



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Devarim

8 Av 5785

August 2, 2025

Candlelighting: 7:54 PM
Pre-Plag Mincha: 5:45 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:
 6:45(MS), 7:30(SH) & 8:00 PM (MS)
Shacharis:
 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15 (YFM) AM
Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Yakir
 Wachstock (founder of Boots for Israel)
YFM Speaker:
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:29 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
cancelled this week

Mincha (MS): 1:45 & 5:45 PM
No Shalosh Seudos in Shul this week
Shabbos Ends: 9:01 PM
See Tisha B'av Schedule
Weekday Shacharis:
Mon, & Thurs. 6:15, 7:05, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Tue, Wed. & Fri 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Weekday Mincha/Maariv 7:55 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
 Mon -Thurs -7:30PM & finishing after Maariv
 Friday - after first Maariv
 Shabbos - 45 min before Mincha

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:
 -Leonard Staller in memory of the Yahrtzeit his father, Bernard Staller, Boroch ben Yehuda Leib Halevi
 -The Shul.

NOTE: NO FATHER-SON LEARNING OR SHALOSH SEUDOS IN SHUL THIS WEEK

Shalosh Seudos is available for sponsorship next week

SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM

Mondays we delve into the Halachos of Brachos and discover new insights into all of our favorite foods- granola bars, soups with croutons, ice cream sandwiches, and many more foods whose brachos are way more complicated than we've ever imagined. Shiur Monday nights at 9pm in the YFM room. Please reach out to R' Yoni Goldberg, 516-491-4982, with any questions.

TISHA B'AV YOUTH EVENT

"BUILDING THE BEIT HAMIKDASH"
 August 3RD 1PM-3PM COST: \$10
 AGES: 1ST-5TH Grade
 LOCATION: GROUPS ROOM
 Join us for a Tisha B'av craft event where you can build your own Beit Hamikdash model. Lunch Included

TISHA BA'AV

KINOS PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

Tisha B'av Sunday. Aug 3RD 10:30am-1pm
 In the RPRY BEIS MEDRASH

Kinnos explained by community members
 Led by Mrs. Amy Tropp.

MAZEL TOV

...to Fran and Shmully Leitman on the birth of Rose Faye, **זוהבה ציונה**, to their children Ari and Ellie. Mazel Tov to Aunt Chavi and Uncle Gavi Berkovits and cousins Etai, Natan and Ayala and to cousins Yoel and Karen Schwartz.

TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

Mincha Shabbos 5:45 PM
Fast Begins: 8:11 PM

Maariv/ Eicha: 9:40 PM
 (Two Minyanim: Main Shul and Social Hall)
Shacharis: 8:30 AM
Chatzos: 1:03 PM
Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
Mincha/ Maariv: 7:40 PM
Late Maariv: 8:40 PM
Followed by Kiddush Levana
Fast Ends: 9:00 PM

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 8:11 PM, when the fast begins.
 One must remove one's shoes at home at 9:01 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 9:40 PM followed by Eicha. It is not necessary to bring sneakers to Shul before Shabbos. Sunday evening, the fast ends at 9:00PM. Before one eats, Havdalah must be recited. The paragraph of *Hinei Kel Yeshuasi* is not recited on Sunday evening, and one does not make a Bracha on the candle or Besamim. It is permissible to drink wine for Havdalah.
 One should not eat meat, drink wine (except for Havdalah), bathe, take a haircut, shave or do laundry until Monday afternoon at 1:03 PM.

BOOTS FOR ISRAEL

Congregation Ohr Torah is pleased to welcome the dynamic Yakir Wachstock, head of the charitable organization 'Boots for Israel'. Yakir will be speaking at Hashkama,

YFM, and at the conclusion of the Main minyan. Please join us as well on Shabbat afternoon at 5:00 PM (prior to 5:45 Mincha) in the Social Hall where he will share with us the incredible stories of hashgacha pratit that led to the founding of this organization and all it has accomplished so far. To support this worthy cause, please visit,
<https://www.bootsforisrael.com/>.

