



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Nitzavim-Vayealech

Elul 23 5786

September 5, 2026

Candlelighting: 7:06 PM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:13 PM
Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:45 (BM) & 7:15 PM (MS)

This is the last week for the 6:45 PM Mincha Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15 (YFM) AM

Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Eric Dolitsky

Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:42 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur 6:05 PM

Mincha (MS): 1:45, & 6:55 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman
Topic: Ayin Hara

Maariv 8:08 PM
Shabbos Ends: 8:13 PM

Weekday Slichos/Shacharis:

Sun 7:15, (7:30 Slichos in BM) 8:00 & 9AM
R' Akiva Sauer's Daf Yomiu B'iyun Shiur on hiatus until after Sukkos

Mon (Labor Day) 6:45, 7:35 & 8:35 AM
Special Breakfast & Shiur

By Rabbi Josh Blass following 8AM Shacharis
Tue, Wed, 6:05, 6:45 & 7:35 AM
Thu 5:50, 6:40 & 7:35 AM

SHACHARIS STARTS WHEN SELICHOS ENDS
Fri. (Erev Rosh Hashanah):

12:54 AM (Selichos only, BM), 4:50 (MS), 5:40 (BM), 6:30 (SH), 7:30 (MS)
Followed by Hataras Nedarim

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv 7:05 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:45 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

MON - THURS. - AFTER MAARIV
 FRI - AFTER EARLIEST KABBOLAS SHABBOS
 SHABBOS - 45 MIN BEFORE MINCHA
 SUNDAY - AFTER 8 AM SHACHARIS

EARLIEST TIME TO LIGHT SHABBOS CANDLES

The earliest time to light Shabbos candles is Plag HaMincha. This week, Plag HaMincha is at 6:13 PM. One may not light Shabbos candles or accept Shabbos before that time.

YFM KIDDUSH

YFM Kiddush is sponsored by Bonnie and Evan Orgel to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Evan's grandfather, נתן נטע בן הלל ז"ל

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:
 -the Dessau and Allen families in honor of the Yahrzeit of their mother and grandmother Mrs. Sitta Dessau.
 -Franny and Shmully Leitman in honor of the 7th Yahrzeit of their father Eugene Leitman.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:
 - Penny and Michael Kaplan to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Penny's mother - Faige bas

Yitzchok Mayer (24 Elul), and Michael Aidel bas Akiva (29 Elul).

-Aviva & Barry Siegel in memory of Barry's father's upcoming Yartzeit Chaim Ben Eliyahu Halevi Z"L and as a Thank you to Moshe W. /Moshe S./ Fishel/Josh for their Shalosh Seudos weekly arrangement efforts.

MAZEL TOV

...to Paige & Aron Kramer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emma. Mazel Tov to sisters Hailey & Ava, Emma's grandparents, aunt, uncles and cousins. Kiddush will IY"H take place in the RPRY gym.

...to Rachel and Mendy Lerner on the birth of a grandson to their children Ethan and Leora Lerner of Highland Park. Mazel Tov also to the great grandparents Henry and Bella Lerner, grandfather Marc Hyman and the entire Lerner and Hyman families.

The Shalom Zachar will be at 7 Edgemount Road starting at 8:30pm.

...to Mildred and Irwin Goldblatt on the birth of a great grandson, Ezra Akiva to Tova and Josh Goldberg. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Steven and Sarah Rand and Gerry and Karen Goldberg, and to the sisters and to all the aunts, uncles and cousins.

...to Dr. Shira Goldberg on being selected as a fellow in the Ematai Advanced Track Fellowship in End-of-Life Care and Halacha.

...to Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Noah of Overland Park, Kansas. Mazel Tov to Noah's parents Jonathan and Kaley Schwartzbard and to the entire Schwartzbard extended family.

... to Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo and Miriam Ziegler on the birth of a grandson, a son born to their children, Mr. and Mrs. MoEli and Shani Ziegler.

