



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Ki Teitzei

Elul 13 5785

September 6, 2025

Candlelighting:	7:04 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	7:10 PM (MS)
Shacharis:	7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15 (YFM) AM
	<i>YFM Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky</i>
	<i>Hashkama Speaker: Rav Rafi Kreitman (Rabbinic intern) followed by a Shiur after Hashkama "Is it so unfair? What's behind the prohibition of ribbis?"</i>
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	9:42 AM
	<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur 6:05PM</i>
Mincha (MS):	1:45, 6:55 PM
	<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Raphael Shore</i>
Maariv	8:06 PM
Shabbos Ends:	8:11 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
	<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur After 7:15 Shacharis</i>
Mon. & Thurs.	6:15, 7:05 & 8:00 AM
Tues., Wed. & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8:00 AM
Weekday Mincha/Maariv	7:00 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.)	1:45 PM
Late Maariv:	10:10 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Mon - Fri. - after Maariv	
Shabbos - 45 min before Mincha	
Sunday - after 8 AM Shacharis	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the Shul. Kiddush sponsorship is available for September 20 and October 4.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

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SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM

Join us after Sukkos, weekly on Motzei Shabboses at 8pm, when we will begin a new topic of Hilchos Bassar Bchalav

WEEKLY SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Women of all ages and backgrounds are invited to join Rabbi Malitzky every Wednesday morning at 10:00am in the OT Beis Medrash.

In preparation for Rosh Hashana, the next two weeks will focus on themes of the Yamim Noraim:

- Wednesday, 9/10 – "The Meaning Behind the Simanim"
Apples and honey, leeks, pomegranates... what are the Simanim of Rosh Hashana really about?
- Wednesday, 9/17 – "Entering the New Year with a Favorable Judgment"

Practical strategies and Torah insights on how to leave Rosh Hashana with a *din tov*.

MAZEL TOV

...to Bella and Henry Lerner on the birth of a great grandson, a son born to their grandchildren Samantha and Aaron Teitz. Mazel Tov also to Debbie and Avi Teitz (grandparents) and to Rabbi Elazar Mayer Z"L and Elisheva Teitz (great grandparents) and to all the uncles, aunts and cousins from near and far!

GEMARA AVODAH ZARAH SHIUR

A patient has a terminal illness, and the doctors have determined that without intervention, the patient will not live more than six months. There is, however, a dangerous operation: if successful, it could completely heal the patient, but it carries a significant risk that the patient might, *chas v'shalom*, die on the operating table. What should the patient do? What does Halacha say?

WELCOME OUR NEW RABBINIC INTERN- RABBI RAFI KREITMAN

We are excited to welcome Rabbi Rafi and Racheli Kreitman, who will be serving as our Rabbinic Intern this year. Rabbi Kreitman will be joining us once every 3-4 weeks and speaking in a variety of minyanim. This week, he will deliver the derasha at the Hashkama Minyan, give a shiur following the Hashkama Minyan (approximately 9:40-10:15), and speak at the Teen Minyan. Rav Rafi is thrilled to serve as our rabbinic intern, bringing enthusiasm, warmth, and scholarship to our shul. Born and raised in Edison, NJ, Rafi attended TABC for high school and then Yeshivat Sha'alvim in Eretz Yisrael. He earned his undergraduate degree in finance from Sy Syms School of Business at Yeshiva University and is currently completing his semicha at RIETS. Additionally, Rav Rafi is pursuing a joint program in mental health counseling with RIETS and Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology. Rafi and his wife, Racheli, reside in Passaic, NJ. As our rabbinic intern, Rafi looks forward to contributing to the shul community and growing alongside its members. Rav Rafi will be giving a Shiur for men and women immediately following the Hashkama Minyan (Approximately 9:40-10:10): "Is it so

unfair? What's behind the prohibition of ribbis?"

RABBI RAPHAEL SHORE

Join us this September 5th, Shabbat Parshat Ki Teitzeh, in Highland Park/Edison for a special series of talks with Rabbi Raphael Shore — world-renowned educator, speaker, and award-winning filmmaker. Ohr Torah – Seudah Shlishit: Ki Titzeh, Jews and wars — are we good at it?

