



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**Parshat Vayeshev/Mevarchim**

**Kislev 23 5786**

**December 13, 2025**

**Candlelighting:** 4:12 PM  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:** 4:20 (MS), 4:20 Carlebach (SH)  
**Shacharis:** 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)  
*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Rapps*  
*YFM Speaker: Rabbi Yitzchak Amsel*  
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:32 AM  
*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur 3:15 PM*

**Mincha (MS):** 1:45, 4:05 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman*

**Maariv** 5:16 PM  
**Shabbos Ends:** 5:21 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun** 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur After 7:15 Shacharis*

**Mon-Fri. (Chanukah) 6:10, 6:55 (BM) & 8AM**  
*Earliest Talis and Tefillin:*  
*Mon: 6:15, Tues/Wed: 6:16, Thurs/Fri: 6:17*  
**There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every Friday**

**Weekday Mincha/Maariv** 4:20 PM  
**Early Mincha (Sun.)** 1:00 PM  
**Note: There will be an early Mincha Minyan on Friday at 3PM for those who wish to light Chanukah candles after davening Mincha**  
**Maariv:** 7:30 and 10:10 PM  
*No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday*  
**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**  
 Monday-Thursday: after 7:30 PM Maariv  
 Friday night: after Kabbolas Shabbos  
 Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha  
 Sunday: after 8 AM Shacharis

### **TEEN MINYAN**

Teen Minyan will be joining the Main Minyan this Shabbos in honor of Reuven's Bar Mitzvah.

### **YFM KIDDUSH**

Kiddush at YFM is sponsored by Blimie & David Hamel, L'zecher nishmas David's father, Moshe ben R' Tzvi Yechezkel who's Yahrzeit is Shabbos 23rd Kislev, His Neshama should have an Aliyah.

### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by Rivka Sonts in honor of Reuven Chaim's Bar Mitzvah

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Evelyn and Jeff Berg in memory of Jeffrey's mother Rivka bas Rav Klonimus Shalom Halevi (A"H)

### **RABBI ELI REISMAN SHALOSH SEUDOS SPEAKER**

Topic: Engagement/Tnoyim/Vort

### **PARSHA POWER**

All young children are invited to come to Shul for Davening and then gather at the front right after davening for a short story with Rabbi Malitzky and a Parsha themed

treat. There is no sound sweeter than the voices of young children in our Shul!

### **MAZEL TOV**

...to Rivka Sonts on the Bar Mitzvah of Reuven Chaim taking place this Shabbos at OT. Mazel Tov to Dr. Arthur and Marina Miller and to his sisters, Rachel Chaya and Esther Hodia.

...to Chaya Gurkov on the birth of a great grandson, Yaakov Hirsch. Mazel Tov to the parents Shira and Avi Hirsch, to grandparents Dovid and Faigie Newman Yisroel and Chaya Sara Hirsch, and to all the siblings and cousins.

... to Ruchi and Yossi Stern:

-on the birth of a daughter to their children, Rabbi and Mrs. Shloimy and Esty Schwimmer.

- on the engagement of their granddaughter Dalia Jacobs to Gavriel Hershkowitz of Lawrence NY, Mazel Tov to the parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dovid Tzvi and Shani Jacobs.

...to Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard on the engagement of their grandson Josh Farkas of Cedarhurst, NY to Dalia Baum of Boca Raton, Florida. Mazel Tov to Josh's parents Amy and Shmuel Farkas and the extended Farkas and Schwartzbard family.

### **CHUMASH SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN 9AM ON TUESDAYS**

All men and women are encouraged to join us on Tuesday mornings for "Parsha Explorations: An in-depth analysis" with Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman.

### **HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LEARNING**

High school boys' weekly Friday night learning 8:00 in OT's Beis Midrash.

### **NEW GEMARA SHIUR FOR 6TH AND 7TH GRADE BOYS**

We are excited to announce a brand new Gemara Shiur for boys in 6th and 7th grade, taught by Rabbi Malitzky, who brings nearly two decades of experience teaching Gemara to young Talmidim in a warm, engaging, and interactive way. The Shiur will meet each week after the 9 AM Shacharis, from 9:45–10:30 AM, in the YFM Room at Ohr Torah. We look forward to learning and growing together!

### **SHIUR FOR WOMEN**

Wednesday Shiur will not take place this week.

### **SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM**

Join us weekly Motzei Shabboses at 8pm, when we discuss Hilchos Bassar Bchalav

### **HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

Mr. Noam Waltuch, Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Annual Breakfast is pleased to announce that it will Y'YH take place Sunday Morning, January 4<sup>th</sup> at Cong. Ohr Torah.

The Ahavas Torah v'Chesed Award will be presented to Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Mimi Gershbaum.

