



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Sukkot

Tishrei 15, 5787

September 26, 2026

Erev Succos (Friday September 25)

- Shacharis: 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
- Earliest Talis & Tefillin: 6:06 AM.
- Candlelighting: 6:31 PM
- Mincha: 6:35 PM followed by Rav Malitzky Shiur: Incredible and Impactful Sukkos Stories
- Maariv: 7:10 PM
- Kiddush not before 7:39 PM

First Day Succos (Shabbos September 26)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00, 9:15(YFM & Teen) AM
Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky
- Early Mincha: 1:45 PM
- Mincha: 6:20 PM followed by shiur: R. Moshe Strauch
- Candlelighting and all Melacha not before 7:38 PM
- Maariv: 7:28 PM

Second Day Succos (Sunday September 27)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00, 9:15(YFM & Teen) AM
Hashkama Speaker: Nachi Scheiner
- Mincha: 6:30 PM followed by shiur: Judah Chesir, Jo Kaufman, and Nachi Scheiner
- Maariv: 7:31 PM
- Yom Tov ends: 7:36 PM

Chol Hamoed Succos

(Mon-Thur, Sept 28 - Oct. 1)

- Shacharis: 6:05(MS), 6:50(SH), 8:00(MS) & 9:00(SH) AM (earliest T&T 5:58-6:01)
- Mincha-Maariv: 6:30 PM
- Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

DAF YOMI

45 minutes before Mincha on Shabbos and Sunday

KIDDUSH

First Day Succos

Kiddush is sponsored by Karen and Aharon Shapiro in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max.

Second Day Succos

Kiddush is co sponsored by:

-Debbie and Moshe Schneider to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Moshe's father, Dr. Ellie Schneider, Eliezer ben Yaakov A"H.

-Cheryl & Yussi Strauch to commemorate the Yahrzeit Bo Bayom of Yussi's father, Mr. Samuel Strauch, Aharon Shmuel Zanzil ben Yosef Meir, A"H.

MAZEL TOV

...to Karen and Aharon Shapiro on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max. Mazel Tov to Max's grandparents, Mrs. Carolyn Casden, and Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov and Feige Shapiro.

...to Rabbi Dr. Bernhard and Charlene Rosenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Akiva Merl. Mazel Tov to his parents, Joshua and Ilana Merl and his siblings, Akiva, Rachel and Ahuva, and to his other grandfather Yitzchak Merl.

SUCCAH HOP AND YOUTH HAKAFOT

Please join us for our annual Succah Hop. Sunday, September 27th. 4:30pm - 6:15pm. All ages Welcome. Starts at the Shul. Also Shemini Atzeret, Shabbos, October 3. 5:15pm - 6:00pm. Come celebrate Simchat Torah with Youth Hakafot and Dinner in the Social Hall. Ages up to 3rd Grade.

CONG. OHR TORAH SIMCHAS TORAH

KIDDUSH

Congregation Ohr Torah will once again host a not-to-be missed Kiddush in honor of Simchas Torah, at the end of Hashkama Davening and following main Minyan Torah reading. Our Kiddush is always a gala event, made even more special through sponsorships.

Sponsorships begin at \$100. To participate, please visit: <https://ohrtorah.net/simchas-torah>.

Deadline for inclusion in printed sponsor listing is midnight, September 30.

WOMENS SECTION ON 2ND DAY YOM TOV

Hoshanos on the second day of Sukkos will utilize the far side of the women's section (by the windows). We kindly ask women who normally sit on that side to please sit on the other side until after Hoshanos.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thank you to Lori and Jon Caplan for donating a book to the shul library in memory of Mr. Arnie Finkelstein, A"H, father of Chani Wiesel.

LOST & FOUND

A black London Fog raincoat, size 40 short, was accidentally taken from the coat room 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah. Hoping it will be returned. Please contact Elliot Ostrove

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.

LUNCH & LEARN

PART 1 REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 25th (NO EXCEPTIONS)!

PART 2 REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 15th (NO EXCEPTIONS)!

PART ONE: WED, OCT 28th from Noon-2pm

PART TWO WED, NOV 18th from Noon-2pm

Congregation Ohr Torah Social Hall

Come see and discuss: THE CHOSEN

Set against the backdrop of 1940s Brooklyn, during World War II and the unfolding fight for the State of Israel, these films are adapted from Chaim Potok's story to explore the dynamic spectrum of American Jewry. The narratives illustrate the rift—and ultimate reconciliation—between strictly traditional, insular Hasidic communities and the emergence of what is Today's Modern Orthodox, and other integrated American Jews.

