a collection of kosher Jewish novels, with more book varieties to come soon. This is a completely free library with free delivery and pickup of books in Middlesex County. Donations are accepted, and all funds go toward enhancing the library as well as supporting local frum institutions. To browse the catalog, visit www.libib.com/u/zichronchaimbaruch. To sign up and start receiving books, email zichronchaimbaruch@gmail.com with your name and email to create an account.

CHAVERIM OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY IS SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN

Chaverim is a volunteer organization that provides free roadside assistance and other non-medical emergency services to those in need. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Apply today: <https://www.chaverimmc.org/volunteer-today>
In Need of Assistance? Call our 24-hour hotline at 732-844-3577 Support Us Make a donation today: <https://www.chaverimmc.org/donate-today>

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a Caregiver? Would you like to join a local caregiver support group? Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Is sponsoring a Caregiver Support Group that meets 2x per month. Group is facilitated by a licensed Social Worker. Info Sharon Glaser sharonnglaser@gmail.com Or text 732-887-3653

SH'NAINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison & HP is a volunteer Shidduch group to assist Orthodox Jewish singles, all ages and Hashkafot. Info/to submit profile: shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com

PRESBY SHIURIM

The Thurs Megillah Shiur will begin at 8pm.

FOR WOMEN

Petticoat Gmach: Gmach houses petticoats for all ages and sizes. Text 5165260941 for appt. Edison/HP Gown Gmach officially closed Closest Gmachs Lakewood, Teaneck, Clifton & Fair Lawn.

Women's Learning Initiative: Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas. For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact info to

womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com

Weekly Parsha shiur: with Mrs. Miri Cohen Tuesday mornings 9:15AM. For location/zoom link, Leah at 917-763-1848.

Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Hilchos Shabbos Sun 10AM at Aguda Shul Parsha class Mon 8PM at Ohr Torah. Text Nechama at 347-909-2755 to confirm.

Emunah Chaburah: monthly shiur by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7PM-7:45PM at AY, 1587 Rte. 27, Edison.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

Mikvah is appt only. All appts should be made via MikvahCloud.com or via MikvahCloud app Regular services, baths and showers, offered. See mikvahcloud for mikvah hours. All comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Bikur Cholim medical equipment Contact Rebecca Bick at 732-735-7616 or Gabby & Jake Binstein 774-232-3515.

-Bikur Cholim seeks volunteer drivers to help people to/from medical appts and to stock St. Peter's locker Thurs nights If you can help call Cindy Baruch @ 908-309-8818

-BREAST CANCER SUPPORT & RESOURCES BCRV partnered with Sharsheret to provide local support and resources including peer support, surgical needs gemach, & kosher meal delivery and more. Volunteers wanted! rteicher@sharsheret.org.

- Bikur Cholim Senior Homebound Visitation Program seeks volunteers and seniors to visit. Call Cindy Baruch 908-309-8818 to volunteer.

-Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley has services in the community for over Shabbos and Yom Tov:

* Account with AA Checker cab 732-545-2300 (reimburse Bikur Cholim at a later time)

* account with Rite Aid in HP to get prescriptions filled (reimburse with a Rite Aid gift card at a later time) Questions 732 572 7181

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--OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER ONLY: Subscribe to Announcements at <https://www.ohrtorah.net>
--TO RECEIVE ALL OT EMAILS: Send your full name and email address to mailmaster@ohrtorah.net

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net
Shalosh Seudos, contact Elie 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. Info call Moish at 732-759-8070 workdays or 732-572-4132 evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications are paused pending new initiatives
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: Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Shaina and Tzvi Berke -(516) 757-4748

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See OT website, www.ohrtorah.net, for various schedules of earning 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

LOCAL ERUV: Find out status of the eruv by:

Email: We send out email within 30 minutes after eruv's status has been determined. Sign up to this service by sending a blank email to hperuv+subscribe@groups.io.

X: This is our official notification channel. Follow @hp_eruv to get the eruv status as soon as it has been determined.

Facebook: Join Facebook Group hperuv and get eruv notifications within 30 minutes after Twitter update.

Website: Website at <https://hperuv.org> shows eruv's status on the top of the main page. Website also has up to date map of entire eruv.

Hotline: 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

Parshat Tzav / Shabbat HaGadol

Candlelighting:	7:14 PM
Mincha-Maariv:	7:20 PM

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