Formal invitations and further details to follow. Online donations can be made at: <http://www.hpkollel.com>

### **GET YOUR 2025 TAX DEDUCTION**

Statements will soon be emailed to those members with outstanding balances. Please settle your account by the end of the year to receive a 2025 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your account, please email Brian Allen or Yoel Schwartz at [finance@ohrtorah.net](mailto:finance@ohrtorah.net).

### **CHANUKAH CHAGIGAH**

OT, AA, & OE are having a joint Chanukah Chagigah Sunday, December 21 at 12:00-2:00pm at RPRY's Gym. There will be circus performers, balloon artists, magicians, face painters, and jugglers. Lunch included. Fun for the whole family! \$15 per person, \$75 family max.

### **SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH DINNER NIGHT**

Place your order today for a delicious Chanukah take-out dinner: latkes, salads, quiche, and falafel sandwiches!

Pickup: Thursday, December 18 • 5:00–6:00 PM at OT. Order Deadline: 12/14

Place your order here: <https://form.jotform.com/253397667917072>

Proceeds help support Tomchei Shabbos Pas & Cholov Yisroel – Jerusalem Catering

### **SPECIAL VISITOR AND SPEAKER NEXT SHABBOS (CHANUKAH)**

Ohr Torah is proud to host Aviv Yifrach, who will share his story of survival: the challenges he faced, the strength he was forced to summon, and the powerful lessons he has learned about human resilience, hope, and meaning.

On October 7th, while serving in a classified security unit, Aviv was critically injured in his leg and abdomen and was evacuated in life-threatening condition. Since then, he has undergone seventeen complex surgeries and has endured an extremely challenging medical and physical journey.

**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**

After a long period of hospitalization and intensive rehabilitation, and even now as he continues daily rehab, Aviv is doing everything he can to return to the life he once had, to his beloved family, and to the career to which he is so deeply connected. The OT men's mission visited Aviv in Tel Hashomer in December 2023 and were deeply moved by his survival, resilience, and emunah.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** **RABBI REISMAN AT KC**

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on Understanding a Jewish Wedding. It will be on Friday night, December 12th, Parshas Vayeshev, at 8:30 pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Avenue. Topics will include: Bedeken, Chuppah, and Kiddushin/Yichud room..  
For more information contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

### **THE ROLE OF THE UN IN SPREADING ANTISEMITISM AROUND THE GLOBE**

Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley on Saturday night, December 13, at Congregation Etz Ahaim at 8:00pm, with Anne Bayefsky, Director, Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, on the topic, "The UN Versus the Jewish State: Jew Hatred on a Global Scale".

Anne Bayefsky is an international human rights lawyer who is the Director of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, a UN-accredited non-governmental organization. As the author and editor of 11 books, a regular contributor to media outlets in North America and Israel, and 200,000 twitter followers, Professor Bayefsky is the leading expert on global antisemitism at the United Nations. She has served as a delegate of many organizations, including the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists and the American Society of International Law, at UN conferences worldwide for four decades.

For more information about the Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley go to [www.jcforumrv.org](http://www.jcforumrv.org).

### **RPRY SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST**

Please join RPRY's Toby Mayer Scholarship Breakfast Sunday Dec 28th at 9:30 am at RPRY, honoring Mrs. Mina Reich with the Ne'eman Award. To support the scholarship campaign and to RSVP please visit: [www.rpry.org/breakfast](http://www.rpry.org/breakfast) For questions or info contact Sara Fischer at [sfischer@rpry.org](mailto:sfischer@rpry.org).

### **DR. PRESBY'S SHIUR**

DR PRESBY Continues to GIVE Beautiful Shiurim. On Shabbos at 4 o'clock at his home on Lincoln Avenue, and Tuesday night at his home at 8 PM these are not to be missed their excellent informative and inspiring.

### **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 8-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach old and new dances. Our next class dates are: December 17, January 7, January 28, February 4, February 18, March 4 and March 18. For more info, email [naomi.caplan@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.caplan@gmail.com)

### **SHNAINU EDISON / HP SHIDDUCH GROUP**

Shnainu Edison Highland Park Shidduch group presents: Speed Dating Orthodox Singles 38-50 Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Motzei Shabbos 8PM. To register, submit your Shidduch profile to: [EDISONHPEVENT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EDISONHPEVENT@GMAIL.COM) Pizza and Refreshments served \$15 Local shadchanim available to meet and facilitate.  
Edison location will be provided (near train)

### **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 hashkofot. 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.

### **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 or via MikvahCloud app Regular services, baths and showers, offered. See [mikvahcloud](http://mikvahcloud) 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 [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

**KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS:** Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7 AM-8 PM.

**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 Miketz**

Candlelighting	4:15 PM
Early Mincha Minyan at 3PM on Friday, December 19 to facilitate lighting of Chanukah candles after Davening Mincha	
Mincha-Maariv	4:20 PM

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