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 for part 1 or \$35.00 per person for both part 1 and part 2 (aides and children eat free)

REGISTER www.ohrtorah.net/lunchlearn

SH'NAINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison & Highland Park is a volunteer Shidduch group to assist Orthodox Jewish singles, all ages and Hashkafot. Info/to submit profile: Shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com

HALACHOS FOR SUKKOS

-First Night of Sukkos (Friday Night)

If it is raining: Ideally, wait an hour or two after nightfall before reciting Kiddush to see whether the rain stops. However, if waiting would be too difficult for the family (because of hunger, young children, guests, or other considerations), or if the forecast calls for continuous rain, there is no need to wait. If the rain continues: Enter the sukkah with the family, recite Kiddush and Shehechyanu, wash, and eat a kezayis of challah (approximately one small slice) in the

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.

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sukkah. Do not recite Leishev BaSukkah. Complete the meal in the house. If the rain stops during the meal: Return to the sukkah, recite Leishev BaSukkah, and eat a kebeitzah of challah (approximately one medium slice).

If the rain stops after the meal: Return to the sukkah, wash, recite Hamotzi and Leishev BaSukkah, and eat a kebeitzah of challah.

-Second Night of Sukkos (Motzai Shabbos)

If it is raining: Wait a short time to see whether the rain subsides.

If the rain continues: Recite Kiddush and Hamotzi at home after nightfall. At the end of the meal, eat a kezayis of challah in the sukkah without reciting Leishev BaSukkah. If the rain stops during the meal: Go into the sukkah, recite Leishev BaSukkah, and eat a kezayis of challah.

If the rain stops after the meal: Go into the sukkah, wash, recite Hamotzi and Leishev BaSukkah, and eat a kebeitzah of challah.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JEWISH COMMUNITY FORUM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley on Saturday night, October 10 at 8:30pm, at the Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva when Ira Kohler, author of "Once a Paratrooper", in a Q&A Session with New Jersey Jewish Link Middlesex County Editor Harry Glazer, shares a firsthand account of his service as a lone soldier in the IDF Paratroopers on October 7 and throughout the Gaza War. Ira offers a powerful reflection on service, identity, and the lasting impact of war. Ira Kohler served in the IDF's 890th Battalion of the Paratrooper Brigade. Serving as a Lone Soldier, Ira enlisted in January of 2022. On October 7th, he found himself in the heart of Israel's hardest battles as he fought in Kibbutz Be'eri. From there, Ira went on to serve over 100 days inside the Gaza Strip. Upon completing his service, Ira moved back to the United States and became a noted public speaker.

The talk can also be viewed online using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5eu83ebx>

For more information about the Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley go to www.jcforumrv.org

RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH

Raritan Valley Hadassah Zionist Education Program
Thur Oct 15, 7:30 pm River Ridge community room, 30 S Adelaide Ave, HP

Dan Rozett, Dir of Community Relations & Israel Engagement for the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey, speaking to us about the upcoming Israeli elections. What parties and people are running? What do they stand for? *No charge to attend but donations accepted at the door.*

חג עברית-

Next Chug Ivrit for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers Sun, Oct 18 at 11am We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story. For location, contact Rachel at rachel@weintraubworld.net or 732-819-9298.

-Book Club is Starting a New Book

Hadassah book club meets Sun, Oct 11 at 1pm at a private home. We will be starting a new book. Daniel Gordis's *We Stand Divided: The Rift*

between American Jews and Israel. Published in 2019, this book addresses an issue relevant to today. This book club requires no homework, as we read the book aloud together. For info on how to get the book and the location of the meeting, contact roselynbe@aol.com.

-Chicks With Sticks...and More!

Join local women in knitting, crocheting, needlepointing, punch stitching, cross stitching and more! You can choose to make hats for preemies at Hadassah Hospital and/or donate \$2 per session. Next meeting Wed, Oct 6 at 8:30pm. at a local Highland Park home. All levels are welcome from never learned to expert. We're happy to teach you. Email

RaritanValleyHadassah@gmail.com or text 908-227-4869 for address, along with info, and what basic supplies to bring with you (limited supplies available to borrow with advance notice). Please reach out if you can't attend but still want to donate hats or knitting/crocheting supplies. -Raritan Valley Hadassah Invites You Trip to Rutgers University Zimmerli Art Museum 71 Hamilton St, New Brunswick

Sun, Nov 8, Docent-led tour starts at 1pm promptly. Please plan to arrive by 12:45pm and allow sufficient time to find a parking spot and hang up coats, etc if desired. Tour will last approx 45 minutes and afterward please feel free to wander about the museum on your own.

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 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! 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

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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_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

Shemini Atzeret

Candlelighting	6:19 PM
Mincha-Maariv	6:25 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.