



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Vayigash

Tevet 7 5786

December 27, 2025

Candlelighting:	4:18 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	4:25 (MS)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky</i>	
<i>YFM Speaker: Rabbi Akiva Schachter</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	9:38 AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur</i>	
<i>3:20pm</i>	
Mincha (MS):	1:45, 4:10 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Henry Schanzer</i>	
Maariv	5:23 PM
Shabbos Ends:	5:28 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur</i>	
<i>After 7:15 Shacharis</i>	
Mon.	6:15, 7:05 (BM), 8 AM
Tues.	See Asara Be'teves schedule
Thu. (Legal Holiday)	7:10, 8 & 9 AM
<i>Earliest Talis and Tefillin: Mon: 6:22, Thurs: 6:22</i>	
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 Kabolas Shabbos	
Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha	
Sunday: after 8 AM Shacharis	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Shul.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

-Sheila and Henry Schanzer L'ilui Nishmas Henry's father Brachya Ben Dov HaLevi, A"H.

- Ophira and Heshy Gottlieb to commemorate the 4th Yahrzeit of Heshy's mother, Beverly Gottlieb, A"H.

EARLY SHACHARIS ON TUESDAY

The first Minyan on Tuesday begins at 6:10 AM. The earliest time for Tallis and Tefillin is 6:22 AM. One should daven through Yishtabach without Tallis and Tefillin and then put them on with a Beracha after reciting Yishtabach at the proper time. The Shaliach Tzibur should put them on with a Beracha after Az Yashir but before Yishtabach, to avoid a Hefsek between Yishtabach and Kaddish and to prevent unnecessary delay for the Tzibur (Rema 53:3).

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.

MAZEL TOV

... to the Honorable R. Tali Epstein on her confirmation by the New Jersey Senate of her nomination by Governor Murphy to be a Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey. ... to Bracha and Mayer Berg on the engagement of their son Eli to Rina Wolovitz, daughter of Dr. Brian and Gillian Wolovitz of Cleveland, OH. Mazel Tov to Eli's siblings Shani, Yoni and Eytan and to the proud grandparents Evelyn and Jeffrey Berg and Anna and Charles Plittman.

NEW YEAR'S SHIUR

(THURSDAY 1/1)

All men and women are encouraged to join us for breakfast and a Shiur by Rabbi Chaim Strauchler next Thursday morning, January 1. Breakfast and the Shiur "Rabbi Sacks' Intellectual Legacy" will begin after the 8am Minyan.

Rabbi Strauchler has been the Rabbi at Congregation Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck, NJ since 2021. Before joining Rinat in August 2021, Rabbi Chaim Strauchler served as Senior Rabbi at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in Toronto since 2008. Rabbi Strauchler is currently a vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America. He grew up in West Orange, NJ and attended JEC. Rabbi Strauchler received Semicha from RIETS, where he studied extensively under Rabbi Michael Rosensweig. He earned a Diploma in Theology and a Master's Degree in Religious Studies from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He also holds a Master's Degree in Biblical Studies from Bernard Revel Graduate School and is a Wexner Graduate Fellowship alumnus. Rabbi Strauchler is married to Avital Waltuch, who grew up in Edison, NJ. They have five children: Tehilla, Adir, Atara, Zvi, and Freda.

Please reach out if you are interested in sponsoring either of these Shiurim. What a beautiful way to honor a loved one or to bring a Zechus for a Refuah S.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LEARNING

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

GEMARA SHIUR FOR 6TH AND 7TH GRADE BOYS

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.

ASARA B'TEVES

Tuesday December 30

Fast Starts	6:09 AM
Shacharis:	6:10, 6:50 & 8:00 AM
<i>Earliest Talis and Tefillin 6:22 AM</i>	
Mincha:	4:10 PM
Fast ends	5:30 PM

LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM- TUESDAY,

1/6 AT 8:00 PM

Join Rabbi Sarel Malitzky, Rabbi Eli Reisman, and Yehuda Adler from MassMutual for an important and informative discussion on life insurance. We will explore the Torah Hashkafa on life insurance and gain a clear understanding of the practical basics from an expert in the field. Learn why this topic is so critical, get your questions answered, and ensure that you are properly taking care of your family.

The program will take place in the Ohr Torah Social Hall. Please contact Rabbi Malitzky with any questions.

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.

747 SHIUR

Join us Wednesday and Friday morning this week 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

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

ELI AND CHANI WIESEL

Eli and Chani Wiesel moved to the Edison/Highland Park community in 2009 and immediately joined Or Torah. For Eli, it was a natural choice—he grew up davening at OT and couldn't imagine being anywhere else. Chani, who grew up in Woodmere, NY, immediately felt at home, and she truly loves being part of the community.

Eli works in finance for a healthcare company, while Chani serves as a second-grade general studies teacher at RPRY, bringing warmth and dedication to her students each day.

Eli and Chani are the proud parents of three children:

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

Alyssa (20), who attends Touro's Lander College for Women, Dovid (17), who attends TABC, and Zehava (14), who is a freshman at Bruria High School this year.

We are delighted to highlight the Wiesels and look forward to continuing to share many years of Torah, tefillah, and community together at Ohr Torah..

REACH OUT:

Eli:

646-369-5666 elliott.wieselegmail.com

Chani:

516-972-0112 arniecon@aol.com

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>

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIKUR CHOLIM MELAVA MALKA MOTZEI SHABBOS

Please join us Motzei Shabbos, Jan 3rd at 8:15PM for the Bikur Cholim Melave Malka to be held at Rutgers Chabad House of New Brunswick 170 College Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901 This year's Honorees are:

Jay Lachman, DNP, FNP-C and Rev Christine V. Davies, Pastoral Care at RWJ Hospital

Keynote speaker will be Harry Rothenberg, Esq Couvert is \$72.00 per person

Sponsorship Available. Invitations are in the mail. Dairy Buffet. For more info and to RSVP call Bikur Cholim 732-572-5171 or go to bikurcholimrv.org Walk-ins are welcome!

JEWISH LIFE ON US COLLEGE CAMPUSES: HAS ANYTHING CHANGED?

Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley on Saturday night, January 10, at Congregation Ohav Emeth, Highland Park at 8:00pm, with Rabbi Josh Ross, Managing Director of the OU Collegiate & Young Professionals Division and Executive Director Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus, on the topic, "Jewish Life on US College Campuses: Has Anything Changed?". Rabbi Josh Ross earned a double BA in History and Philosophy from Dalhousie University in Canada before dedicating eight years to Yeshiva learning in Israel. Upon returning to North America, Rabbi Ross and his wife Rivky began their impactful work as JLIC Directors on campus, first spending three

transformative years at Cornell, followed by another three at Princeton, where they became beloved fixtures in the campus Jewish community. Rabbi Ross's journey with JLIC has been one of natural progression and deepening impact: from hands-on campus work to Deputy Director, and now as Executive Director, where he continues to guide and inspire Jewish students across university campuses in North America and Israel. For more information about the Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley go to www.jcforumrv.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.

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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--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 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 Vayechi

Candlelighting	4:24 PM
Mincha-Maariv	4:30 PM

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