



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayigash

4 Tevet 5785

January 4, 2025

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 4:25 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:30PM (Main Shul), Shacharis:
7:45 (SH) 9:00 (Main Shul) & 9:15 AM (YFM)
Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Rapps
 Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:41 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
 3:25 PM

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45 & 4:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Henry Schanzer

Maariv 5:29 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:34 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi BeTyun Shiur
After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon. & Thurs. 6:15, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue., Wed., 6:30, 7:10 and 8 AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:23 Mo, 6:22 Th
Fri. (Asara B'Teves) 6:15, 6:50 and 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/Maariv 4:35 PM
Early Mincha (Sunday) 1:00 PM
Late Maariv: (Sun.-Thurs.) 7:30 & 10:10 PM
No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE
 Mon-Thurs - after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday - after Kabbolas Shabbos & Maariv
 Shabbos - 45 min before mincha
 Sunday- YFM Kiddush after 8am Shacharis

HASHKAMA MINYAN KIDDUSH

Hashkama minyan Kiddush sponsored by Tzippy and Josh Rapps and family to commemorate the Yahrzeit of their father HaRav Moshe Ben Yehoshua Z'L

HASHKAMA MINYAN SHIUR

Rabbi Josh Rapps will give a brief Shiur after Hashkama Minyan Kiddush L'Iluy Nishmas his father HaRav Moshe Ben Yehoshua Z'L.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Blimie & David Hamel, L'zecher Nishmas David's father, Moshe ben R' Tzvi Yechezkel who's Yahrzeit was on the 23rd of Kislev, His Neshama should have an Aliyah

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sheila and Henry Schanzer L'iluy Nishmas Henry's father Brachya Ben Dov HaLevi, A"H.

PARSHA POWER FOR CHILDREN

All young children are invited to Shul Friday night and to join Rabbi Malitzky at the front of the Shul right after davening for a 5 minute story and some great Parsha candy!

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to join us for a very special Thursday night live. Join us for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Shiur on the topic of Ma Rabu Maasecha Hashem: The Halacha and Hashkafa behind seeing the wonders of the world. This week's

Thursday night live is generously sponsored by Doron Shalmon and family in loving memory of Sari Shalmon A"H, whose 3rd Yahrzeit is the 13th of Teves.

MAZEL TOV

...to Mary and Richard Schanler on the engagement of their granddaughter, Shevy Malitzky to Joseph Kaufman.
 ... to Rabbi Sarel and Dr. Shoshi Malitzky on the engagement of their daughter, Shevy, to Joseph Kaufman. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Bryna & David Malitzky and Mary & Richard Schanler, and to 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.

WEEKDAY SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Did Yaakov Avinu ever find out the truth of what happened to his son, Yosef, or did he pass away without knowing that his sons sold their own brother? Join us at 10am on Wednesday for what promised to be an interesting and engaging Shiur.

ASARA B'TEVES

Friday January 10th is Asara B'Teves
 Fast begins: 6:08 AM
 Shacharis: 6:15, 6:50 & 8:00 AM
 Mincha: 4:20 PM
 Candle Lighting: 4:32 PM
 Fast ends (Kiddush not before): 5:40 PM

LUNCH & LEARN & VIEW

Lill and Bob's Excellent RV Adventures: Exploring Jewish Roots and Routes across America - Cong Ohr Torah - Jan 15th -12 Noon. Only Prepaid Reservations Accepted! No tickets available at the door, reserve online at <https://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch> option: pay there via credit/debit card or pay by check placed in shul mailbox at 48 Edgemount Rd or pay via ZELLE: payohrtorah@gmail.com Full Buffet Lunch \$20pp (Aides eat free)

GEMARA SHIUR

We will be discussing two fascinating topics in this week's gemara Shiur:
 1) Did you ever lose anything? Do you say the line about Rav Meir Baal Hanes? Where does that come from? Do we believe in that?
 2) Did Bruriah the wife of Rav Meir, commit suicide? Who was at fault? What hapened? Join us for a fascinating shiur!

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

2025 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2025 Membership Directory is being prepared. All current directory information, including children's names and email addresses, will be brought forward to the new directory. Please submit all changes and/or additions to names, titles, address, home phone, cell phone(s), children's names (including sons/daughters -in-law), and email addresses to memberdirectory@ohrtorah.net. For members who have joined in the past year, please email the above information with your preferred titles (Mr., Mrs., Dr., Rabbi, Hon., etc.) as this information was not necessarily collected on the submitted membership form.

