



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

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Parshat Vayetzai

6 Kislev 5785

December 7, 2024

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting:	4:12 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: Main Shul	4:20 PM
Shacharis:	
7:45 (SH) 9:00 (Main Shul) & 9:15 AM (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Yosef Carlebach</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma	9:28 AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur</i>	
	3:15 PM
Mincha (Main Shul):	1:45 & 4:05 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Carlebach</i>	
Maariv	5:15 PM
Shabbos Ends:	5:20 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi BeTyun Shiur</i>	
<i>After 7:15 Shacharis</i>	
Mon. & Thu:	6:15, 7:05 & 8:00 AM
Tue., Wed., Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8:00 AM
Weekday Mincha/Maariv	4:20 PM
Early Mincha (Sunday)	1:00 PM
Late Maariv: (Sun.-Thurs.)	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday</i>	
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Mon-Thurs - after 7:30 Maariv	
Friday - after Kabolas Shabbos & Maariv	
Shabbos - 45 min before mincha	
Sunday - after 8 am Shacharis	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush isco- sponsored by:

-Mira and Mark Epstein in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Mark's father, Sigmund Epstein, R' Nachman B'R Yitzchak HaLevi Z"L, and Mark's mother Celia Epstein, Tzippa Hana bas R' Moshe Mayer A"H.

-Tmima and Symcha Klerer in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Simcha's mother, Hinda bas Mordechai A"H.

-Penny and Michael Kaplan in honor of our scholar in residence, Rabbi Yosef Carlebach.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

-Harriet and Joel Gersten to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Joel's mother Esther bas Aharon Halevi A"H.

-Penny and Michael Kaplan in honor of our Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Carlebach.

747 SHIUR

Join Rabbi Malitzky from 7:47-7:57AM on Tuesday and Friday mornings for ten minutes of learning the Sefer Shearim BeTefilla of Rav Shimshon Pincus.

WEEKDAY SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Due to an out of town Simcha that Rabbi Malitzky will be attending on Wednesday, the Shiur for women will not take place this week.

PARSHA POWER FOR CHILDREN

All young children are invited to come to Shul Friday night and join Rabbi Malitzky at the front of the Shul right after davening for

a 5 minute story and some great Parsha candy!

MAZEL TOV

... to Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Eden this weekend. Mazel Tov to Eden's parents Ari and Yael Schwartzbard and the entire family.

SEMICHAS CHAVER-

NEW SEMESTER AND CURRICULUM

The Semichas Chaver Program started an exciting new topic of Business Halacha for the winter Zman! Join us Monday nights at 9pm in the YFM room to learn practical Halachos of paying workers on time, lending with interest, and Tzedakah-Reach out to R' Yoni Goldberg, 516-491-4982, for info.

OUR SHUL, OUR HALACHA, OUR LIVES

Wednesday Night at 8 PM.

The Halacha Shiur will be on Wednesday night this week. Tuesday night is the Rutgers Chabad dinner honoring the Kaplans and then I am driving to Baltimore for a Simcha right after the dinner.

This Shiur will focus on the proper way for the Chazan to say Modim in Chazaras Hashatz, The Chazan saying Gaal Yisrael quietly or out loud, and other Halachos of the way in which Shaliach Tzibur leads the Tzibur. If you ever Daven for the Amud or want to, you do not want to miss this Shiur.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

SHABBOS DEC 6th-7th

RABBI YOSEF CARLEBACH

Friday night Farbrengen with Rabbi Carlebach & Rabbi Malitzky 8PM at home of Michie and Sari Klerer, 16 Celler Rd. Hashkama Minyan Drasha: Yissachar-Zevulun Relationship at Ohr Torah. Drasha in main minyan. Bracha of Ufaratzta – Being on Shlichut for Decades Approx 10:45AM at Ohr Torah. Shalosh Seudos Baal Shem Tov Stuff in the 21st Century After 4:05 Mincha at OT Rutgers Chabad Rabbi Yosef Carlebach is a leader and educator with decades of impactful rabbinical and communal service. ordained by the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in 1978, he founded and serves as the Exec Dir. of Chabad House-Lubavitch of Central and Southern New Jersey. Under his leadership, it has become the largest Chabad House in the US and the largest Jewish center on any public university campus, with outreach extending to over 100 communities and nine additional centers statewide. Rabbi Carlebach is also the spiritual leader of

