



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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48 Edgemount Road, Edison, NJ 08817

**Parshat Bamidbar/Mevarchim**

**Iyar 29, 5786**

**May 16, 2026**

**Candlelighting: 7:49 PM**  
**Pre-Plag Mincha 5:45 PM**  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 6:45(MS), 7:00**  
**Carlebach (SH), 7:55 (MS) PM**  
**Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS)**

*Note no YFM this week*

*Hashkama Speaker: Mitch Rottenstreich*

Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:17 AM

*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur*  
 6:50 PM

**Mincha (MS): 1:45, 6:00 7:40 PM**

*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky*

**Maariv 8:53 PM**

**Shabbos Ends: 8:58 PM**

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sun (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 AM**

*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Iyun Shiur*

*After 7:00 AM Shacharis*

**Mon, Thu 6:15, 7:05, 8 AM**

**Tue, Wed., 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM**

**Fri. See Next Week's Shavuot Schedule**

*There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every*

*Friday*

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv 7:55 PM**

**Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:45 PM**

**Late Maariv: 10:10 PM**

**DAF YOMI SCHEDULE**

Mon -Fri. - after Maariv

Shabbos - 45 min before Mincha

Sunday - after 8 AM Shacharis

**CARLEBACH MINYAN**

There will be a special Carlebach Minyan at 7pm this Shabbos in the social hall. Join us for a energetic, spirited, and inspiring Davening as we enter the month of Kabbolas Hatorah. Davening will be led by our very own Srulee Hercman

**KIDDUSH**

This week's Kiddush following both the hashkama and main minyanim is sponsored by Ohr Torah, to welcome our new members.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Herb Engel to commemorate the Yahrzeit of his wife Bobbi, Bracha Bayla bas Yisroel A"H

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON**  
**PIRKEI AVOT SERIES**

Rabbi Josh Rapps will BE"H give a Shiur on the Perek of the week L'Ilu' Nishmat his sister, Tzirel Tehila Bas HaRav Moshe A"H. 11 Edgemount Road, 4:45 P.M. to allow for attending 6 pm Mincha..

**GEMARA SHIUR- THIS SHABBOS**

Do you have any bread, cookies, or crackers in your pantry that are not from Heimische brands? Isn't that considered Pas Akum? The Mishnah states that Pas Akum is forbidden.

Yet many of us eat these breads, cookies, and cakes all the time. Why is that permitted? Why are some people still machmir? See how the halacha and common practice develop from the Gemara through the Rishonim and Shulchan Aruch all the way to contemporary Poskim.

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter born to their children Rabbi and Mrs. Daniel and Zahava Friedman.

...to Rabbi and Mrs. Josh Einzig on the birth of a grandson, a son born to their children Ezra and Shayna Einzig of Lakewood.

...to Matti and Jake Eisner on the Aufruf and upcoming marriage of their grandson Yosef to Michal Barenbaum of Staten Island.

...to Rona and Seymour Kessel on the birth of a daughter to their children Elana and Jeremy Erez of Springfield. Mazel Tov to siblings Aharon, Bailey, Shira and Ben; to grandparents Joyann and Mendy Erez, and to the extended Erez and Kessel families.

**...SEMICHAS CHAVER**

The Semichas Chaver program just started a new program. Join us on Monday nights at 9pm, as we delve into kashrus halachos such as sinks, dishwashers, Yayin Nesech, and many more. Please reach out to R' Yoni Goldberg 516-491-4982 with any questions.

**SUNDAY MORNING GEMARA SHIUR**  
**FOR 6<sup>th</sup> AN 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS**

All 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys are invited to join Rabbi Malitzky for an engaging Gemara shiur from 9:45-10:30 on Sunday mornings! Hope to see you there!

**LEGAL HOLIDAY SHIUR**  
**MONDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Please join us for breakfast and a shiur after the 8am Minyan on Memorial day, Monday May 25th. The Shiur, "Music in the Beis Hamikdash" will be given by Rav Gedalia Jaffe. Please reach out to Russell Adler at [russadler613@gmail.com](mailto:russadler613@gmail.com) if you are interested in sponsoring the Shiur

**FLOWER SPONSORSHIP**

Ohr Torah once again planted flowers into the concrete planters in front of the building in an effort to beautify the exterior of our Shul. We are looking for \$50 sponsors per planter to help defray the cost of the flowers. If you would like to sponsor a planter, please contact Payam Hanian

(payamhanian@gmail.com) or Leslie Ney ([lesney@att.net](mailto:lesney@att.net)).

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SHABBOS**

Ohr Torah is excited to welcome and celebrate the more than 25 new full-member families who have joined our Shul over the last two years. We look forward to continuing to build a Shul community rooted in growth, compassion, friendship, and meaningful connection.