... to Merav and Noah Krasner on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter born to their children Jerry and Yovel miller . Mazel Tov to big brother שחר , grandparent mark and Julie -Ann miller , great grand parents dov and Hanna Halperin and all the uncles , aunts and cousins

POST HASHKAMA SHIUR

Our new Rabbinic intern, Rabbi Eric Dolitsky will be giving a Shiur after the Hashkama

Minyan (approximately 9:25-10) on "Let's End with a Song- the Mitzvah of Ksivas Sefer Torah". Men and women are encouraged to attend.

SELICHOS NIGHT MOTZEI SHABBOS

THE RABBI DR. ISRAEL RIVKIN ZT"L
 MEMORIAL SELICHOS NIGHT
 MOTZEI SHABBOS

-September 5th 12:00 AM MIDNIGHT
 Making the Ultimate Sacrifice - Rav Etan Epstein Founder of the New Rochelle Torah Center and the 300 Club

-Selichos at 12:55 AM Yitz Henkin

Rav Etan Epstein is a dynamic Torah educator and founder of the New Rochelle Torah Center and the 300 Club. After graduating from Ramaz, Rav Etan spent a year and a half learning at Yeshivat Shaalvim in Israel before earning his B.A. from Yeshiva Univ..He continued his Torah studies at Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood for three years, followed by seven years of intensive learning at the Brisker Kollel in Eretz Yisrael. In 2016, Rav Etan and his family returned to the US and settled in Monsey, where he founded the New Rochelle Torah Center and developed a reputation for delivering thoughtful, engaging, and inspiring shiurim. In 2023, Rav Etan founded the 300 Club with the goal of helping every Jew develop a meaningful and consistent connection to Torah, just five minutes, or 300 seconds, at a time. The 300 Club facilitates individualized one-on-one Torah learning over the phone, allowing participants of all backgrounds and levels to experience meaningful Torah learning each day. We are proud that members of our own shul participate in the 300 Club and learn their 300 seconds of Torah every day.

This Shiur has been sponsored by the family of Rabbi Dr. Israel Rivkin, A"H.

I. DAVID AND MIRIAM GOLDSTEIN ANNUAL TESHUVA LECTURE

We are proud to announce that the I. David and Miriam Goldstein Annual Teshuva lecture will be delivered by the world renowned Rabbi Yissocher Frand. Rabbi Frand is an inspiring, dynamic teacher and senior lecturer at Yeshivas Ner Yisroel in Baltimore, MD. "Finding The Real You" will be presented at Cong Ohr Torah Tuesday, September 8th at 7:45 PM. All donations will

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

be sent to American Friends of Yad Eliezer to feed and clothe the needy in Israel.

Please join us!

OT YOUTH ICE CREAM TRUCK KICKOFF EVENT

Free Ice Cream this Sunday Sept 6th 1PM-2PM in front of the Shul.

LABOR DAY BREAKFAST & SHIUR

"Teshuva: A Gentle and Natural Path Forward" Rabbi Josh Blass Monday, 9/7 Following the 8am Shacharis.

Rabbi Josh Blass, LMSW, has served as Mashgiach Ruchani at Yeshiva University for 22 years, and he maintains a private therapy practice specializing in trauma and addiction. He previously served as Rabbi of the shul at Einstein Medical School.

We are honored to host Rabbi Josh Blass for a special Legal Holiday Shiur and Breakfast on Monday, Labor Day, Sept 7, following the 8AM Shacharis.

Please reach out to Josh Caplan at [+1 \(917\) 848-6326](tel:+1917848-6326) if you are interested in sponsoring this incredible learning opportunity. What a zechus to head into Rosh Hashanah with some extra Torah and inspiration!

Rabbi Josh Blass has served as a Mashgiach Ruchani at YU for the past 22 years. He previously served as the Rabbi of the shul at Einstein Medical School and, for 15 years, as Rav of Kehillas Beis Yehudah in Wesley Hills, NY. He holds a Master's degree in Social Work and maintains a private therapy practice specializing in trauma and addiction. Rabbi Blass is a sought-after speaker who gives shiurim throughout the Tri-State area and beyond. He lives in the Monsey area with his wife, Ilana, and their family.

