



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Va'era/Mevarchim

Tevet 28 5786

January 17, 2026

Candlelighting:	4:38 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	4:45 (MS)
Carlebach Kabolas Shabbos	4:45 (SH)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: David Sidney</i>	
<i>YFM Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	9:42AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur</i>	
	3:40 pm
Mincha (MS):	1:45, 4:30 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Rafi Kreitman</i>	
Maariv	5:43 PM
Shabbos Ends:	5:48 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur</i>	
<i>cancelled this week</i>	
Mon. (Rosh Chodesh)	6:13, 6:50 & 8 AM
Thu.	6:15, 7:05, 8 AM
<i>Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:20 Monday, 6:18 Thursday</i>	
Tue., Wed. Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
<i>There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every Friday</i>	
Weekday Mincha/Maariv	4:50 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.)	1:00 PM
Maariv:	7:30 and 10:10 PM
<i>No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday</i>	
<u>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</u>	
Monday-Thursday: after 7:30 PM Maariv	
Friday night: after Kabbolas Shabbos	
Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha	
Sunday: after 8 AM Shacharis	

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Saul Wasserman on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:
-Nitza and Russell Adler to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Nitza's mother, Shulamit Shiloni, Shulamit Yuta bas HaRav Ahron Dov, A"H.
-Shul for Shabbos Mevarchim.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Penny & Michael Kaplan in memory of Penny's father, Julius Baumfeld - R' Yoel ben Yisroel A"H.

WEEKDAY SHIUR FOR WOMEN

The Wednesday morning Shiur for women will not take place this week.

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 Saul Wasserman who is celebrating his 90th birthday.

...to Ally Cooper and Benny Waks on their recent marriage. Mazel Tov to their daughters, Leora and Naomi Cooper and Yitty, Libby and Rikki Waks, to Ally's parents, Sandy and Bob April of Manhattan and Benny's mom, Sara Waks, of Boro Park. ... to Susan and Leibe Haller on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Mikey in Israel on Parshas Vayigash. Mazel Tov to his parents; Yael and Josh; his sister Layla, and to the entire Haller and Grunberger families

NIGHT SEDER

Mazel Tov to our night Seder Chaburah who just finished the second Perek of Berachos. Join us between 9-1010pm and learn Berachos with a Chavrusa. Hear a Chabura on a topic on that week's Daf every Thursday night!

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LEARNING

High school boys' weekly Friday night learning cancelled this week

SHOVAVIM TAHARAS HAMISHPACHA **REFRESHER COURSE FOR MEN**

With Rav Malitzky
SHIUR 1 JAN 27
SHIUR 2 FEB 3
SHIUR 3 FEB 10
TUESDAY EVENINGS 8:30 - 9:15 PM
OHR TORAH YFM ROOM

747 SHIUR

The 747 shiur will not meet on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week and will resume on Friday morning.

SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM

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

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

EUGENE AND HEATHER WISHNIC
Heather and Eugene Wishnic have been valued members of our community for many years. Eugene is a lawyer and founding partner at Wishnic & Jerushalmy (WJ Law Group), a boutique law firm based in New Brunswick, where he specializes in personal injury litigation. Heather owns H. Star Designs, a residential interior design business right here in town.

Eugene grew up in Fair Lawn and attended Yavneh Academy, Frisch, Rutgers University, and Rutgers Law School. Heather grew up in Glen Ridge and attended Syracuse University, where she studied in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, followed by

The Pratt Institute, where she pursued interior design.

Heather and Eugene moved from Hoboken to Highland Park in 2009 and later became full members of Ohr Torah after moving to the North side of town in 2016. They are the proud parents of three children: Jonas (19), who attends Indiana University; Margot (13); and Vivian (11), both of whom attend Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy. They are also joined by their beloved Golden Retriever, Augie.

In the summer months, you might find the Wishnics enjoying the beach in Asbury Park or catching live music at the Stone Pony Summer Stage and beyond. In the winter, they love skiing together as a family- anywhere there's a chairlift and a solid base layer of snow.

REACH OUT:

Eugene: 201-232-7694

Eugene.wishnic@gmail.com

Heather: 201-232-7694

Heather.wishnic@gmail.com

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBOS

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Michal Horowitz will be joining us for a special Scholar-in-Residence Shabbos, February 6-7. She is one of the most engaging and popular speakers today. More details and the full schedule will be shared soon.

