



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Va'etchanan

Av 11 5786

July 25, 2026

Candlelighting: 8:02 PM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:49 PM
Pre-Plag Mincha 5:45 PM
Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:45 (MS), 7:00
Carlebach (SH), 7:30 (BM) & 8:10 PM (MS)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15
(YFM) AM

Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Nechemya Wiener
YFM speaker: Rav Ben Zion Shulman

Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:26 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
Cancelled

Mincha (MS): 1:45, 6:00 & 7:50 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman
Maariv 9:04 PM
Shabbos Ends: 9:09 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur
On hiatus till Elul

Mon. Thu 6:15, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Tue, Wed, Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv 8:05 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:45 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

MON – THURS. – 7:30 PM
 FRI- AFTER EARLIEST KABBOLAS SHABBOS
 SHABBOS – 45 MIN BEFORE MINCHA
 SUNDAY – AFTER 8 AM SHACHARIS

EARLIEST TIME TO LIGHT SHABBOS

CANDLES

Plag Hamincha- Earliest to light Shabbos candles/accept Shabbos:
 The earliest time to light Shabbos candles is Plag HaMincha. This week, Plag HaMincha is at 6:49 PM. One may not light Shabbos candles or accept Shabbos before that time. Those who are making an early Shabbos and attending the 6:45 PM Minyan should wait until 6:49 PM to light Shabbos candles and accept Shabbos.

CARLEBACH MINYAN

All men and women are encouraged to join us for an inspiring, spirited, and uplifting Shabbos Nachamu Carlebach Minyan this Friday night at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Avigayil and Arnon Wiener in honor of the engagement of their daughter Chemda to Chanan Ben Tal of Bet Shemesh.

YFM KIDDUSH

Young Family Kiddush this week is sponsored by Sara and Alex Scott in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Alex's mother. Alex will be

giving a Chabura after a Siyum on Chagiga with Mitch Rottenstreich.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored this week by the Shul in honor of Shabbos Nachamu.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Harriet and Joel Gersten in honor of the Aliyah of their children and grandchildren, Sarah and Dov Banner and their children Tziporah and Naphtali.

RABBI ELI REISMAN SHALOSH SEUDOS

SPEAKER

Topic: "Alexa, Play Yom Zeh Mechubad and then Tell me a Vort on the Parsha".

MAZEL TOV

...to Debbie and Bill Gewirtz on the birth of a great-grandson baby boy Lebowitz, son of Sarena and Yonah Lebowitz and younger brother of Esther and Daniella and grandparents Elana and Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz.

...to Chaya Gurkov on the birth of a great grandson, Dov Ber, a son born to her grandchildren, Yaakov and Tehilla Newman. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Rabbi and Faigie Newman and Rabbi Aron and Malka Zisow and to all the siblings, uncles, aunts and cousins and the entire family on both sides.

... to Raquel and David Dessau, and Susan and Mitchell Redisch of Wesley Hills on the birth of their granddaughter, Orly Hinda, a daughter born to their children Aleeza and Yakov Redisch of Teaneck. A heartfelt Mazel Tov to proud great-grandparents Rochelle and Ralph Dessau, to big brother Ezra, and to all the aunts, uncles, and cousins.
 ... to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the birth of a daughter to their children Rabbi Naftali and Chayi Hanfling

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

The Summer Lecture Series returns this Shabbos! Rabbi Luban will deliver the Shiur this Shabbos in the Social Hall at 6:25 PM (after the 6 PM Mincha). The series this year is entitled "Complex Questions and Considerations."

747 SHIUR

The 747 Shiur will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday this week.

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

SEMICHAS CHAVER

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.

THANK YOU

-Our family extends our heartfelt gratitude to the OT Community for the tremendous kindness and support you showed us during the loss of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, Barry (Berel Baruch ben Yehudah Tzvi HaLevy) Leskowitz, of blessed memory. We are deeply grateful to everyone who reached out, came to the Miyanim, prepared food, made contributions and kept our family in your thoughts. Your generosity and caring exemplify a true strength of OT and the meaning of chesed. Tizku l'mitzvot. With heartfelt appreciation, The Eserner, Leskowitz, Levy, and Tuchman families

-We'd like to thank the community for the outpouring of support after the recent passing of my father. He always enjoyed a warm welcome during his numerous visits over the past 30+ years.

