



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Rabbi Emeritus

Parshat Vayechi

11 Tevet 5785

January 11, 2025

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 4:32 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:20PM (Asara Beteves - Main Shul),
Shacharis:
7:45 (SH) 9:00 (Main Shul) & 9:15 AM (YFM)
Hashkama Speaker: Ira Smith
 Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:42 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
 3:35 PM

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45 & 4:25 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Ezra Sarna

Maariv 5:36 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:41 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur
 After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon. 6:15, 7:05, and 8 AM

Tue., Wed., 6:30, 7:10 and 8 AM

Thurs. 6:15, 7:05, 8 and 9 AM

Fri 6:30, 7:10, 8 and 9 AM

Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:22 Mo, 6:21Th

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 4:40 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 Kabolas Shabbos & Maariv

Shabbos - 45 min before mincha

Sunday- after 8am Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

- Suzanne and Jason Jurkevich, L'zecher Nishmat Jason's father, Luis Jurkevich (Eliezer ben Yishayahu), whose Yahrzeit is 11 Tevet, Bo Ba'yom, A"H.

- Sponsored by the Semichas Chaver guys and Rabbi Malitzky in honor of Russell Adler, Larry Greenman, Isaiah Vortinov, and Marc Nelkin who passed the Bechinah last Zman, as well as all of the people who've been taking time out of their busy weeks this Zman to learn Business Halacha in a structured, exciting format. It's not too late to join us- Monday nights at 9pm!"

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

-Ida and Mark Sheiner in memory of the Yahrzeit of Mark's father, Nachum ben Moshe Zvi Halevi, A"H.

-Charyn and Harvey Atlas L'Ilyu Nishmas Harvey's mother Rivka bas Hersh David, A"H.

PARSHA POWER FOR CHILDREN

Parsha Power for children will not take place this week.

TUESDAY NIGHT OUR SHUL, OUR HALCHA OUR LIVES SHIUR

The Halachos of putting Tefillin in before the Zman for those who daven at the early Minyan with relevance to everyone with the

prospect of the US ending daylight saving time.

MAZEL TOV

...to Nillie and David Goldman on the birth of a granddaughter, Aliza, born to their children, Rachel and Jordan Benditzson (New Rochelle, NY) last Friday. Mazel Tov to the aunts and uncles and the entire Benditzson and Goldman families.

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.

LAST CALL LUNCH & LEARN & VIEW

Lill and Bob's Excellent RV Adventures:

Exploring Jewish Roots and Routes

across America.

- Congregation Ohr Torah - January 15th -

12:00 pm. Full Buffet Lunch \$20.00 per

person (Aides eat free). Only Prepaid

Reservations Accepted until Sunday, January

12th. No tickets are available at the door!

FIRST, reserve online before Sunday January

12th!

at <https://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch> option:

pay there via credit/debit card or pay by

check placed in mail shul mailbox at 48

Edgemount Road or pay via

ZELLE: payohrtorah@gmail.com

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We are calling a General Membership

Meeting to review the updated Shul dues

and to secure a membership vote on the

proposed changes. This is a critical step in

finalizing these updates, and your

participation is essential.

When: Wednesday Night, January 15th, at 8

PM. Where: Ohr Torah Beis Medresh

Please make every effort to attend and have

your voice heard. Thank you for your

continued support and dedication to our

Shul. Looking forward to seeing you there,

Best regards, Arkady Broder

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.

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

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.

CONDOLENCES

We are sad to announce the passing of Dr. Seymour P. Lachman, A"H, Beloved father of Sharon Chesir

May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

THANK YOU

Tzippy and Josh Rapps thank all who consoled the family after the passing of Rebbetzin Frieda Rapps A"H. We look forward to sharing Smachot in the future BE'H.

A pair of men's gloves were left at the Rapps Shiva Minyan. Please come forward to claim them.

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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

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 AMBUCCYCLE DEDICATION

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.

A real United Hatzolah 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

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

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/>

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Charles & Anna Plittman

Anna & Charles Plittman moved to Edison in 1986 and became members of OT when the shul was first built. Both Bronx natives, they have been integral members of the community ever since.

Anna dedicated over 20 years to teaching at the YST preschool, and has been a devoted member of the Chevra Kadisha for 38 years. Charles, a Pace University graduate, spent 10 years as CFO for Seiko Time Corp. before serving as CFO for Rosenthal China for 20 years.

The Plittmans are the proud parents of a large & loving family spread out across the country: Bracha Berg (Edison), Dina Miller (Teaneck), Baila (Cherry Hill), Yaakov (Passaic), Yosef (Los Angeles), Rivky Kapenstein (Columbus, OH), & Mechi (Oak Park, MI). Reach out: Charles - 732-690-1040, charlesplittman@gmail.com; Anna – 732-207-0593, aplittman@gmail.com

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 this 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.

Online donations can be made at: <http://www.hpkollel.com>

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

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.chaverimmc.org/volunteer-today>

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

Support Us Make a donation

today: <https://www.chaverimmc.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 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

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'NAINA 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

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 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 Shemos

Candlelighting: 4:39 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 4:45PM

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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.