



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**Parshat Beshalach/Shabbat Shira**

**Shevat 13 5786**

**January 31, 2026**

**Candlelighting:** 4:55 PM  
**Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos:** 5:00 PM (MS)  
**Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)**  
*Hashkama Speaker:* Ira Krumholtz  
*YFM Speaker:* Dovid Abramovitz  
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:39AM  
*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur*  
 4:05 pm

**Mincha (MS):** 1:45, 4:45 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker:* Rabbi Ezra Sarna

**Maariv** 5:59 PM  
**Shabbos Ends:** 6:04 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun** 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur*  
 After 7:15 Shacharis

**Mon., Thu.** 6:15, 7:05, 8 AM  
*Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:11 Mon., 6:08 Thurs.*

**Tue., Wed. Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM  
**There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every Friday**

**Weekday Mincha/Maariv** 5:05 PM  
**Early Mincha (Sun.)** 1:00 PM  
**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

**KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by Jill and Efraim Simkhayev and Elaine and Phil Levi in honor of their son's/grandson's, Shimmy Simkhayev's, Upsherin.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos Is sponsored by:  
 -Elise and Eddie Schechter and Bonnie and Gary Schechter to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Elise's father, Yerachmiel Ben Chaim Issur A"H, and Eddie's and Gary's mother, Leah bas Henech A"H  
 -Temima and Symcha Klerer to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Symcha's father, Moshe Yechiel ben Simcha A"H on the 16th of Shvat

**SHIUR FOR WOMEN**

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

**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.

**MAZEL TOV**

... to Renee and David Griboff on the birth of a granddaughter, Tehilla Meital, born to their children Ayelet and Eitan in DC  
 ...to Rosanne and Arnie Koenigson on the birth of a grandson, a son, born to their children Daniella and Brian Koenigson.  
 ... to Sari and Michie Klerer on the birth of a granddaughter, Faiga, born to their children Hannah & Shua Schuchman. Mazel Tov to great-grandparents Symcha & Tmima Klerer and Michael & Penny Kaplan and the extended Klerer, Kaplan and Broder families.  
 ...to Suzanne and Shai Simcha on the engagement of their daughter Sarah to Isaac Betesh of Hollywood, Florida. Mazel Tov to Isaac's parents, Bonnie and Joey Betesh, to Sarah's grandparents Carol and Paul Barth and Amalia Simcha, to Isaac's grandparents Regina Saada and Laura Betesh and to the extended Simcha, Barth, Saada and Betesh families.

**NIGHT SEDER**

Join us between 9-10:10 PM and learn Berachos with a Chavrusa. Hear a Chabura on a topic on that week's Daf every Thursday night!

**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.

**SHOVAVIM TAHARAS HAMISHPACHA REFRESHER COURSE FOR MEN**

All married men should please join us at 8:30pm on Tuesday for a clear and organized review Shiur of the Halachos of Taharas Hamishpacha. With Rav Malitzky SHIUR 2 FEB 3, SHIUR 3 FEB 10, TUESDAY EVENINGS 8:30 - 9:15 PM. OHR TORAH YFM ROOM

**SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM**

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

**CONGREGATION OHR TORAH GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS**

**ISAAC AND LISA MENASHA**

Lisa and Isaac Menasha have been beloved members of the Ohr Torah community since 2012.  
 Lisa is a school librarian at Piscataway High School, where she brings books and learning

to life for hundreds of students. Isaac is a dentist with a practice in Edison, and he is a proud part of the thriving "kehillah" of thirteen dentists in the OT community. (Who knew there were so many?)  
 Lisa grew up in Brooklyn, and Isaac spent his childhood moving around the country as part of a Navy family before ultimately settling in Suffolk. Virginia also known as the Peanut Capital of the US. The two met at a college Shabbaton and began their married life in Manhattan, where Isaac attended NYU Dental School.

They later lived in Fair Lawn before moving to Edison in 2006.

The Menashas are the proud parents of three daughters:

Rachel (24) works in the supply chain department at Chefman Appliances, Tali (22) is a senior at Rutgers University, and Ariella (14) is a 9th grader at Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School-Go Cobras!

Lisa enjoys reading, trivia games, and spending time with her family. Isaac is an avid football fan (Go Giants -please do better this year!), loves cooking, retro video games, and he is currently working toward completing his first Daf Yomi cycle.  
 The Menashas bring warmth, wisdom, and a quiet strength to our shul family, and we are lucky to have them as part of our community.

