



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**Nitzavim**

**Elul 27 5785**

**September 20, 2025**

**Candlelighting:** 6:41 PM  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:** 6:50 PM (MS)  
**Shacharis:**  
 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15 (YFM) AM  
*YFM Speaker: Rabbi Bentzion Shulman*  
*Hashkama Speaker: Barry Siegel*  
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:47 AM  
*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur*  
 5:40 PM

**Mincha (MS):** 1:45, 6:30 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman*

**Maariv** 7:42 PM

**Shabbos Ends:** 7:47 PM

**Sunday Sept. 21:**

**Shacharis:** 7:15(MS) AM, 8:00(SH) AM and 9:00(MS) AM Minyanim.

*Selichos 25 minutes before Shacharis.*

*Shacharis starts when Selichos ends.*

*Rabbi Akiva Sauer Shiur on Daf Yomi B'Tyun*  
 After 7:15 Shacharis

**Erev Rosh Hashanah (Monday Sept. 22)**

**Early Selichos:** 12:50(BM)AM

*Earliest Talis & Tefillin: 5:52 AM*

**Selichos/Shacharis:** 4:50(MS), 5:35(BM), 6:30(SH) & 7:30(MS) AM followed by *Hataras Nedarim.*

**Candlelighting:** 6:36 PM

**Mincha (two minyanim):** 6:45 PM followed by Shiur by R. Malitzky.

**Maariv:** 7:15 PM

**First Day Rosh Hashanah (Tuesday, Sept. 23)**

**Shacharis:** 6:45, 8:15 AM

*Shofar: Not before 9, 10:45 AM*

**Mincha (two minyanim):** 6:00 PM followed by *Tashlich*

*Shiur by R. Malitzky: 7:05 PM*

*Why, When and Who of Shehechyanu on the second night of Rosh Hashana*

**Candlelighting and all Melacha not before:**  
 7:42 PM

**Maariv (two minyanim):** 7:20 PM

**Second Day Rosh Hashanah (Wednesday, Sept. 24)**

**Shacharis:** 6:45, 8:15 AM

*Shofar: Not before 9, 10:45 AM*

**Mincha (two minyanim):** 6:30 PM followed by *Shiur by R. Malitzky*

*Teshuva for Chilul Hashem. Is it possible? How?*

**Maariv (two minyanim):** 7:36 PM

**Yom Tov ends:** 7:41 PM

**Tzom Gedalia (Thursday, Sept. 25)**

**Fast begins:** 5:36 AM

**Selichos/Shacharis:** 5:35(MS), 6:20(SH) & 7:15 AM(MS)

*Earliest Talis & Tefillin: 5:55 AM*

**Mincha-Maariv:** 6:20 PM

**Fast ends:** 7:39 PM

**Late Maariv:** 10:10 PM

**Friday September 26**

**Selichos/Shacharis:** 5:50(MS), 6:30 AM(SH) & 7:25 AM(MS)

*Earliest Talis & Tefillin: 5:56 AM.*

**Weekday Mincha/Maariv** 6:40 PM

**Early Mincha (Sun.)** 1:45 PM

**Late Maariv:** 10:10 PM

**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**

*DAF YOMI BOTH DAYS ROSH HASHANA:*

*45 MINUTES BEFORE MINCHA*

Mon - Fri. - after Maariv

Shabbos - 45 min before Mincha

Sunday - after 8 AM Shacharis

**HASHKAMA KIDDUSH**

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Aviva & Barry Siegel in honor of the birth of their new granddaughters: Devorah Basya (parents are Chaim & Yaeli Siegel in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel) and Ettl Zeecil (parents are Yaakov & Raizy Siegel in NY).

**KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by the Shul.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

- Penny and Michael Kaplan in memory of the mothers of Penny & Michael Kaplan, Faige bas Yitzchok Meir, Z"L and Aidel bas Akiva, Z"L.
- Fran and Shmully Leitman to commemorate the 6th Yahrtzeit of their father Eugene Leitman, Z"L.

**RABBI REISMAN SHALOSH SEUDIOS SPEAKER**

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking on Shidduchim, Shadchanim, and Shadchanus Part 1. Topics will include: Should shidduchim be a profession, is it a mitzvah to pay a shadchun, disputes - broken engagements, multiple shadchanim, etc.

**SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM**

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

**HATARAS NEDARIM FOR WOMEN**

There will be Hataras Nedarim for women at approximately 8:40 AM in the womens section of the main Shul on Monday morning.

**SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR**

Ohr Torah Invites Women to a Shabbos Afternoon Shiur by: RABBI SARIEL MALITZKY. Torah Insights on How to Leave Rosh Hashana with a Din Tov. Shabbos Sept 20th 4:45 PM. The Scott Backyard, 22 Celler Rd

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg on the birth of a daughter to their children Gabriel and Charlotte Gerszberg. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, and great grandmothers Shelly Zinkin and Rose Gerszberg and to all the very excited Aunts, Uncles and cousins. ... to Rachel and Alan Kluger, Shavy and Yisroel Meir Luss and Josh Rothman on the birth of a baby boy to their children Reena and Michael Kluger. Mazel Tov to all of Michael and Reena's siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**ADDITIONAL SHOFAR BLOWING**

There will be additional shofar blowing at the following times and locations:

After the Hashkama Minyan — approximately 11:15 AM in the Social Hall (With Rabbi Shlomo Ziegler).

Immediately after the Main Minyan — approximately 1:10 PM (with Judah Elbaum). 2:10 PM at 7 Marshall Drive, Edison (with Andrew Freedman).

**HALACHIC GUIDE FOR WOMEN HEARING THE SHOFAR OUTSIDE OF SHUL**

A man who has already fulfilled his mitzvah of shofar and is blowing for women should not recite the berachos for them. Rather, one woman should recite the berachah for all the women gathered (or each woman may recite it on her own). However, if there is a man present who has not yet fulfilled his obligation, the one blowing may recite the berachah for him and have in mind all the women who are present (Shulchan Aruch 589:6; Mishnah Berurah 11).

**RABBI'S TZEDAKA FUND – YOMIM NORAIM APPEAL**

19 is a scary number.

19 is the number of Shabbos and Yom Tov meals a family must prepare (and eat!) from Rosh Hashanah until the end of Sukkos. While this may cause anxiety for those cooking the meals or for those worried about overeating, the pressure it places on members of our community who are struggling financially is far greater and far more painful.

There are families in our shul and community who rely on **YOU** in order to get through Yom Tov. Many have children who need shoes and clothing as well. And of course, all this comes on top of their ongoing, day-to-day struggles that don't pause for Yom Tov.

**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**

I am asking you to partner with me in helping these families. Every single dollar goes directly to provide them with what they need.

Next week we will stand together in shul and cry out:

ותשובה ותפילה וצדקה מעבירין את רוע הגזירה— *Repentance, prayer, and charity remove the severity of the decree.*

Let us not only recite the words — let us live them.

Let us come together as a community and ensure that every member can enter Yom Tov with what they need — with dignity, peace of mind, and true simcha.

In this merit, may Hashem shower you and your family with endless bracha, abundant parnassah, good health, and a שנה טובה ומתוקה.

How to Donate:

-Credit Card: [ohrtorah.net/rdf](http://ohrtorah.net/rdf)

-Zelle: [payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com) (note: Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund)

Check: Payable to *Congregation Ohr Torah*— please write Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund in the memo (it may be dropped in the shul mailbox or handed to me in Shul)

### **BABYSITTING FOR ROSH HASHANA AND YOM KIPPUR**

Ohr Torah is pleased to offer babysitting for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION is SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21st. Please send your children with all items needed for their care including snacks, lunch, toys, and diapering/toileting supplies.

Agnes 6 months to 2 years:

Registration is REQUIRED. NO WALK-INS WILL BE ALLOWED

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur 9:30-1:30

Agnes 2 -11 years:

Rosh Hashana. 8:30-1:30

Yom Kippur 8:30-2:30

### **NEWS FROM THE OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD**

Coming soon! Save the date! OT Sisterhood Health and Wellness event, Oct 26

#### **OHR TORAH UPDATES:**

1) Lost & Found

A new bin is located at the back of the upstairs coat room. If you've lost or found an item, please use this designated area.

2) Part-time, hybrid Shul secretary Ohr Torah is seeking a part-time, hybrid Shul secretary. Interested candidates should email a brief cover note and résumé to [otpresident2024@gmail.com](mailto:otpresident2024@gmail.com). Please share with your networks.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Andy and Rachel Schwartz  
Andrew and Rachel Schwartz have been proud members of the Highland Park/Edison community since 2012 and are now thrilled to be putting down roots with the welcoming and vibrant Ohr Torah family. Andrew grew up in Staten Island, where he davened at the Young Israel of Staten Island and attended Kushner and Reishit. He now works in construction and proudly served as a

volunteer firefighter in Highland Park for eight years. Rachel is originally from San Diego, where she attended Torah High School and later studied at Sharfman's Seminary. She now works as a psychotherapist.

They are the proud parents of three wonderful children: Ahava (15), who attends Bruria High School; Gabriella (affectionately known as Ella, age 9), currently in fourth grade at RPRY; and Ezra (Ezzie, age 4), who just began Pre-K at RPRY.