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Congregation Sons of Israel in Wayside, NJ, and the Chabad House Jewish Student Center at Rutgers University. A dedicated chaplain, he has served in correctional facilities hospitals, and as the State Chaplain for the New Jersey State Police and New Jersey Transit Police. His pioneering work in education and cultural sensitivity training has touched diverse audiences, from police departments to universities.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

As we do annually, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of an important shul policy: Like many public buildings, Congregation Ohr Torah often becomes a collection point for forgotten or misplaced items. While we make every effort to publicize lost articles, the shul cannot assume responsibility for them. As per shul policy, any items left or lost in the shul for more than 30 days will be deemed *hefker* (ownerless), and the shul reserves the right to discard or remove them. This policy is based on a ruling by Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l (*Igros Moshe, Choshen Mishpat* 2:45), which is provided below for reference. To this end, any items left in the coatroom or on top of the hangers downstairs after December 22 will be removed. Unclaimed clothing will be donated to Yad Leah. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our shul organized and welcoming.

Sincerely, R' Sarel Malitzky

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

HARVEY & CHARYN ATLAS

Charyn and Harvey Atlas have been loyal members of the Edison/HP community since the early 1980's, when they moved from Manhattan and immediately joined OT. Harvey, originally from Valley Stream/West Hempstead, is a dentist, while Charyn, originally from Lakewood, is a local realtor who also works in Long Branch. They are the proud parents of Jessica and Jason (Riverdale), Michael and Zehava (Great Neck), and Bezalel (Great Neck). The Atlases have both played key roles in the community's leadership. Harvey served on the Rabbi Search Committee that brought Rabbi and Faigy Luban to OT, and Charyn had the honor of finding the home for their successors, Rabbi and Shoshi Malitzky.

REACH OUT:

Harvey: 732-266-2525 hatlasddsegmail.com

Charyn: 732-226-2524 chatlas2eaol.com

SAVE THE DATE:

Our next LUNCH & LEARN, January 15th

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

"Lill and Bob's Excellent RV Adventure: Exploring Jewish Roots and Routes throughout the U.S" Details to follow.

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY MESSAGE UPCOMING EVENTS A lot to look forward to for OT's Youth Department this month! Make sure to check out the upcoming events section! A few exciting changes to youth groups. Upgrades are being made to the groups rooms for a more fun and enjoyable space. We will also be having a monthly youth kiddush exclusively for groups. Lastly, we are starting an initiative to enhance groups by opening OT's youth store.

Any questions: Contact Shaina: 201-657-3068, or Tzvi: 516-757-4748

-OT YOUTH STORE- Every week kids can earn tickets in groups and save them up to redeem for prizes at the OT Youth Store which will open every few weeks

-EVENT DATES:

22-Chanukah Chagigah

28-Youth Kiddush

29 Middle School Night Out

-GROUP LEADER SPOTLIGHT Name: Emily Tawil

Years working in groups: 2

Favorite Game: Game of Life

Favorite Snack: Cape Cod Sea Salt Potato Chips

-PARENT REMINDERS

Please remember to pick up your children promptly after davening finishes. In order for groups to run smoothly and for safety purposes children should not be in the hallways during davening, they should be either in groups or shul.

-TRIVIA

Remember to come to groups with the answer!

Dec 7: What is the 4th month in the Jewish calendar?

Dec 14: Where did Shaina & Tzvi move from?