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

AWI AND ELIE SALOMON
 Awi and Elie moved to Highland Park/Edison in September of 2009 and immediately joined OT. Originally from Long Branch, NJ, Awi, manages his family's architectural lighting business. Elie, originally from Teaneck, works at Rutgers as a conference coordinator and at Kushner as the Middle School Athletics Coordinator. Previously, Elie was a TV producer for MTV, Martha Stewart and others. In addition, coordinate the local Tomchei Shabbos concert and weekend. Our shul has hosted some of the biggest names in Jewish music each year thanks to Awi's efforts. Awi and Elie are blessed to be the parents of 4 children: Jack (14) who attends TABC, Gabriel (11) sixth grade at Kushner, and Adela and Nathan (both 10), fifth grade at Kushner. Awi and Elie can often be found on the road traveling to watch their boys play Yeshiva league hockey or ice hockey.
 - REACH OUT:
 Awi: 917-566-1932
 Awisalomonegmail.com
 Elie: 917-312-2929
 Eliesalomonegmail.com

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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
 -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.

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

-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
Looking for sponsorships

COMMUNITY WIDE MEN'S EVENT WITH RAV MOSHE WEINBERGER AND RAV YEHOShUA RUBENSTEIN

Please join us on Motzei Shabbos, Jan 11 at 8pm in the Cong Ohr Torah Social Hall, 48 Edgemount Rd Edison, for an inspiring event of Divrei Torah and singing featuring Rav Moshe Weinberger (Rav of Aish Kodesh Woodmere, NY) and Rav Yehoshua Rubenstein (Mashpia and Rosh Beis Medrash of Aish Kodesh Woodmere, NY). Musical accompaniment by Ben Lutz and Band. This event is for men only and is free admission. This event is a collaboration of shuls from the Highland Park, Edison, and East Brunswick communities.

UNITED HATZOLAH AMBUCYCLE DEDICATION

The Highland Park/Edison community has a long and proud tradition of supporting United Hatzalah of Israel. Inspired by the remarkable efforts of others—such as Koby Broder, whose bar mitzvah campaign raised nearly \$12,000 to purchase a bulletproof helmet and vest and cover the cost of training and equipping a new volunteer—Chaim Epshteyn is undertaking a meaningful mission of his own. As he prepares to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at Ohr Torah on January 18th, Shabbos Parshas Shemos, Chaim has been working tirelessly to raise \$36,000 to fund a brand-new Ambucycle. Over the past year, he has raked leaves, shoveled snow, run Lego workshops for kids, and more, with all proceeds going directly to this incredible cause.

Thanks to Avi Tobias, a member of the International Board of Directors of United Hatzalah, and his wife Ilana, whose ongoing support includes the United Hatzalah Monthly Lifesavers program, a real United Hatzalah Ambucycle will be on display at Ohr Torah on Sun, Jan 12th at 2PM. This special display is a gesture of appreciation to the community and an opportunity for everyone to see an Ambucycle up close, take pictures, and learn about its vital role in saving lives. To help Chaim reach his \$36,000 goal and be a part of this life-saving effort, please visit:
<https://israelrescue.org/mymitzvah/chaims-bar-mitzvah/>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Mr. Noam Waltuch, Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast is pleased to announce that the breakfast will iy'H take place on Sunday Morning, January 12th at Cong. Ohr Torah at which time the community will be welcoming the New Kollel Families that have recently moved in.

The Ahavas Torah v'Chesed Award will be presented to Mr. & Mrs. Eli & Deena Reinitz. We will hear Divrei Bracha from HaRav Eliyahu Tal shlit" a, who is the Rav of Congregation Etz Ahaim in Highland Park and a Member of the Vaad Harabanim of Raritan Valley. Formal invitations and further details to follow. Online donations can be made at: <http://www.hpkollel.com>

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FORUM OF RARITAN VALLEY

A Jewish Agenda for NJ: Anti Semitism, Security, School Funding and More Assemblyman Avi Schnall NJ District 30 (Lakewood, Howell, Wall) Sat Jan 4th 8:30PM YST Girls School: 425 Cleveland Ave, HP <http://tinyurl.com/yvzdnbb3> Rabbi Avi Schnall is a member of the New Jersey state assembly representing the 30th district which includes Lakewood, Howell, Wall, and several Shore towns. He also serves as the Director of Federal Education Affairs for Agudath Israel of America. Rabbi Schnall will address the issues that the state government can impact that effect the lives of Jewish residents in the State of New Jersey. Rabbi Schnall has inspired many diverse audiences over the years. Light refreshments will be served. Join online:

<https://tinyurl.com/yvzdnbb3>

SHOVAVIM SHIUR FOR MARRIED WOMEN

The Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah presents a 2 part Shovavim shiur for married women given by Mrs. Miriam Jaffe- renowned speaker, principal of Chedvas high school and veteran taharas hamishpacha/kallah teacher. Jan. 14 and Jan. 28 at 8pm in OT. Info- email hpmikvah@gmail.com

MTA DINNER

MTA will be honoring Penina and Asaf Shmuel as our Family of the Year at our Charting the Course: Inspiring our Future YUHSB Annual Dinner of Tribute scheduled for Jan 7th. To make an online reservation or donation, please visit us at yu.edu/yuhsbdinner2025. For more info, contact Sari Kahn at 646-592-6152

CHAVERIM OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY IS SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THIS YEAR!