*David and Rachel Abromowitz*

*Jake and Mati Eisner*

*Yisrael Dov and Shaindee Goldstein*

*Zvi and Rivka Goldstein*

*Rav Dovy and Laeya Grossman*

*Ben and Daniella Hanasab*

*Noah and Sarah Hazan*

*Avi and Mirav Hollander*

*Julia Jaman*

*Sidney and Marilyn Kessous*

*Yona and Chani Laster*

*Yosef and Beata Mervis*

*Matt Hale and Carrie Mitnik*

*Steven Rubenstein and Judy Ney*

*Rav Dovid and Aidel Rauch*

*Rav Ezra and Chedva Sarna*

*Gary and Bonnie Schechter*

*Andy and Rachel Schwartz*

*Aaron and Karen Shapiro*

*Efraim and Jill Simkayev*

*Rivka Sonts*

*Steve and Ariella Springer*

*Rivka and Joe Stern*

*Yossi and Shira Teichman*

*Yosef and Mussie Tseitkin*

*Avrumi and Yitti Weiss*

**SHAVUOT-VISITING EDUCATOR MS.**  
**CHANI GOTTLIEB**

Ohr Torah is proud to announce that Ms. Chani Gottlieb will be joining us for Shavuot. Ms. Gottlieb will give Shiurim Shavuot night for girls and women of all ages and deliver a shiur for women on Shabbos afternoon (2nd day of Shavuot). Exact shule will be out next week.

Ms. Chani Gottlieb is a dynamic educator, currently teaching in two prestigious girls' high schools in New York. In addition, she lectures around the world to diverse audiences that span the gamut of Orthodox Jewry. Born and educated in Israel, Chani successfully integrates the best of Israel's yeshiva education with her high-level academic training. She holds a BA in science earned in Israel, and a master's degree in Judaic studies earned in the USA. In her

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**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**

lectures, Chani analyzes contemporary issues through the lens of diverse Jewish thinkers. Her insights, gained by a rigorous approach to text, appeal to both intellectuals and laymen alike. She has developed and implemented a unique curriculum for Jewish genealogy research which has exposed her to hundreds of personal narratives of multi-generational Jewish families. This work, together with her interviewing of Holocaust survivors for the Spielberg Shoah Foundation, provides Chani with a reservoir of memoirs to draw from, helping her to bring history to life for her audiences.

### **LUNCH & LEARN**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> Noon-2pm  
JEWISH TRADITIONS & TRANSLATIONS  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Registration and Pre-Payment \$20.00 per person (aides eat free)

[www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn](http://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn)

Payments accepted:

1. Credit card at registration checkout online (or select shul billing, members only) [www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn](http://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn)
2. Zelle: [payortorah@gmail.com](mailto:payortorah@gmail.com)
3. Check made out to Cong. Ohr Torah and mailed or placed in shul mailbox on the sidewalk box at 48 Edgemount Road, Edison 08817

Enjoy a Delicious Lunch Buffet catered by Jerusalem Pizza, with your friends, neighbors and new friends

NEW PROGRAM - SEASON ONE:  
THE FIRST 5 VIDEO EPISODES:

1. 5 JEWISH LANGUAGES YOU DIDN'T KNOW WERE A THING
2. WHY IS YIDDISH THE BEST FAILED LANGUAGE OR IS IT?
3. THE HISTORY AND SURVIVAL OF THE HEBREW LANGUAGE
4. 5 MIND-BLOWING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SEPHARDI AND ASKANAZI JEWS
5. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEPHARDI AND MIZRACHI JEWS?

Program followed by scintillating group questions and comments

Questions: Contact: [Landl@ohrtorah.net](mailto:Landl@ohrtorah.net) **AN EVENING OF MUSIC & MITZVOS UNDER**

### **THE STARS**

Spend a memorable summer evening at "Midsummer Night's Mitzvah" on Thursday night, June 25, from 7-10 PM at 1 Stone Street, Edison, NJ. Enjoy great music, delicious food, and a beautiful summer atmosphere while supporting the Ohr Torah Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund and helping those in need within our community. Featuring music by Soulfarm and The Solomon Brothers, with all proceeds going directly to tzedaka. Adults only. RSVP and more information: [otbackyardevent@gmail.com](mailto:otbackyardevent@gmail.com)

### **WEDNESDAY SHIUR FOR WOMEN**

Our shiur for women will meet in the Beis Medrash at 10am this Wednesday.

### **747 SHIUR**

747 Shiur: Will meet Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

### **OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENT**

Ohr Torah Annual Shavuot Youth Torah Bowl. Second Day Shavuot, 5:00pm - 6:00pm in the social hall. 1st - 5th grade, for children and parents. Rita's will also be served

### **PARSHA EXPLORATIONS: - AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS**

Are you retired? Do you start your work day late? Join us for a daytime Shiur with Rabbi Grossman.

TUESDAY MORNINGS 9AM

OT BEIS MEDRASH

OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN

### **ISRAELI DANCE CLASS**

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: June 16 and June 24.