Dec 21: How is a Havdalah Candle different from a regular candle

Dec 28: What is Rabbi Malitzky's Birthday?

-BIRTHDAYS

OT Groups Birthdays - Parents. Please send in your Children's Birthdays to Shaina or Tzvi to be included in the Monthly and for groups to get a special snack that week. Please consider sponsoring Youth Kiddush in honor of a Birthday

-OT YOUTH KIDDUSH

Monthly Kiddush Exclusively for Groups Poppers- Mini Hotdogs- Chulent-Shnitzel-Kugel- Chicken Nuggets -Looking for sponsorships

-OHR TORAH YOUTH GROUPS TRIVIA

Every Shabbos Make sure to check the OT Monthly for that week's trivia question and come to groups with the answer for a prize.

-OT YOUTH NIGHT OUT

URBAN AIR Milltown NJ - 4TH - 8TH GRADE \$25 TO JUMP - 7PM - 10PM

TRANSPORTATION NOT INCLUDED

-CHANUKAH CHAGIGAH

Sunday Dec 22nd - 1PM to 4PM

Balloon Artist - Dairy Buffet-Face Painter-Games & Giveaways-Raffle

ADMISSION PRICING

\$20/person (\$25/non member) + 3 Raffle Tickets

\$55 max per family (\$60 non members) +10 Raffle Tickets.

\$100 Sponsorship + 22 tickets

Additional Tickets \$6 each

FREE REFLECTOR BELTS

The OU is proud to spearhead a safety initiative to encourage the use of safety reflector belts and has provided safety reflector belts to all shuls free of charge.

These reflector belts can be worn over coats and other garments and provide enhanced visibility even in low light conditions. Studies have shown that increasing pedestrian visibility utilizing bright colors has great potential to enable drivers to detect pedestrians and cyclists earlier, potentially avoiding tragic accidents. They are on the table outside of the main sanctuary for you to take.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HALACHIC CHALLENGES OF

THE CURRENT WAR

Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley Sun, Dec 8 at 10AM online as Rabbi Binyamin Zimmerman presents, *Halachic Challenges and Questions that Highlight Aspects of the Current War*. Rabbi Zimmerman is the Director, Mizrahi Musmachim and Educational Director, Zomet Institute. He also serves as a Captain in the IDF (res.) Rabbinat, and has been actively serving in the reserves since the start of the war. Online Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4nsvpi8y> The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley is a grassroots organization and relies on community donations to fund our programs. Donations of any amount appreciated. Please consider becoming a season supporter for \$200 or an announced event sponsor for \$500.

NETIVOT

Behind the Behavior – A Roadmap to Decoding Your Child's Unmet Needs presented by Suzie Foger, Netivot School Counselor, Certified Parenting and Positive Discipline Coach Sun Dec 8th 8PM @ Cong. Ahavas Achim RSVP to programming@mynetivot.com. Walkins welcome.

WOMENS CHUMASH SHIUR

Announcing a unique learning series for women-life lessons through the chumash an in depth text based series given by Mrs. Chedva Sarna Motzei Shabbos 12/7, 12/21, 1/4, at the home of Sarah Leifer- 131 n. 5th Ave, Wednesday night 1/15 at the home of Sara Scott 22 Celler Rd. Time- 8:30 pm

OPERATION ISRAEL

Support Our Soldiers: Hanukkah Winter Gear Collection As winter approaches, we are collecting essential gear to keep our soldiers warm and equipped during these challenging times. ITEMS IN NEED:

- o Military Green Tactical Softshell Jackets
 - o Merrell Moab Waterproof Tactical Mid Boots (Black or Sand Color)
 - o Thermal Shirts & Pants (Black & Army Green)
 - o Neck Gaiters (Black & Army Green)
 - o Winter Hats-No Markings (Black & Army Green)
 - o Wool Winter Socks (Black & Army Green)
- Drop-off Location: Cong Ahavas Yisrael

1587 Rt 27, Edison, NJ Contact:

Barbara Frish - 732.393.9239

Sara Culang - 732.673.6336

Info WWW.OPERATIONISRAEL.ORG

AHAVAS ACHIM MITZVAH FAIR!

