



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

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Parshat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

25 Elul 5784

September 28, 2024

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting:	6:27 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	6:35PM (Main Shul) & Carlebach (Social Hall)
Shacharis :	
7:45 (SH) 9:00 (Main Shul) & 9:15 AM (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Arnie Lustiger</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma	9:49AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur</i>	
5:25 pm	
Mincha (Main Shul):	1:45 & 6:15 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Ezra Sarna</i>	
Maariv	7:29 PM
Shabbos Ends:	7:34 PM
Selichos:	12:50, 7:30 AM
Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi BeIyun Shiur cancelled until after the Yamim Tovim</i>	
Mon	5:50, 6:40 & 7:35 AM
Tue.,	6:05, 6:50 & 7:35 AM
Wed (Erev Rosh Hashanah):	1:00 AM
(Slichos only, BM), 5 AM (MS), 5:40 (BM), 6:30 (SH), 7:30 (MS)	
Weekday Mincha/Maariv	6:25 PM
Early Mincha (Sunday)	1:45 PM
Late Maariv: (Sun.-Tues.)	10:10 PM
Daf Yomi:	

CARLEBACH MINYAN

Carlebach Minyan this Friday night. Please join as we get in the Rosh Hashana mood with an energetic, inspiring, and song filled davening. The Carlebach Minyan will take place in the social hall and will be led by Srullee Hercman.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Congregation Ohr Torah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh seudos is co-sponsored by:
-Herb Engel in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of his mother Rivka Bas Yoel, A"H.
-Penny and Michael Kaplan to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Michael's mother, Aidle bas Akiva, A"H, and Penny's mother Fayga bas Yitzchok Meir A"H
-Lori and Leslie Ney to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Lori's mother, Klara Katz, Kransha bas Shimon Chayim, A"H.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

All HS boys are encouraged to join Rabbi Malitzky for Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos (9/28). Shalosh Seudos will take place after Mincha at the home of Noah Feder at 917 South Park

LARGE PRINT MACHZORIM

Ohr Torah has a limited number of Artscroll Large Print Hebrew/English Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Machzorim that are available for members (limit 1 per family). If you

would like to reserve one, Please contact David Dessau @ rddessau613@hotmail.com to reserve . Any extras will be in the back of the shul.

MAZEL TOV

...to Masha and Alex Sherman on the Bat Mitzva of their daughter Avigail.
... to Malia Reichmann on her appointment as a Judge in the Township of Edison Municipal Court. At just 32 years old, Judge Malia Reichmann has made history as the youngest Jewish Judge ever appointed in New Jersey. Mazel Tov to her parents, Miriam and Shmilu Weiss, her grandparents Dr. Norton and Roslyn Nesis, her husband Tzvi Reichmann and her siblings Shaje and Mordechai Weiss. Good luck to Malia (and Tzvi)!
...to Aviva and Barry Siegel on the birth of a baby boy, Yehoshua, to their children, Menachem and Tova Siegel in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel. Mazel tov to the great-grandmother, Lil Mazer and the entire Freishtat and Siegel family.

OHR TORAH

CHESED SHIVA COMMITTEE

The OT Chesed Shiva Committee needs your help! An amazing number of women volunteered their valuable time to prepare Shiva homes for the newly bereaved in our Kehila. Now we need donations to provide 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. You can send a check to the Shul earmarked Chesed Shiva Committee or you can donate on the Shul website under the drop-down line "Chesed Shiva Committee"

CONDOLENCES

The Levaya for Rabbi Dr. Izzy Rivkin Z"L took place Monday, September 23d. Rebecca can be reached on WhatsApp at +1 (908) 612-6990. Please note the time difference when reaching out. Rav Zev Rivkin and Mrs. Rena Kwestel returned to America on Thursday morning and will continue Shiva in Cedarhurst at 18 Cedar Lane until Sunday morning. Shacharis on Sunday at 8:30AM. *May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Tzion & Yerushalayim.*

NIGHT OF HESPEDIM FOR RABBI DR. ISRAEL RIVKIN Z"L

Please join us in the main Shul at 7pm (Mincha/Maariv is at 6:25) Sunday evening for a night of Hespedit at the end of Shiva

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

of Rabbi Dr. Israel Rivkin. Hespedit will be delivered by Rabbi Luban, Rabbi Eichenstein, members of the family and community, and elected officials.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in warmly welcoming Sarah and Noah Hazan to our Shul community! Noah is a software engineer, and Sarah is a registered dietitian. They have two children: Meir (3), who attends RPRY, and Hadassa (11 months), who is at Above and Beyond daycare. Noah, originally from Memphis, TN, and Sarah, born and raised in Edison, NJ, love to host and are looking forward to meeting more people in the community. We're excited to have them as part of our shul family!