REACH OUT:

Isaac: [Imenasha@yahoo.com](mailto:Imenasha@yahoo.com)

Lisa: 551-206-2340

[Lmenasha@yahoo.com](mailto:Lmenasha@yahoo.com)

**CONDOLENCES**

Congregation Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences to Bracha Avraham on the loss of her father, Ephraim Siegel, Ephraim ben Zalman Shmuel, Z"L.

Shiva is at the Sebbag home, 955 Westminster Ave in Hillside, NJ on Motzei Shabbos 7-10, and Sunday & Monday, 10-1 & 3-9.

The family will be sitting Shiva at the Siegel home, 721 Ditmas Ave in Brooklyn, Tuesday, 10-1 and 3-9.

*May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Yerusalem*

**THANK YOU**

Arnie Koenigson and family thank the community for their support during the Shiva for his mother, Anne Koenigson, Z"L. Especially the men who helped make all the Minyanim, even in the snow.

**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**

## **SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBOS**

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Michal Horowitz will be joining us for a special Scholar-in-Residence next 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 *Abled: 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.

## **MAHJ NIGHT OUT FOR PEACE OF MIND**

Peace of Mind works with groups 15-20 IDF veterans who served together in a high-risk combat unit. For a week, they are hosted by a Jewish community where, led by two therapists, they process their combat experiences. This event will be hosted on Sunday, Feb. 22th 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Grill House [120 Raritan Ave. Highland Park](#). To attend and participate its \$50 per player with payment options when you RSVP. Please RSVP at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/587c55st>

PRIZES FOR GAME WINNERS! Sponsorships available! \$250, \$360 and \$500. For info, contact Rosanne Koenigson [rkoenigson@gmail.com](mailto:rkoenigson@gmail.com) or 732-735-8196

## **LUNCH & LEARN**

"ORTHODOXED"

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

Wednesday, February 18th Noon-2pm  
Congregation Ohr Torah Social Hall  
Registration and Pre-payment \$20.pp is Required!

Register at: [www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn](http://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn) deadline: February 16th

Payment can be made at registration by 1) credit card at checkout.

or 2) Zelle: [payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com) or

3) check made out to Cong. Ohr Torah and

mailed or placed in the shul mailbox at 48 Edgemount Road, Edison NJ 08817

Questions: Contact: [LandL@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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 (Asst Principal, JEC, Member of Vaad Hachinuch, YST), Rochel Leah Eisner (Dating Mentor), Ahuva Morris (Kallah Teacher). The Eisner Residence: 10 Celler Road, Edison.

## **BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY**

It's time to prioritize YOU! The Women's Health & Wellness Expo is coming up - Please register (free!!!) and help us get a headcount for the catering order!!!

<https://bikurcholimrv.org/event/womens-health-wellness-expo-2026/>

Women's Health & Wellness Expo

February 7 • Ohr Torah • 7:45pm

-Aliza Leiser, MD, Associate Professor Division of Gynecologic Oncology, Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ, "What to Know about Gynecologic Malignancies:

- Rottenstreich, CPT Licensed Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor "Fun Fitness Insights for the Busy Jewish Woman"

-Talia Becker, LCSW: "Eating Disorders Beyond Stereotypes"

Nicole Dietz, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner - "This Is Your Brain On Sleep: Exploring the Sleep-Mental Health Connection

Ahuva Morris Trauma-trained Kallah Teacher, Marriage Coach - "Hormone Harmony: Navigating and Optimizing Hormone Health at Every Stage"

Also Featuring: Guided journaling segment, Health-conscious buffet from Giddy's, Array of booths representing various fields of women's health

Free Admission • \$18 Suggested Donation

Register at [bikurcholimrv.org](http://bikurcholimrv.org)

## **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 [oe-costume-gemach@gmail.com](mailto:oe-costume-gemach@gmail.com)

## **NORPAC 2026 MISSION**

Reserve the date May 13 2026. More Info & Registration online at

[www.norpac.net/mission-to-washington](http://www.norpac.net/mission-to-washington)

## **PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER FUND**

The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, a"n, is selling Purim Mishloach Manos cards for \$2.00 each. The cards are perfect to send to all friends & relatives. All proceeds from the sale enable The Kinder Fund to help subsidize needed services for many local children. To request cards, contact Lani Eisner at 732.572.1087, Shoshana Diskind at 732.572.7755, or Tova Josefovitz at 732.801.6526 or e-mail your request to [thekinderfund@gmail.com](mailto:thekinderfund@gmail.com).

## **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: Feb 4, Feb 18, March 4 and March 18. For more info, email [naomi.caplan@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.caplan@gmail.com)

## **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](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.com](http://mikvahcloud.com) for hours. Comments and questions, [hpikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpikvah@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 learning 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 Yitro**

Candlelighting	5:03 PM
Mincha-Maariv	5:10 PM

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