



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Vayechi

Tevet 14 5786

January 3, 2025

Candlelighting:	4:24 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	4:30 (MS)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Ira Smith</i>	
<i>YFM Speaker: Rav Dovy Grossman</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	9:41AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur</i>	
<i>3:25 pm</i>	
Mincha (MS):	1:45, 4:15 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Yisrael Chaim Twersky</i>	
<i>(Of the Edison-Highland Park Kollel)</i>	
Maariv	5:28 PM
Shabbos Ends:	5:33 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., Thu.	6:15, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue., Wed. Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
<i>There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every Friday</i>	
Weekday Mincha/Maariv	4:35 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 Charyn and Harvey Atlas to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Harvey's mother Ruth Atlas A"H, and in honor of her namesake Leila Ruthie Atlas.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Ida and Marc Scheiner to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Marc's father, Nachum ben Moshe Tzvi Halevi.

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.

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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Evelyn and Jeffrey Berg on the birth of a great granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents, Tamar and Danny Blank, and the grandparents Yael and Dr. Josh Segal.
...to Blimie and David Hamel, on the birth of a son, born to their children Moshe and Esti Hamel. Mazel Tov to great grandmother, Melly Hamel and to the extended Hamel, Price, and Eckstein families.
...to Rabbi Ezra and Mrs Chedva Sarna on the birth of a daughter.

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. This week's topic is "Beracha on squash, zucchini, and french onion soup".

747 SHIUR

Join us Tuesday, 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

GEMARA SHIUR

We know that a Jew is not permitted to drink wine from, or even together with, a gentile out of concern that it could lead to intermarriage, Chas Vshalom. But what about beer? Should beer carry the same prohibition? If there is a difference between the two, what is the Halachic rationale behind it?

Join us for a spirited discussion in our Gemara Shiur.

SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM

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

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.

GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to all the members of the new incoming Ohr Torah Governing Board.

President: Payam Hanian

Past President: Arkady Broder

Vice-Presidents: Reuben Atlas, Lou Smith, Shelley Schoenfeld, Eli Wiesel

Recording Secretary: Gershon Klavan

Treasurer: David Sidney

Financial Secretary: Brian Allen

Gabbaim: Michie Klerer, Larry Greenman, Charlie Gershbaum

Sisterhood: Liz Kemeny

Members at Large Russell Adler, Srulee Hercman, Ilya Epshteyn, Penny Kaplan, Donny Epstein, Jeffrey Klein, Yacov Farkas, Robert Kreitman, Shaindee Goldstein, Leslie Ney, Shira Goldberg, David Redlich, David Hamel, Jonathan Teitelbaum, Yehuda Hecht, Avi Tobias.

-The Shul thanks all the members of the outgoing governing board for their efforts over the last term.

JEWISH COMMUNITY FORUM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Presents Special Guest Speaker:

Jewish Life on US College Campuses: Has Anything Changed? Rabbi Josh Ross Managing Dir. Of the OU Collegiate & Executive Director Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus

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.

The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley is a grassroots organization and relies on community donations to fund our programs. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Please consider becoming a season supporter for \$200 or an announced event sponsor for \$500.

Donation may be addressed to Congregation Ohr Torah Gemach Fund (memo: Jewish Community Forum), 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ 08817.

email jcforumrv@gmail.com or visit our website: www.jcforumrv.org

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

**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 IYH 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"aa, 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>

LUNCH & LEARN

SAVE THE DATE , EBRUARY 18th
Lunch&Learn 12pm-2pm
Congregation Ohr Torah
exciting details to follow!

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
BIKUR CHOLIM MELAVA MALKA
MOTZEI SHABBOS**

Please join this 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 imore nfo and to RSVP call Bikur Cholim 732-572-5171 or go to bikurcholimrv.org
Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

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_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 Shemot

Candlelighting	4:31 PM
Mincha-Maariv	4:40 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.