Rabbi Shore is the founder of the Clarion Project and OpenDor Media, producer of the acclaimed film *Tragic Awakening*, and author of *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Jew?*. His presentations inspire strength, clarity, and Jewish pride.

NEW DAYTIME SHIUR

Are you retired? Do you start work late? Ohr Torah is excited to announce a new daytime Shiur. All men and women are encouraged to join us at 9am on Tuesday mornings (9/9, 9/16, and 9/30) for "Parsha Explorations: An in-depth analysis" with Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman.

Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman studied in various Yeshivos in both the United States and Israel, where he focused on Choshen Mishpat and Even Ha'Ezer (Jewish Civil and Family Law). He has semichah from Rav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg, and he is a Dayan with Bais Din Maysharim and Bais HaVaad / The Halacha Center. Rabbi Grossman has lectured on many topics in Jewish law before a variety of audiences, and he has made several CLE presentations to legal professionals. Rabbi Grossman, his wife, and their 3 children, have recently relocated from Silver Spring, MD to Edison, and they look forward to becoming an integral part of the shul and community.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

YOSEF AND BEATA MERVES WITH AARON LEV AND RAFAEL SHALOM

Yosef and Beata Merves are excited to join the Ohr Torah community. Originally from Miami, Yosef came to Edison in 2018 to join the Edison Chaburah. Beata, a Brooklyn native, joined him in 2020, and together they have built their home in the Highland Park/Edison community. Beata works as an estimator for an HVAC company, and Yosef works in finance for a back-office nursing home administrator.

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

They are the proud parents of Aaron Lev, almost 3, who attends RPRY, and Rafael Shalom, 1.

The Merves family enjoys sports together—though with Yosef rooting for the Miami Marlins, Beata cheering for the NY Giants, and both watching Yankees games, their living room can sometimes feel like a divided stadium. Feel free to reach out to them, no matter which team you root for. Beata's cell number is 718-559-7271 and her email is Beata.Merves@gmail.com and Yosef's number is 1 305-807-5447 and email is Yosi.Merves@gmail.com

ANNUAL I. DAVID AND MIRIAM GOLDSTEIN TESHUVA LECTURE

This year's annual I. David and Miriam Goldstein Teshuva Lecture will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Thursday, September 18th at 8:00PM. The featured speaker is Rabbi Joey Haber. Rabbi Haber is the Rav of Magen David Synagogue in Brooklyn, NY and Congregation Beit Yosef in Deal, NJ. Rabbi Haber learned for seven years under Rabbi Reuven Feinstein in Staten Island before studying at Brisk, followed by an additional ten years at Bait Medrash Gevoha in Lakewood. Rabbi Haber's shiurim can be heard weekly at iTorah.com and TorahAnytime.com. The title of Rabbi Haber's lecture is Changes That Last. In preparation for the Yomim Noraim please join us for an inspiring evening. Donations to help Yad Eliezer/B'Ezri feed Israel's poor should be made out to American Friends of Yad Eliezer and mailed to Rifky & Jack Atkin, 16 Hamlin Road, Edison, NJ 08817.

PRE-SELICHOS SHIUR

Everyone is invited to join us for an inspiring Rabbi Dr. Israel Rivkin zt"l memorial pre-Selichos shiur on Motzaei Shabbos, September 13th, delivered by Rabbi Eliyahu Wolf. The shiur, "*Selichos – a Compelling Culmination and Commencement*", will begin at 12:00am in the main shul, and will be followed by Selichos led by our Chazan, Yitz Henkin.