Yoel & Karen Schwartz

SEATS FOR YOMIM NORAIM 5787

(2026)

The Seat Reservation Form is now available on the Ohr Torah website. Go to <https://www.ohrtorah.net/seats> (or use 2 steps by going to the Shul website at <https://www.ohrtorah.net> and select "Members" and scroll down to "Seat Reservations"). Applications must be received by August 13 for both the Main and the Hashkama Minyan to qualify for discounted pricing. After that date, the rates will increase, and seats will be offered as available. Full payment for the 2026 seats must accompany the reservation to be processed. The Shul Board also requires that personal balances be paid up through 2025. If you have a question regarding your Shul balances, contact Brian Allen or Yoel Schwartz at finance@ohrtorah.net. If you have seating questions, contact either Srullee Hercman (sherman@gmail.com), David Waizer at (732-500-2833), or Gershon Klavan at othashkama@hotmail.com (hashkama).

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

OT CHESD SHIVA COMMITTEE

The OT Chesd Shiva Committee needs your help! A group of dedicated women volunteer their valuable time to prepare Shiva homes for the newly bereaved in our Kehillah. Donations are needed in order to cover the cost of a Seudat Havra'ah for the mourners when they return from the cemetery. It is traditional for a community to provide this meal of consolation for a mourner. With your help we will be able to provide this meal to our Aveilim in their time of need.

1) You can send a check to our Shul ear-marked Chesd Shiva Committee

2) You can donate on the Shul website donation page under the drop-down line "Chesd Shiva Committee"

3) Zelle may be used to send donation (payohrtorah@gmail.com)

If you have any questions or would like to join our committee, please contact Mary Schanler 646-271-9917

It is a tremendous Mitzvah for the community to provide a meal of consolation to Aveilim returning from the Levayah.

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. Class dates: 7/29, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9 Info: naomi.caplan@gmail.com

LUNCH & LEARN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th from Noon-2pm
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 23rd (NO EXCEPTIONS)!

Congregation Ohr Torah Social Hall
PALESTINIAN OR ISRAELI – 75min. Video: "Nas Daily Said Something He Wasn't Supposed To Say"

· Go behind the scenes with history nerd Noam Weissman

· A candid conversation about identity, belonging, and what it means to be Israeli, Palestinian, Arab and human all at once
· Explore nuance, history, religion, and the cost of refusing simple labels

· For anyone wanting to know more about what Israel is about – from different multiple angles

Enjoy a Delicious Lunch Buffet, with your friends, neighbors and new friends catered by Jerusalem Pizza
Program followed by group questions and comments

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

www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn

Payments accepted: Registration Aug 23rd

1. Credit card at registration checkout online (or select shul billing, members only) www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn

2. Zelle: 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 Rd, Edison 08817

Questions? Contact: LandL@ohrtorah.net

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 28-30, 2026

FREE SINGLES SHABBATON FOR ORTHODOX SINGLE WITH WITH ASD, SOCIAL AND/OR EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES

RESERVATION REQUIRED. FULL ADDRESS GIVEN UPON REGISTRATION & ACCEPTANCE
Shabbos meals - Interactive Games- Speed Dating
-Fun Melava Malka -Sunday Breakfast-Meet with a professional Shadchan

Join us for a relaxing, uplifting weekend of connection and friendship!

LOCATION: Camp Negeela in the Catskill Mnts

COST: FREE! Register: <https://bit.ly/4pcdCr5>

HOSTED/SPONSORED BY:

Wayne & Denise Chesner PHONE: 443-929-3339

EMAIL: Singlesshabbaton@gmail.com

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 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.

-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!

riteicher@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.

SEFER DEDICATIONS:

<https://ohrtorah.net/sefarim>

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 LEADERS: Shaina (201-657-3068) and Tzvi (516-757-4748) Berke

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 Ekev

Candlelighting	7:55 PM
Mincha-Maariv	6:45, 7:30 & 8:00 PM

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vhttp://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.