Michal Horowitz teaches weekly in her Five Towns, NY community, lectures nationally and internationally, and her Zoom shiurim reach audiences around the world. She is a regular presenter for the OU Women's Initiative, where she inaugurated the Torat Imecha Nach Yomi program, and currently teaches Torat Imecha Haftarah.

In September 2023, she was invited by Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis to serve as the first female scholar to keynote the Annual Pre-Yamim Noraim Conference for the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth in London. She is the author of *Able: Living With a Disability*, a Torah View (Mosaica Press), her first book, which explores disability through the lens of Torah and Jewish thought.

She shares Torah and teaching insights on Instagram at @mrsnichalhorowitz. Michal lives in Woodmere, NY with her family.

LUNCH & LEARN

"ORTHODOXED"

Awarded 2021 Best Jewish Documentary, Authentic Culture Award and Diversity Award

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

"ORTHODOXED" chronicles the transformative journey of Beryl Solomon, from a life deeply entrenched in drug dealing and the nightclub business to becoming a Lubavitcher Chassid. See and hear about "Where Beryl Was" and "Where Beryl Is Today"

ABSOLUTELY UPLIFTING AND EXTRAORDINARY!

Wed, Feb 18th Noon-2pm

Cong Ohr Torah Social Hall

Registration and Pre-payment \$20.pp is

Required! Register at:

www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn deadline:

Feb 16th Payment can be made at

registration by 1) credit card at checkout.

or 2) Zelle: payohrtorah@gmail.com or

3) check made out to Cong. Ohr Torah and

mailed or placed in the shul mailbox at 48

Edgemount Rd, Edison NJ 08817 Questions:

Contact: LandL@ohrtorah.net

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHIDDUCHIM: NAVIGATING THE MAZE

WITH EMUNAH AND DIRECTION

Sunday, Feb 1st, 8PM: Parenting in Shidduchim:

Navigating the Maze with Emunah and Direction.

Rabbi Noach Sauber (Assistant Principal, JEC,

Member of Vaad Hachinuch, YST), Rochel Leah

Eisner (Dating Mentor), Ahuva Morris (Kallah

Teacher). The Eisner Residence: 10 Celler Road,

Edison.

OE SISTERHOOD

OE Nshei Sisterhood Presents: The Power of Hafrashas Challah Suri Juraslawitz "the Challah Lady" February 16th 8:00 pm—Leil Rosh Chodesh Adar. Pre-Register at www.ohavemeth.org to prep your own dough in a guided demonstration with Rebbetzin Kaufman at 7pm. *Ingredients will be provided. Please bring a large spoon and a 10 liter bowl. Click here for [Link for recommended bowl at amazon](#) or the link will be provided at registration. 20 slots available.* Dough for the hafrashas challah is recommended, but not required.

JEWISH COMMUNITY FORUM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Halachic Perspectives and Stories from the Front Lines. Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley on Thursday, January 29, at Congregation Ahavas Achim, Highland Park at 8:30pm, with Rabbi Doron Podlashuk, Director, the Manhigut Toranit Program and the Tzurba M'Rabanan Series as he shares "Halachik Perspectives and Stories from the Front Lines". Rav Doron Podlashuk is the head of the Manhigut Program and Director of the Tzurba M'Rabanan Lax Family English Edition. Rav Doron has served over eight months in miluim since October 7, 2023, and many of the rabbis in his program have been serving on the front lines in Gaza, Lebanon and Syria. for more information visit: www.tzurbaolami.com and www.manhiguttoranit.org.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley go to www.jcforumrv.org.

WOMEN'S TEHILLIM AND EMUNAH SHIUR

Presented by Barbara Frish Sun Jan 25th 10AM on Zoom. Praying for the return of the last hostage and the protection of our chayaalim and Klal Yisroel Info: BungaresQ@aol.com

OE PURIM COSTUME GEMACH

The 19th Annual OE Purim Costume Gemach will kick off Sunday Feb 15th 10am - 4pm and It will continue on Wednesday Feb 18th 6pm -8pm and Sunday Feb 22nd 10am - 4pm. \$5 suggested donation per costume borrowed. All proceeds benefit the OE Youth Dept activities. For info email oeecostumegemach@gmail.com

NORPAC 2026 MISSION

Reserve the date May 13 2026

Norpac mission to Washington

More Info & Registration online at

www.norpac.net/mission-to-washington

DR. PRESBY'S SHUR

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 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.

Rebbitzin 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 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_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

Parshat Bo

Candlelighting 4:46PM

Mincha-Maariv 4:55 PM

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