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH NEW RABBINIC INTERN

We are excited to welcome and introduce our new Rabbinic Intern, Rav Eric Dolitsky, and his wife, Kayla!

Please join us in giving Rav Dolitsky a warm Ohr Torah welcome!

Rabbi Eric Dolitsky grew up in Philadelphia, attending Kohelet Yeshiva High School. After two years learning at Shaalvim, he continued his education at Yeshiva University, majoring in Psychology. He is currently pursuing Semicha at RIETS and will also be participating in the Frisch Kollel. Rabbi Dolitsky has extensive experience working with youth and adults, as a chinuch head at Camp Morasha, a division head at Camp Lavi, and a madrich in NCSY Kollel. He lives in Teaneck with his wife, Kayla, who works for Yachad National at the OU. Rabbi Dolitsky is a thoughtful and personable Ben Torah who is excited to learn with, teach, and get to know the members of the Ohr Torah community.

WELCOME NEW-MEMBERS

Jonathan and Chaya Meiner

Jonathan and Chaya Meiner recently moved to Highland Park/Edison from Teaneck. Both Jonathan and Chaya (née Scheiner) were born and raised in Highland Park and are

excited to be back home in the community where they grew up.

Jonathan works at Grant Thornton in Risk Advisory, focusing on internal audit and analytics, while Chaya is a registered nurse in Monsey.

Jonathan enjoys playing pickleball and is still hoping the courts on North 8th Avenue will one day get lights! Chaya loves baking challah on Fridays, usually making far too much, so she can share with family and friends. As a family, they enjoy going to parks and taking the kids to indoor play spaces. While living in Teaneck, they were frequent visitors to American Dream and are now looking for a new favorite spot closer to home!

Jonathan and Chaya have two children, Doni (4½) and Shai (2) who attend RPRY. We are delighted to welcome the Meiner family to Ohr Torah and look forward to getting to know them better!

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT:

Jonathan: [732-289-5244](tel:732-289-5244),

jonathanmeiner@gmail.com

Chaya: [732-675-8248](tel:732-675-8248),

Chaya.scheiner@gmail.com

AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

Retired? Start your work day late? Join us for a daytime Shiur with Rabbi Grossman.

TUESDAY MORNINGS 9AM, OT BEIS

MEDRASH. OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN

LOST & FOUND

Last Shabbos a diamond brooch was lost. If found, please contact 732-874-1520

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.

10 AM WEDNESDAY SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Our Wednesday Shiur for Women is back and better than ever! Join Rabbi Malitzky for a special three-part series as we travel The Road to Teshuvah together and explore the essential steps of the Teshuvah process. The Road to Teshuvah: A Three-Part Series. Part 2 • Wednesday September 9 Regret — Charatah

Part 3 • Wednesday September 16 Confess & Commit—Vidui & Kabbalah Al HaAsid

Tell your friends and join us as we prepare together for the Yamim Noraim!

BAKE SALE

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the bake sale for Israel. Bake sale will take place at Cong. Ohav Emeth Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30-8:30 pm. All proceeds go to Friends of Lowenstein Rehabilitation Medical Center. Questions call Cindy Baruch 908-309-8818.

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 are: Sept 9, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 9 and Dec 23 Info: naomi.caplan@gmail.com

YASHER KOACH

A second page-counter was dedicated by Ally and Benny Waks in memory of Ally's mother, Cynthia April A"H, and Benny's father, Yossel Waks, A"H.

May all of the beautiful Davening in our Shul on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur bring an Aliyah to their Neshamos!

ROSH HASHANA & YOM KIPPUR BABYSITTING

Please sign up Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Babysitting at the links below. Please complete a new form for each child.

Babysitting avail. on first come first serve basis. Free for those who have purchased seats in shul. Spots are limited and filling up fast, so sign up ASAP

6 month - 2 years old

<https://forms.gle/ch97sxtV8Z9ihjDWA>

2 years old - 6th grade

<https://forms.gle/VyCmyWHeNu3tPDML8>

PEW SHTENDER MAINTENANCE

With the Yomim Noraim approaching, we are looking to replace / fix any broken Shtenders in the main Shul.