The Schwartz family shares their home with two extremely friendly dogs, Milo and Archie, and are excited to deepen their connections and friendships within the OT community and beyond.

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT:

ANDY: 347-229-7274

ANDYS1127@GMAIL.COM

RACHEL: 347-578-2753,

[RACHELSCHWARTZ246@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RACHELSCHWARTZ246@GMAIL.COM)

### **LARGE PRINT**

### **ARTSCROLLHEBREW/ENGLISH ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR MACHZORIM AVAILABLE**

Ohr Torah has a limited number of Artscroll large print Hebrew/English of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Machzorim that are available to members (1 per family). If you would like to reserve one please contact David Dessau at [Rddessau613@Hotmail.com](mailto:Rddessau613@Hotmail.com). Any extras will be in the back of the Shul.

### **LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM DATES**

Save the dates – Mark your calendars for the upcoming Lunch & Learn Program dates:

Wednesdays: 12 pm

October 29, 2025

December 3, 2025

February 18, 2026

### **MAKOM KAVUAH**

INTRODUCING...Makom Kavuah *BECAUSE EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE A PLACE IN SHUL*. Are you a single parent unable to sit with your child on the other side of the mechitza? Would you like a Shul Mentor, a caring, responsible Shul member to sit with your child in shul?

SHUL MENTORS ARE:

• Handpicked

• Trained

Professionally supported

Have someone in mind who'd be a great fit for your child? Let your shul coordinator know. To find out more, contact your shul coordinator: Ami Avraham 732-690-0626 A project of Kol Echad, an initiative of the OU *I am very proud that we are partnering with the OU to take part in this thoughtful and important program. Please share the flyer with sensitivity-with a friend or neighbor who may benefit from it. Rabbi Malitzky*

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RABBI REISMAN'S SHIUR AT KC**

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking to men and women on Shidduchim, Shadchanim, and Shadchanus Part 2 on Shabbos day, Sept 20th, Parshas Netzavim, at 5:10 pm at Khal Chassidim,

46 N. 8th Ave. Topics include: More shadchanus stories, Red flag/Yellow flag/Green flag-compatibility issues, Name conflicts.

Info Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

### **LULAV & ESROG ORDERING**

When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a donation for each sale. -Barry Siegel & family [siegeldad@gmail.com](mailto:siegeldad@gmail.com), 732-572-4408

-Rabbi Shimon, Call or text Avi at 732- 672-1653 please see the flyers for additional info. All checks for Lulavim and Esrogim must be made out to the appropriate vendor and not Cong. Ohr Torah.

### **RJJ MIKVAH**

RJJ Mikvah is open on Erev RH & YK- but closed for cleaning between 1:30 & 2:30 pm

### **MARCH FOR THE VICTIMS AND HOSTAGES OF OCTOBER 7TH, 2023**

Join Central NJ Stands for Israel as we march through Highland Park with flags, signs, and our voices, remembering all those who were killed and taken hostage. Sunday, October 5th, 2025, at 10 am, starting at the Doughboy, Raritan Ave & 6th Ave. Please do **not** share on social media.

### **KOSHER CUB SCOUTS**

If you or anyone you know is interested in local Shomer Shabbat Scouting groups, we will have tables at the Highland Park Arts in the Park on Sun 9/14 and will have an Open House Sun 9/28 at 5pm at the Highland Park Community Center at 220 South Second Ave. We have local chapters for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts that meet right in Highland Park Enjoy everything Scouting has to offer: creativity, outdoors, community service, leadership and more.

Girl Scouts are for girls in grades K-12

Cub Scouts are for kids in grades K-5

Boy Scouts are for kids grades 6-12

If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to me Steven Springer

at [s.springer@outlook.com](mailto:s.springer@outlook.com) or 908.227.3750

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are affiliated with Scouting America

Girl Scouts is affiliated with Girl Scouts USA

### **YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE**

Yad Leah clothing drive B"H will take place Sunday Nov 9th from 9AM. Until 12:30PM. at Ohav Emeth Details to follow

### **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 date Oct 22.

Info: [naomi.caplan@gmail.com](mailto: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 [sharonnglaser@gmail.com](mailto:sharonnglaser@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](mailto: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.

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

## 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](mailto: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](http://MikvahCloud.com) or via MikvahCloud app Regular services, baths and showers, offered. See [mikvahcloud.com](http://mikvahcloud.com) for hours. Comments and questions, [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:mailmaster@ohrtorah.net)

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at [reservations@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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](mailto:plaques@ohrtorah.net).

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

**X:** This is our official notification channel. Follow @hp\_erv 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](mailto:david@weintraub.name)

### Parshat Vayelech

Candlelighting	a	6:29 PM
Mincha-Maariv:		6:35 PM

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