On Dec 22nd, Ahavas Achim is hosting a Mitzvah Fair filled with engaging, hands-on activities for all ages. Experience the beauty of Mitzvot through exciting stations like oil pressing, candle making, a heartwarming puppet show, donut decorating, kosher hair cutting demonstrations, and a food demo with Naomi Nachman! Don't miss this special opportunity to learn, create, and celebrate together. Register

at www.ticketleap.events/tickets/mitzvah/2024.

PEACE OF MIND FUNDRAISER

SHUK TO THE CORE, ISRAELI VENDOR FAIR

Join us Sat evening, Dec 21st from 7pm-11pm at Ohr Torah, [48 Edgemount Rd., Edison](http://48EdgemountRd.Edison) to show your support for artists and vendors from all over Israel. Discover an array of products, including jewelry, clothing, Judaica, hand-crafted goods, artisanal woodwork, sculptures, toys and games and artwork in various mediums. You'll also find kippot, designer clothing, and fragrance items. Suggested entrance fee: \$10pp. Your contribution goes directly to the vendors.

RPRY SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Please join RPRY's Toby Mayer Scholarship Breakfast Sunday Dec 15, at 9:15am at RPRY, honoring Mrs. Tzippy Rapps with the Educator Excellence Award for her 40 years of dedication to RPRY. To support the scholarship campaign and to RSVP please visit: Tinyurl.com/tzippyr For questions or more info contact Sara Fischer at sfischer@rpry.org.

WASSER JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE AND YOUNG ISRAEL OF EAST BRUNSWICK

Join an exclusive screening of Tragic Awakening: A New Look at the Oldest Hatred on Sunday, Dec 8th at 7:30PM, hosted by The Young Israel of East Brunswick (193 Dunhams Corner Rd, East Brunswick, NJ). The evening features a Q&A and book signing with producer Raphael Shore, founder of OpenDor Media and author of Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Jew?. Sugg donation: \$18/pp For details, email learninginstitute@yieb.org or Rivka Sonts at iana.sonts@gmail.com Sponsors: The Wasser Jewish Learning Institute and Young Israel of East Brunswick.

PROJECT RENEWAL EVENT

Project renewal will be having an event in the community on Jan 4 details to follow.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a Caregiver? Would you like to join a local caregiver support group? Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Is sponsoring a Caregiver Support Group that meets 2x per month. Group is facilitated by a licensed Social Worker. Info Sharon Glaser sharonnglaser@gmail.com Or text 732-887-3653

SH'AINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

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

PRESBY SHIURIM

The Thurs Megillah Shiur will begin at 8pm.

FOR WOMEN

UNIQUE LEARNING SERIES FOR WOMEN-Life

lessons through the Chumash An in depth text based series by Mrs. Chedva Sarna Motzei Shabbos 12/7, 12/21, 1/4, at home of Sarah Leifer- 131 N. 5th Ave HP Wed night 1/15 at home of Sara Scott 22 Celler Rd. Edison Time- 8:30PM

-Israeli Folk Dancing
Israeli folk dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's kiddush room

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

alternating Wed nights from 8-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where anyone can teach and request dances they know.

Upcoming sessions will be 12/4, 12/18. For info, email naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

-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:

- Hilchos Shabbos Sun 10AM at Aguda Shul

- Parsha class Mon 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

BIKUR CHOLIM

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

-Bikur Cholim seeks volunteer drivers to help people to/from medical appts and to stock St. Peter's locker Thurs 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!

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)

* 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

TO SUBSCRIBE TO OT E-mails -

--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 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 ludeeju@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

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.

Twitter: 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

Parshat Vayishlach

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