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT:

NOAH: 614-369-8703

SARAH: 732-558-9283

SELICHOS WITH CHAZAN YITZ HENKIN

Please join us at 12:50 this Motzai Shabbos for Selichos with Chazan Henkin

SPECIAL SHIUR FOR WOMEN

THIS SHABBOS WITH MRS. LAEYA

GROSSMAN

All women are encouraged to attend a special Shiur at 5pm this Shabbos with Mrs. Laeya Grossman, who will be speaking about Crowning Hashem as Our Personal King . Machzor companion cards will be handed out as well! This Shiur has been generously sponsored by Esti and Yehuda Strauss as a Hakaras Hatov of all the amazing women in our beautiful community.

5785 YOMIM NORAIM SEATS (2024)

Limited seats at regular rates offered as avail. Full payment for 2024 seats must accompany the reservation to be processed. The Shul Board requires that personal balances be paid thru 2023. Any questions regarding Shul balances, contact Brian Allen at kiddydent1@gmail.com or Yoel Schwartz at jkschwartz613@gmail.com

ROSH HASHANA & YOM KIPPUR

BABYSITTING

For children older than 2 AND toilet trained
Times: Oct 3 and 4 8am - 1:30pm
Oct 11 6pm - 8pm
Oct 12 8:30am - 2pm & 6pm - 8pm
Free with seat purchase Snacks provided, but please send any food needed

SHOFAR FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T MAKE IT TO SHUL

Please contact Rabbi Malitzky if you or anyone you know needs to hear Shofar in a private home on Rosh Hashanah

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

COMMUNAL LEARNING INITIATIVE

Dear Friends,

This past year has been one of the most difficult periods in recent Jewish history. The ferocious attack on Israel on Simchas Torah 5784 and the war in its aftermath have turned our world upside-down, and galvanized us as a broader Jewish family. In light of the threat being faced both in Israel and abroad, it is more important than ever for us to find opportunities to grow together, in solidarity.

In that spirit, we'd like to encourage you to participate in a communal learning initiative that will begin on Rosh Hashanah and conclude on Shmini Atzeres. The goal is to complete Shas Mishnayos as well as Chamisha Chumshei Torah and Sefer Yehoshua in memory of all those tragically murdered on that fateful day.

The learning has been divided up between Ahavas Achim, Ahavas Yisrael, Etz Ahaim, Ohav Emeth, Ohr Torah, and Young Israel of East Brunswick. Each Shul will complete one Seder of Mishnayos, one book from Tanach, and will make their own siyum on Shmini Atzeres. Sign up at the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qHm3P6uA1P6PctTIOsXkiS0Fxm3QCEUOXChfz0T-WrQ/edit?usp=sharing>

We hope that our communal learning initiative will serve as an Iluy for the Neshamos of those who were tragically taken from us and a meaningful way to honor their memories. May our learning also serve as a Tefilla to Hashem to bring victory to Am Yisrael and the safe return of the hostages. *Rabbi Yehoshua Hess Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe Rabbi Eliyahu Kaufman Rabbi Sariel Malitzky Rabbi Steven Miodownik Rabbi Eliyahu Tal*

SPECIAL SIMCHAS TORAH PROJECT

Ohr Torah will join hundreds of communities worldwide in remembering and honoring over 1,600 souls we have lost, including many soldiers and hostages who have died at kiddush Hashem.

On Simchat Torah night, when we take out the Torah, one of our Sifrei Torah will be adorned with a new Me'il (Torah cover), designed to mark the first yahrzeit of Oct 7th. This Me'il will be identical to those in hundreds of synagogues worldwide and will be embroidered with the flag of Israel along with the verse from Kohelet, "There is a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

Communities from Argentina to Australia will dance with these Torah scrolls, connecting tens of thousands through this project. Each unique Me'il will be dedicated to a community, bearing the name of one of the Kedoshim who were murdered on Oct 7th. We will receive materials about the person we are remembering for display on Simchat Torah.

To allow each member to participate, we are offering three sponsorship levels: \$18, \$54, and \$100. Any additional funds raised will support the Peace of Mind program.