We ask that you please check if yours or your neighbor's Shtender is in need of repair. Please email: otmaintenance48@gmail.com with row number, seat number, Mens or Womens

YOMIM NORAIM SEATS 5787 (2026)

The Seat Reservation Form is 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"). 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 Srul

Hercman (shercman@gmail.com), David

Waizer at 732-500-2833, or Gershon Klavan

at othashkama@hotmail.com (hashkama).

THANK YOU

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to our community for the tremendous amount of warmth, support and love that we received after the passing of Leor's father (Yisrael David ben Menachem & Shoshana Blima). The participation in Minyanim, the Shiva visits and the meals that our friends and neighbors provided were very much appreciated. The Shiva Committee was especially helpful. We took great comfort in this community's kindness during a difficult time. We look forward to celebrating happy occasions together.

Melissa and Leor Jerushalmy

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RJJ MIKVAH

The RJJ Mikvah is open on Erev RH & YK- but closed for cleaning between 1:30 & 2:30 PM.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS LULAV & ESROG ORDERING

When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a donation for each sale. -Barry Siegel & family siegeldad@gmail.com, 732-572-4408 -Rabbi Shimoni, Yaeljin16@gmail.com 908-208-4233 please see the flyers for additional info. All checks for Lulavim and Esrogim must be made out to the appropriate vendor and not Cong. Ohr Torah.

PRE-ROSH HASHANA BOUTIQUE

Tuesday September 8th 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Come join us as we prepare for the Chagim. Featuring Hedy's Hats, The Cheese Guy, Leora W Pottery and Fabric Arts and Jewelry by Leora Sherman. Congregation Ohav Emeth 415 Raritan Avenue. Come support the RH Bake Sale for Israel in the same evening –(6:30 -8:30 pm), proceeds go to Lowenstein Rehabilitation Center. Come explore the Shalva Art Exhibition by Artisan Rochel Shalva Weiss. Custom made fabric arts. Lev L'nefesh G'mach Centerpiece Sale.

CHALLAH BAKE AT AHAVAS ACHIM

All women and girls high school age and up are invited to a special shul-wide Challah Bake! Whether you're a Challah expert or a first-timer, come enjoy an evening of inspiration and connection, with refreshments and swag, while learning about the beautiful mitzvah of Challah. Tuesday, Sept 15th at 7:30 pm. \$25 per person. Reserve your spot by emailing secretary@ahavasachim.org. Sponsorships welcome!

SHOMER SHABBOS SCOUTING

Just a reminder: Are you interested in local Shomer Shabbat Scouting? Get your questions answered at our Open House on Thursday 9/3 from 7:30 - 9pm at the Highland Park Community Center at [220 South Sixth Ave](https://www.google.com/maps/place/220+South+Sixth+Ave,+Highland+Park,+NJ+07033) There will also be tables at the Highland Park Arts in the Park Sunday 9/20 from 11-4. Local chapters for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts meet right in HP RSVP <https://evite.me/22W3K1TMEC> For info reach out to Steve Springer s.springer@outlook.com | 908.227.3750

RPRY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have some free time to do a Mitzvah? Consider helping our parent volunteer organization, RPRY+. RPRY+ is seeking parents, grandparents and friends to volunteer to assist with our hot lunch program. Each time you volunteer you earn credits towards hot lunches for the RPRY family of your choice. Volunteer Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10:45AM – 12:30PM Whether you can help one day a week or all four days, you make a real difference! There is NO cooking involved. In

groups of 3-4, volunteers distribute lunches from the kitchen window and keep lunch periods running smoothly. If interested/for more info, contact lunches.rpry@gmail.com or 732-233-2339.

KITTEL GEMACH

Kittel Gemach available. If you – or someone you know -- needs to borrow a kittel, please call Lee Ann Schein at 732-208-1862. Four sizes are available. Kittel gemach is in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

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 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, 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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--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

Rosh Hashanah

Candlelighting	6:55 PM
Mincha-Maariv	7:00 PM

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<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.