What is Chaverim? Chaverim is a volunteer organization that provides free roadside assistance and other non-medical emergency services to those in need.

Who Can Apply? Dedicated individuals who want to make a positive impact. No prior experience necessary—just a willingness to help!

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Interested? Apply today:

<https://www.chaverimcc.org/volunteer-today>

In Need of Assistance? Call our 24-hour hotline at 732-844-3577

Support Us Make a donation

today: <https://www.chaverimcc.org/donate-today>

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 1/4, at the home of Sarah Leifer- 131 n. 5th Ave, Wed night 1/15 at the home of Sara Scott 22 Celler Rd. Time- 8:30 pm

OE & AA WOMEN'S PARTNERSHIP

Upcoming Event: On Sunday March 23 from 10:30- 1:30 N'shei Ohav Emeth partnering with Ahavas Achim invites all community women middle-aged and up to a *Midlife & Up Women's Wellness Retreat: A Time To Relax, Revitalize and Reflect*. By reservation only, catered lunch included, details to follow. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Chani Miller at nshel-oe@ohavemeth.org, Merri Ukraincik

at merriluk@gmail.com or Brondy Strassman at barbara.strassman@gmail.com.

RENEWAL EVENT

Please join us for an Evening of Inspiration. Learn how you can support the lifesaving work of Renewal and all there is to know about kidney donation. Motzei Shabbos Jan 4th, 8PM at the home of Michie and Sari Klerer, 16 Celler Rd. Edison, NJ Panel discussion with local kidney donors

Enemen

Anatomy of Kindness

RABBI JOSH STURM

Director of Outreach, Renewal

EVENT COMMITTEE

Jack & Rifky Atkin • Jonathan & Lori Caplan •

David & Pearl Dolinger

Rabbi Mayer & Shani Freedman • Joseph & Selma

Friedman • Michael & Sharon Garber

Efrem & Gila Gersberg • Yosef & Sharon Golubchik

• Dr. Stuart & Dr. Tamar Green

Matthew & Miriam Gross • Michie & Sari Klerer •

Matt & Dikla Neimark

Steven Rubenstein & Judy Ney • Asaf & Penina

Shmuel • Stuart & Toby Smith

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

If you can't make the event and would like to learn more about kidney donation or to see if you are a match, email RN25885@renewal.org or call 718-431-9831 ex. 315

Renewal is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives by helping kidney donors and recipients navigate all the aspects of the kidney transplant process. Renewal also educates and raises awareness about kidney donation thereby giving each patient's community an opportunity to help. www.renewal.org

TABC'S ANNUAL DINNER

Join us for TABC's Annual Dinner Wed, Jan 8th at Keter Torah, as we celebrate 42 years of Yeshiva education in Bergen County. We are proud to pay tribute to our Guests of Honor, Nechama and Danny Saks; our Faculty Recognition awardee, Rabbi Aryeh Tiefenbrunn; and our Alumni Tribute Award to Zachary Greenberg '16. Contributions to the Bruce Ritholtz z"l Scholarship Fund will help ensure that all TABC students, regardless of family finances, will have access to the TABC experience. RSVP or donate online www.tabc.org/dinner2025

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

LOOKING TO CONNECT? THE EDISON-HP SHABBATON HAS YOU COVERED!

Join us Jan 10th-11th for a memorable weekend designed for frum professionals (ages 28-45) looking to meet new people, relax, and have fun! What's in store? Beautiful meals & lodging Speed dating with great facilitators Gourmet Friday Night Oneg Icebreakers, games, and a Grand Shabbos Day meal Musical Havdalah & an Epic Melaveh Malka pizza party RSVP now — Early rate of \$180 until Jan. 6 (or \$190 after). Spots are limited, so don't wait! Contact Rachel Z. Ruchlamer at (201) 522-4776 or Rivka Sonts at (347) 598-9448. Email: Shidduchprojects@gmail.com
Let's make this Shabbaton a bright idea for you!

SH'AINA SHIDDUCH GROUP

Sh'naina 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

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

email RaritanValleyHadassah@gmail.com. RSVP appreciated but not required.

PRESBY SHIURIM

The Thurs Megillah Shiur will begin at 8pm.

FOR WOMEN

Petticoat Gmach-Petticoat Gmach is now open to the community. The Gmach houses petticoats for all ages and sizes. Text 5165260941 for appt. The Edison/HP Gown Gmach is officially closed. Closest Gmachs are in Lakewood, Teaneck, Clifton and Fair Lawn.

UNIQUE LEARNING SERIES FOR WOMEN-Life lessons through the Chumash An in depth text based series by Mrs. Chedva Sarna Motzei Shabbos, 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 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 and anyone can request dances they know. Upcoming sessions will be 1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26. Infol 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](http://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_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

Parshat Vayechi

Candlelighting: 4:32 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 4:20 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.