Please join our growing list of sponsors and participate in this meaningful program by clicking on or by going to www.ohrtorah.net/ot_sim_project.html

With much appreciation,
Rabbi Sariel Malitzky
Dr. Arkady Broder

SEFORIM DONATION

We thank Rivky and Jack Atkin for sponsoring the set of Seforim "Aish Tamid" of Rav Druck. Thank you to Doron Shalmon for sponsoring six new Sefard Artscroll Siddurim.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

There are many in our community who are in need of assistance. With the Yomim Tovim approaching, the expenses are backbreaking for some. Please donate generously and I will be your שליח (messenger) in ensuring that all of the money goes directly to those in our community who need it most. Before deciding how much to donate, please consider the following: Last summer, an event was held that raised much-needed funds for the RDF. However, for a variety of reasons, no event was held this year. Therefore, I ask that you give more than you usually do and open your hearts to those in need. I daven and offer a Beracha that Hashem should reciprocate your generosity and shower you and your family with good health and endless blessings. You can donate by any of the following options:

A) Credit card. You can go to

<https://ohrtorah.net/services/ccpay.phtml>

and choose Rabbi Malitzky's Discretionary Fund

B) Zelle: to payohrtorah@gmail.com with a memo that it's for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

C) Check: Checks can be made out to Congregation Ohr Torah- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and be dropped off in the shul mailbox or handed to me in shul.

ISRAEL BOND APPEAL

We can be proud that over the last three years, the High Holiday Israel Bond pledges by Cong Ohr Torah averaged a yearly pledge of approx \$600,000, and even prouder that the total amount of Israel Bonds purchased by Ohr Torah members last year alone exceeded 1 million dollars.

As we all know, the most recent war began on Oct 7, 2023, and is currently being fought on multiple fronts. The stark reality is that Israel is under the threat of a regional war. Recently, the United Kingdom passed an arms embargo against Israel, and the candidates for President of the United States are under increased pressure to withhold arms from Israel. Shockingly, this possibility has not been ruled out.

It is axiomatic that Israel needs to be able to defend and support herself against its enemies. As she does, money that it spends on defense, including equipment for its soldiers and each Iron Dome engagement, continues to create huge downward pressure on the Israeli economy. Israelis are risking

their lives. They are fighting not only to save Israel but to save all Jews. Their fight is the United States' fight and the fight of any nation that embraces Western values of tolerance, decency, and the rule of law.

Believing in this cause with all our hearts is not enough. We must support Israel by investing in Israel Bonds. Note: Bonds are not charity. Israel bonds are securities issued by the Israeli government to fund national projects, offering fixed returns and available to global investors. They're a financial and supportive link to Israel's development. These bonds are generally considered safe investments because they are backed by the full faith and credit of the Israeli govt. Do your duty. Don't delay. Israel needs you now. Please visit ohrtorah.net/bonds. Please commit your pledge today.

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, hjudaica@gmail.com 732-846-0097 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE OF MIND PROGRAM/ FUNDRAISER

On Sun, Sept 29 at 7PM, Keith and Rebecca Peckman will host friends and community members at their home, 247 Lincoln Ave. HP, for a parlor meeting to raise awareness of, and funds for the Edison/HP *Peace of Mind* Program. This Ohr Torah supported event is a therapeutic intervention that provides IDF veterans the time and space to process their combat experiences in a supportive environment. This year, we aim to bring 15-20 veterans who served together in high-risk combat units. Starting Nov 10th – 17th, these heroes will be hosted by our Jewish community and guided by two therapists. Participants consistently report increased social support, improved emotional regulation and daily functioning, and a reduction in depressive symptoms. We hope you'll join us in supporting this meaningful cause!

RJJ MIKVAH

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

SPECIAL CANDLE VIGIL

In remembrance of the over 1,200 Kedoshim murdered and kidnapped on October 7th, 2023 כ"ב תשרי תשפ"ד Mon Oct 7th, 8pm-9pm 148 Raritan Ave, HP, NJ (Former Sunoco Station) Bring your flags, hostage lawn signs, homemade signs, hats, shirts, dog tags, pins, etc Sponsored by Central NJ Stands With Israel. Info: centerstandswithisrael@gmail.com

OHAV EMETH EVENTS

-Firsthand account of Oct 7th: Please join us Oct 6th at 5pm at Ohev Emeth for a talk in memory of those who were lost on Oct 7th. Hear from counter-terrorism advisor to the Israeli police and pmo Dr. Yair Ansbacher Yair who was among the first fighters to arrive at the Gaza border on Oct 7th. He and his comrades were assigned the difficult task of freeing Kibbutz of Nir Yitzchak. It was the longest day of his life. Yair is a National security researcher and expert, an educator and author, and founder of the "Eitan" pre-military