Rabbi Eliyahu Wolf, a Musmach of RIETS, talmid of Yeshiva Shaar Hatorah and Yeshivas Mir, earned his BA from Queens College and ma from Touro University. A passionate torah teacher and amateur guitarist, he serves as the assistant rabbi at the Young Israel of Woodmere and a rebbe at the DRS yeshiva high school in Woodmere, where he resides with his wife Adina and their family. Prior to teaching at DRS, Rabbi Wolf and Rabbi Malitzky were colleagues at TABC

YESH TIKVA ANNUAL

HIGH HOLIDAY CHALLAH BAKE

Knead, Pray, Love at the Edison/HP/East Brunswick Yesh Tikva Annual High Holiday Challah Bake! Whether you're a challah pro or first-time braider, this night is about connection, intention & delicious carbs
Tues, Sept 16th at 7:30 PM
Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison,

Come solo, with friends, or make it a meaningful date night — everyone's welcome! Demo by Mira Septimus
<https://yesh Tikva.org/challahbakes/>

YOMIM NORAIM 2025

It is time to reserve your seats for the 2025 Yomim Noraim.

The Shul is now paperless, and this year, reservations can only be submitted online via the Shul website under the Members/Seat Reservation tab.

You can find the annual seating reservation letter, including pricing and important instructions, on the website.

Your 2024 Shul balance must be settled before the Shul will process your seat reservation. To determine your past balance or to discreetly discuss financial issues, contact either Brian Allen or Yoel Schwartz at finance@ohrtorah.net <mailto:finance@ohrtorah.net>.

YOMIM NORAIM PREPARATION

-With the Yomim Noraim approaching, we are looking to replace / fix any broken Shtenders in the main shul. We ask that you please check if your or your neighbor's Shtender is in need of repair. Please email otmaintenance48@gmail.com with row number, seat number, Men's or women's section

-We are exploring the possibility of offering babysitting for children ages 6 months to 2 years. Before moving forward, we'd love to gauge the level of interest from our community. Please take a moment to respond to the following survey.

<https://forms.gle/UUTWfbP12yPLR9ZS8>

If we're able to arrange this service, a separate registration will be required. Our goal is to better support young mothers by creating a space where they can participate with peace of mind, knowing their little ones are cared for. Warmly, Arkady Broder & the Youth Committee

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNUAL WOMEN'S MEET & GREET

Join Us for the Annual Women's MEET & GREET. Whether a newcomer or an old timer, join us for an evening of connection and fun! With divrei Chizuk from

MRS. VORI SCHACHTER. Please bring a milchig or parve dish and submit a recipe
SEP 13th - 9PM At the Home of Elle Lieblich 4 Brookfall Rd. Edison
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/el.1FAIpQLSfPbmQEOLCGX-QYUuhwwXTtm3ZL7WhBo-RJwdfDMFOKsDO8nekmg/viewform?usp=header>

VOLUNTEER BAKERS WANTED

Looking for bakers for our Rosh Hashanah bake sale for Israel!!!! The bake sale will take place Thurs. Sept. 18th at Cong. Ohav Emeth. All proceeds will be going to Widows of Warriors. Questions call/text Cindy Baruch @ 908-309-8818.

CHAI LIFELINE EVENT IN MEMORY OF RICKI STERN, A"H

What: Learn how to knit and crochet or just come to be with friends. We welcome all from beginner to experienced.

When: Sept 9th & 16th 7:30-9:00 PM

Where: Ohav Emeth Social Hall

Cost: \$20 for loom and yarn, but free if you bring your own supplies. All proceeds benefit Chai Lifeline in memory of Ricki Stern A"H.

RSVP: Deena Klavan 732-485-6824 / Allison Wiesel 732-841-0541

ISRAELI DANCE CLASS IS BACK!

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. Next class dates are: Sept 3, Sept 17 and Oct 22.

Info: naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

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. Info Sharon Glaser sharonglaser@gmail.com Or text 732-887-3653

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: shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com Thank you.

KITTEL GEMACH

Kittel Gemach available. If you – or someone you know--needs to borrow a Kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at 732-545-9353.

Four sizes are available. Kittel Ggemach is in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

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: Mrs. Miri Cohen Tues mornings 9:15AM. 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 OT. Text Nechama 347-909-2755 to confirm.

Emunah Chaburah: monthly shiur by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe 1st Tues 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 hours. Comments and questions, hp mikvah@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,

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

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)

Questions 732 572 7181

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to Announcements at <https://www.ohrtorah.net>

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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 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 Ki Tavo

Candlelighting

6:52 PM

Mincha-Maariv:

7:00 PM

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