



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Miketz/Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh

Kislev 30 5786

December 20, 2025

Candlelighting:	4:15 PM
<i>Note: There will be an early Mincha Minyan on Friday at 3PM for those who wish to light Chanukah candles after davening Mincha</i>	
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	4:15 (MS), 4:15 Carlbach (SH)
Shacharis:	7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Rav Rafi Kreitman</i>	
<i>YFM Speaker: Rabbi Ezra Sarna</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	9:36 AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur Cancelled this week</i>	
Mincha (MS):	1:45, 4:05 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Josh Rapps</i>	
Maariv	5:19 PM
Shabbos Ends:	5:24 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun (Rosh Chodesh)	7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yyun Shiur cancelled this week</i>	
Mon (Zos Chanukah),	
	6:15, 6:50 (BM) 8 & 9 AM
Thu. (Legal Holiday)	7:10, 8 & 9 AM
<i>Earliest Talis and Tefillin:</i>	
<i>Mon: 6:19, Thurs: 6:20</i>	
Tues., Wed. Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every Friday	
Weekday Mincha/Maariv	4:25 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.)	1:00 PM
Maariv:	7:30 and 10:10 PM
<i>No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday</i>	
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	

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

The Chanukah themed Kiddush after Hashkama Minyan is sponsored by Ohr Torah. Spread the light -- Chag Sameach!

KIDDUSH

Chanukah themed Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by:

- Fran and Shmully Leitman in honor of Natan's Bar Mitzvah
- The Shul. Spread the light -- Chag Sameach!

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Sudos is co-sponsored by:

- Tzippy and Josh Rapps and family to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of their father, HaRav Moshe Ben Yehoshua Rapps Z"L
- Debbie and Moshe Schneider to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Debbie's father Emanuel Libin, Imanuel ben Shimon A"H.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rabbi Yaakov and Faigie Luban on the birth of a grandson to their children Binyamin Simcha and Shira Luban. *The Shalom Zachor will take place this Shabbos in Khal Chassidim of Highland Park (corner of N. 8th Ave. and Abbot) beginning 8:00 pm.*

...to Chavi and Gavi Berkovits on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Natan this Sunday Rosh Chodesh Chanukah. Mazel Tov to Natan's siblings, Etai and Ayala, and to his grandparents Fran and Shmully Leitman and the entire Berkovits Leitman families.

...to Bonnie & Evan Orgel on the birth of a grandson Eliyahu Avraham "Abie", a son born to their children Jessie & Alec Rabinowitz in Passaic NJ. Mazel Tov to big brother Yonah Leib, great grandparents Adrienne Bienenstock, Chuck Orgel and to the extended Orgel, Rabinowitz, Bienenstock, Fleisher and Bick families.

...to Dr. and Mrs Michael and Toby Eleff on the birth of a boy to their children Yehudah and Didi Susskind of Jackson.

...to Mr. and Mrs. Avi Kamelhar on the engagement of their daughter Rivka to Yoni Eisenberger

CARLBACH MINYAN

Enjoy Shabbos Chanukah and Rosh Chodesh with a beautiful, uplifting, and lively Kabbalas Shabbos Carlbach Davening. Mincha begins at 4:15 PM in the social hall. Have a great Shabbos and Happy Chanukah!!

OT BOARD ELECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah Governing Board election will take place at a Membership Meeting to be held on Thursday, December 25, 2025 from 7:30pm to 9pm. Please make every effort to attend.

GUEST SPEAKER- POSTPONED

Unfortunately, Aviv experienced a complication from surgery this week and needs to fly back to Eretz Yisrael before Shabbos. We hope to receive him warmly another time.

RAV RAFI KREITMAN

We welcome Rav Rafi for Shabbos. He will be speaking at the Hashkama Minyan and in the main Minyan. Rav Rafi will also lead Parsha Power for the young children.

LEGAL HOLIDAY BREAKFAST SHIUR ON THURSDAY 12/25

All men and women are encouraged to join us for breakfast and a Shiur by our very own Rabbinic intern, Rav Rafi Kreitman, after the

8am Minyan on Thursday 12/25. Please reach out to R' Malitzky if you are interested in sponsoring the Shiur.

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.

6TH AND 7TH GRADE BOYS GEMARA SHIUR

CANCELLED THIS WEEK

SHIUR FOR WOMEN 10AM ON WEDNESDAYS

All women of every age and background are invited to join us at 10AM in the Beis Medrash for a shiur with Rabbi Malitzky.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to attend Thursday night Live (12/25) for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Shiur. Please reach out to Rav Malitzky for sponsorship opportunities.

747 SHIUR

Join us every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 7:47 to 7:57 and change your understanding and perspective of davening. Stay 10 minutes after the 7:10 or come 10 minutes early to the 8 and learn Rav Moshe Wolfson's incredible sefer Va'ani Tefilla

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 Breakfast is pleased to announce that the annual breakfast will IY"H take place Sunday Morning, January 4th at Cong. Ohr Torah at 9:30am.

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

We will be honored to hear Divrei Bracha from Harav Eliyahu Kaufman shlit"a, Rav of Congregation Ohav Emeth, Highland Park, NJ

Formal invitations and further details to follow.

Online donations can be made

at: <https://pay.banquest.com/hpck>

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

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.

CHANUKAH CHAGIGAH

OT, AA, & OE are having a joint Chanukah Chagigah this Sunday, Dec 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Yosef and Mussie Tseitkin

Yosef and Mussie moved to Highland Park this past July. They were ready to leave the city for a warm, out-of-town-feeling community while still remaining within a reasonable commute for work, and they are excited to have found that balance here in our neighborhood.

Yosef grew up in Israel, living in Maale Michmash and Jerusalem, and Mussie is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Yosef works as a software engineer, and Mussie is a stay-at-home mother, though she hopes to return to jewelry making one day.

They each have a range of creative and interesting hobbies. Yosef enjoys weightlifting, board games, and scuba diving. Mussie enjoys random crafts, metalworking, and baking. Both love learning new things and reading all kinds of books. Their son, Ariel, will be turning two in January and currently attends playgroup. We warmly welcome Yosef, Mussie, and Ariel to our growing Or Torah family. We look forward to learning, davening, and celebrating many simchas together!

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT:

YOSEF: 312-721-7855,

YOSEF.TSEITKIN@GMAIL.COM

MUSSIE: 414-339-5784,

CHAYA.M.KITNER@GMAIL.COM

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 For questions or info contact Sara Fischer at sfischer@rpry.org.

BIKUR CHOLIM MELAVA MALKA

MOTZEI SHABBOS

COME JOIN US!!! January 3, 2026 8:15 PM
Chabad House of New Brunswick
170 College Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Guests of Honor
Jay Lachman, DNP, FNP-C
Rev Christine V. Davies, Pastoral Care
Robert Wood Johnson Hospital

Featuring: Harry Rothenberg, Esq
\$72.00 per person
Sponsorship Available Dairy Buffet
For info call Bikur Cholim 732-572-7181

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: Jan 7, Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 18, March 4 and March 18. For more info, email 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 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.

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.com for hours. Comments and questions, 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)
Questions 732 572 7181

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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 PLAQUE: 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 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, 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_ervu 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 Vayigash

Candlelighting	4:18 PM
Mincha-Maariv	4:25 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. 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.