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

preparatory school in Mishor Adumim. For info and for sponsorships opportunities contact Rivka Sonts at 347-598-9448 or at iana.sonts@gmail.com

OPERATION ISRAEL

Operation Israel, a volunteer-driven nonprofit providing essential, non-offensive gear to IDF soldiers and first responders, has informed me of a critical situation:

1. Donations have decreased significantly, almost to a halt, while demand for equipment has skyrocketed.
2. Many soldiers are being called to the northern front, facing complex terrain and longer distances compared to Gaza.
3. There's a severe shortage of vital equipment, including:

- Extender kits for operating drones over longer distances
- Night vision gear and winter equipment
- Life-saving medical gear such as video laryngoscopes
- Additional drones, cameras, and backpacks

Alarmingly, the IDF is reportedly giving orders that cannot be fulfilled without donated equipment. This isn't just about improving conditions for soldiers – it's about completing critical missions and saving lives.

The need for support is immediate and urgent. Operation Israel cannot meet the current scale of demands without a significant increase in funding. To learn more or donate, please visit <https://www.operationisrael.org/donate>. Let us stand with Israel in this time of great need. Our support can make the difference between life and death for those on the front lines.

BIKUR CHOLIM MEDICAL GEMACH

Bikur Cholim medical gemach is looking for a new home. We are looking for a place/ basement to store all the wheelchairs, walkers etc..... if you can help please call/ text Cindy Baruch 908-309-8818.

RPRY PLUS

RPRY PLUS is excited to partner with our friends at Von Thun Farms (505 Ridge Rd, Monmouth Junction NJ 08852). We invite you to join the fun at Von Thun's fall festival on 9/29! This exciting annual festival includes fun fall activities such as corn maze, hayrides and 20+ activities and attractions. Tickets \$18 pp (that's less than retail!!! Children under 3 do not need a ticket)

RPRY SAVE THE DATE

Annual Simchas Beis Hashoeva 10.22.24
5PM - 8PM RPRY SUKKAH -2 Harrison St Edison NJ, 08817 FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

SH'AINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

OF EDISON & HP

Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison & HP is a volunteer Shidduch group to assist Orthodox Jewish singles, of all ages and Hashkafot. We would like to get to know you. Please email so we can set up an appt. For info or to submit your profile, email: shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com

PRESBY SHIURIM

Dr. Presby Shiurim:

- Woman: Pele Yoetz (a combination of Halacha and mussar shiur) Tuesdays 8pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP

- Men/Women: Eicha Wed at noon via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

Dr. Presby's Thursday night Megilla shiur is at 8:30 pm for the summer

- Men: Megillah Thursdays 8:30pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP or via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

- Men / Women: Nach Shiur on Shabbos 4pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP
Info Bcontact Dr. Presby at 732-925-4828

FOR WOMEN

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 with Mrs. Miri Cohen Tuesday mornings 9:15AM. For location/zoom link, Leah at 917-763-1848.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women:

-Tefilla class Sundays 10AM at Aguda Shul

-Parsha class Mondays 8PM at Ohr Torah.

Text Nechama at 347-909-2755 to confirm.

--Emanah Chaburah - monthly Shiur by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe on the 1st Tuesday of 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 mikvah hours. All comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT AND RESOURCES COMING SOON!!!

Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley and Sharsheret seek volunteers for local peer support, surgical gemach, meal delivery, financial support, and much more!!! rteicher@sharsheret.org.

KITTEL GEMACH

Kittel gemach available. If you – or someone you know--needs to borrow a Kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at 732-545- 9353. Four sizes available. Kittel Gemach is in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Bikur Cholim seeks volunteer drivers to help people to and from their medical appts and to stock St. Peter's locker Thursday nights If you can help call Cindy Baruch @ 908-309-8818

-BREAST CANCER SUPPORT & RESOURCES BCRV is partnering with Sharsheret to provide local support and resources including peer support, a gemach for surgical needs, kosher meal delivery and more. We are looking for volunteers!

- Bikur Cholim Senior Homebound Visitation Program is growing!!! We seek more 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)

* account with Rite Aid in HP to get prescriptions filled (reimburse with a Rite Aid gift card at a later time) Questions 732 572 7181

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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 Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending detailed email with all dedicatory wording to marty@rivieradoors.com. Info call Moish at 732-759-8070 work days or 732-572-4132 evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications are paused pending new initiatives
HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith luddeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS :Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7AM-10AM.

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, 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 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.

Twitter: 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

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Candlelighting 6:19 PM

Mincha 6:25 PM

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