### **YOM YERUSHALAYIM**

#### **OT SISTERHOOD SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Come on your own or bring a friend for a women only Shalosh Seudos. Featuring pre-Shavuot inspiration by Sarah Keane. May 16th 5:30pm, Redlich backyard 37 Edgemount Road

#### **GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS- DAVID AND MINDY WAIZER**

Mindy and David Waizer moved to Highland Park in 1995 right after they were married. They lived in Donaldson Park Apartments for a few years before moving into their current house on North 7th Avenue. David grew up in Edison, down the block from OT, on Edgemount Road. He is an RPRY graduate, as are their children, Matthew, Kayla, and Amalia. Mindy is originally from Long Beach, New York. Today, David is a lawyer at Day Pitney, LLP, and Chair of its Emerging Companies and Venture Capital Practice Group. Mindy is a web content editor at RWJBarnabas Health. They are empty nesters, as their kids have grown and flown.

Matthew married Shaina Davis of Manhattan and they live in Passaic with their adorable daughter, Chana. Kayla made aliyah and married Netanel Braude of Modiin. They live in Jerusalem. Amalia made aliyah as well and lives in Givat Shmuel. She attends Bar Ilan University and is studying Life Sciences. For fun, David and Mindy love to do crossword puzzles together and enjoy vacationing in warm places. David is a former Highland Park volunteer firefighter. His kids will tell you that he tells Dad jokes, but he just calls them jokes. Mindy can be found at the gym most mornings and some evenings.

David and Mindy both love to read. They share their love for books and reading through the Little Free Library in front of

their house on North 7th Ave. They encourage their neighbors to take a book or leave a book any time.

The Waizer family has been a part of the Ohr Torah community for almost 50 years, since the shul was a small congregation that met in the RPRY gym. They are proud to be a part of this thriving community.

### **YOM YERUSHALAYIM SPONSORS**

Thank you to those who supported our Yom Yerushalayim inspiring program with Rav Yotav Eliach:

Shoshana and Brian Allen  
Naomi and Neal Auman  
Mel Barenholtz  
Barbara and Jerry Belsh  
Naomi and Josh Caplan  
Dalya and Harry Chefetz  
Alizah Chomsky  
Zephyr Chomsky  
Debbie and Alex Diamant  
Noa and Judah Elbaum  
Toby and Michael Eleff  
Mira and Mark Epstein  
Sigal and Donny Epstein  
Lynn and Neer Even-Hen  
Mimi and Charlie Gershbaum  
Gila and Ephraim Gerszberg  
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Masha and Alex Sherman  
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Asaf and Penina Shmuel  
Sari and Greg Sholom  
Leslie and Jeff Silber  
Suzanne and Shai Simcha  
Drora and Sheldon Waltuch  
Susie and Barry Wolf

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **RABBI REISMAN AT KC**

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on Gluten Free Diets. It will be on Shabbos day, May 16th, Parshas Vayakel-Pekudei, at 6:10 pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Avenue. Topics will include: the controversy over oats, the brachos of flour blends, is gluten free wheat starch hamotzi. For more information contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

**SAVE THE DATE – WOMEN'S COMEDY NIGHT**

Attention women of Edison/Highland Park! Join us for a fun and uplifting women's-only comedy night featuring Zeya Comedy Sunday, May 17 at 7PM. Enjoy an evening of laughter while supporting the Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah. Details to follow!

**SHAVUOT BAKE SALE**

The annual Shavout bake sale for Israel will take place on Tuesday, May 19th between 7-9pm at Ohav Emeth.

All proceeds will go to ADI Negev- Nachalat Eran. Cash or check are accepted. We look forward to seeing everyone at the bake sale. Any questions please call/text Cindy Baruch at 908-309-8818.

**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.

**COMMUNITY LECTURE**

Exclusive Community Lecture – Rescheduled to June 21st at 7pm due to the Iran war. Join us for a powerful and eye-opening evening featuring Lt. Col. (Res.) "Abu Daoud," an Israeli intelligence commander with over 20 years of experience in Israel's most secretive defense organizations, including the IDF and Shin Bet (Shabak). This rare presentation, "The Hidden Side of the War: Inside Agent Recruitment & Terrorist Interrogation," will offer an inside look at how Israeli intelligence operations have saved countless lives and helped shape key battles in the Gaza Strip. Saturday Night, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Security will be provided. RSVP required to receive confirmation

RSVP: [learninginstitute@vieb.org](mailto:learninginstitute@vieb.org)

**BIKUR CHOLIM**

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley is looking for volunteers to visit local seniors who are homebound. If you can help out with this mitzvah please call Cindy Baruch at 908-309-8818.

**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, [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com)

**BIKUR CHOLIM**

Bikur Cholim medical equipment Contact Rebecca Bick at 732-735-7616 or Gabby & Jake Binstein 774-232-3515.

-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

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**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 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](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\_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](mailto:david@weintraub.name)

**Shavuos**

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| Candlelighting | 7:55 PM |
| Mincha-Maariv  | 8:00 PM |

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