LUNCH AND LEARN

BODY & SOUL –

THE STATE OF THE JEWISH NATION

Presents a comprehensive examination of the broad and deep connections between the Jewish people and the land of Israel. World-renowned scholars and experts trace the evocative evolution of the relationship between the Jewish people and their homeland that is more than 3,000 years old. – with: Bret Stevens, Víctor Davis Hanson, PhD, Benny Morris PhD, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z'tl, Alan Dershowitz, Ruth Wise PhD and more..... **WHY WE DEMAND RESPECT!**
 Wednesday, Aug 27th 12:00 Noon
 CONG OHR TORAH ENJOY PARVE/DAIRY BUFFET LUNCH, D'VAR TORAH AND IMPORTANT FILM: \$20pp donation Space is limited, RSVP and Register no later than AUGUST 25TH **MUST REGISTER:**
ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn Payment can be made at registration by credit card at checkout. -or- Zelle: payohrtorah@gmail.com –or-check to Cong. Ohr Torah, mailed or placed in shul mailbox at 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison NJ 08817 Contact: LandL@ohrtorah.net WE LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU THERE!

UPCOMING BAR OR BAT MITZVAH?

Please let us know if your son or daughter will be celebrating their Bar or Bat Mitzvah during the upcoming year (September 2025-August 2026). Please fill out the form at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXOqbUfPwVwC9cavjHr8cft4-MexdvGvi00wJlnD1umCOQxO/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=112361712725519838895>

ATTENTION OHR TORAH MEMBERS

Reminder: Shul Billing Now Electronic
 A kind reminder from the President and OT Board: All Shul-related billing has now transitioned to electronic statements via EasyShul.
 Please be sure to check your email inboxes (and junk/spam folders) for the most recent statements.

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

Your timely and prompt payment helps ensure the financial health and ongoing operations of our Shul.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our community.

SAFETY REMINDER

Due To Fire Hazards & Safety Concerns we ask that all Scooters park outside the building or in the Stroller Parking Area at all times. Please be courteous to others and avoid blocking pathways and doors

ISRAELI DANCE

Israeli dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's social hall alternating Wednesday nights from 8-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach old and new dances. Class now on hiatus for summer. Future dates: Sept 3, Sept 17 and Oct 22. Info naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY NEWS & EVENTS

-Advertise in the RPRY Calendar!

Do you have a business you'd like to promote to the HP/Edison/East Brunswick community and beyond? RPRY PLUS is actively preparing the printed RPRY school calendar for this upcoming school year. This calendar is sent to all families and staff. Your business will be seen by hundreds of people! Full year ad: \$365

Half Year ad (appears every other month): \$265
Deadline to place ad 9PM Monday 7/28. To place ad, <https://tinyurl.com/RPRYCal2025> Pay via check Questions, Email RPRYPLUS@gmail.com.

-RPRY PLUS returns to Von Thun's Farms!

RPRY PLUS is selling tickets for the Sunflower Trail Festival in August as well as the Fall Festival in Sept! Tickets cost \$18pp (that's less than retail!!). Tickets cost \$17 each if you bundle both festivals! (Each bundle costs \$34) These tickets can be used ONE TIME ONLY per festival event. Proceeds from ticket sales help support RPRY PLUS programming! Sunflower Trail Festival tickets can be used weekends in August: 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24 and 8/31

***Please note, the Sunflower Festival is located at the Washington Township location (approx 50 minutes from RPRY) at: 438 Route 57 West, Washington Twp, New Jersey 07882.

Fall Festival Tickets can be used on one of 3 weekends, 9/14, 9/21 or 9/28!

***Fall Festival is located at the South Brunswick Location (approx 20 Minutes from RPRY) at: 519 Ridge Rd, South Brunswick, NJ 08852.

Deadline for Sunflower festival and ticket bundles sales due by 7/20. Fall Festival ticket sale deadline 8/20. To order <https://tinyurl.com/RPRYFarmTicket25> Contact RPRYPLUS@gmail.com with questions

CHAI LIFELINE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Chai lifeline is looking for local volunteers! Are you around during the day and want to get involved? Please reach out to Sara Scott at 5165260941 if you are interested to learn more and help with the many needs that may come up. Thank you and Tizku lemitzvos!

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

Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison & HP is a volunteer shidduch group that assists Orthodox Jewish singles, of all ages and hashkafot. We would like to get to know you Please reach out to us via email. Info/to submit your profile email us at: shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com Thank you.

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.

Rebbitzen 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! teicher@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 Balakttime) Questions 732 572 7181

SUBSCRIBE TO Ohr Torah emails:

--**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 Etz Chayim Tree, submit your order at <https://ohrtorah.net/tree-of-life> or <https://ohrtorah.net/yahrzeit-plaque>

For more info, email plaques@ohrtorah.net.

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: Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Shaina and Tzvi Berke -(516) 757-4748

REFUAH SLEIMAH 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 Va'etchanan

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Mincha-Maariv:	6:45, 7:30 & 7:55 PM

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Join the email list for Weekly Announcements.

Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.