



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

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Parshat Shemot

18 Tevet 5785

January 18, 2025

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 4:39 PM

Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 4:45PM (Main Shul),

Shacharis :

7:45 (SH) 9:00 (Main Shul)

Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky

Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:42 AM

Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
3:40 PM

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45 & 4:30 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Dov Elefant

Rosh Kinyan Hamasechta Chabura, Staten Island.

Maariv 5:43 PM

Shabbos Ends: 5:48 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi BeIyun Shiur

After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon. 6:10, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM

Tue., Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM

Thurs. 6:11, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM

Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:19 Mo, 6:18 Th

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 4:50 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

PLEASE NOTE:

-Please note there is no YFM this Shabbos

-Please note there is no teen minyan this week or next Shabbos

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Leah and Ilya Epshteyn in honor of Chaim Epshteyn's Bar Mitzvah, everyone is invited.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

An enhanced Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Leah and Ilya Epshteyn in honor of Chaim Epshteyn's Bar Mitzvah.

PARSHA POWER FOR CHILDREN

Parsha Power for children will not take place this week.

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.

747SHIUR

The 747 Shiur will not take place this week.

MAZEL TOV

...to Leah and Ilya Epshteyn on the celebration of Chaim's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to proud grandparents Isaak and Vera Epshteyn and Robert and Adriana Pollack, siblings Kovi and Miriam, and the family and friends joining us for Shabbos.

...to Mindy and David Waizer on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter born to their children, Matthew and Shaina Waizer. Mazel tov to grandparents, Clara and Jonas Waizer and the entire Waizer family.

...to Mel Barenholtz on the Bris of his great-grandson, Nosson, last Friday, Asara B'Teves. Mazel Tov to Nosson's parents, Yehuda Zev and Leah (Gartenhaus) and to his brother Yaakov; to Nosson's grandparents Levi Yitzchok and Yocheved Barenholtz; and to the entire Barenholtz and Gartenhaus families.

...to Saul Wasserman on the Aufruf and upcoming wedding of his grandson Yair Wasserman to Elana Spearman, daughter of Dina and Avichai Spearman of Kew Gardens Hills. Mazel Tov to Yair's parents Amy & Elchanon Wasserman. Yalleh hazivug yafeh veyivnu bayis ne'eman b'Yisrael.

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.

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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

THANK YOU AND UNITED HATZOLAH AMBUCYCLE DEDICATION UPDATE

We are so thankful to the Ohr Torah community for your support in helping Chaim reach his goal of raising \$36,000+ for a United Hatzolah ambucycle. Your generosity and encouragement made this achievement possible. Together, we've contributed to saving lives, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for being part of this

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effort and helping Chaim make such a meaningful impact. Leah and Ilya Epshteyn

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

YACOV AND HANNAH FARKAS

Yacov and Hannah moved to HP/Edison from the Upper West Side in 2014 immediately after their Hurricane Irene wedding.

Yacov, originally from Montreal, once dreamed of being a professional hockey player but now works in private equity fund administration at Gen II. He also can be found leining in OT almost every Shabbos at the YFM or main minyan. Hannah, from Cherry Hill, NJ is the Associate Director of Institutional Advancement at the OU, Sharing their great love of sports, Hannah was recruited by Rutgers, Towson, Ithaca, and others to play basketball.

They have 3 children, Emma (10) and Charlie (6) who both attend RPRY, and Naomi (1).

REACH OUT:

Yacov: 646-457-0307

Yacovfarkaseg@gmail.com

Hannah: 609-314-9846

HannahFarkeg@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

"GREAT THINGS AND SMALL THINGS": A VISION FOR YESHIVA COLLEGE AND STERN COLLEGE

Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley Sat night, Feb 1 at 8:30pm as Rebecca Cypess presents, "Great Things and Small Things": A Vision for Yeshiva College and Stern College at Cong Ahavas Achim, HP. Rebecca Cypess is the Mordecai D. Katz and Dr. Monique C. Katz Dean of the Undergraduate Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Yeshiva Univ. Prior to her work at YU, Cypess served as Assoc Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Music at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers Univ. At Rutgers she served for eight years as founding co-chair of Rutgers JFAS (Jewish Faculty, Administrators, and Staff), a grassroots group of Jewish employees that combats antisemitism as well as anti-Israel bias and promotes a positive, supportive environment for Jews on campus. Join online:

<https://tinyurl.com/47bbmrmv>

SINAI ANNUAL BENEFIT CAMPAIGN DINNER

On behalf of Sinai Schools, "A Uniquely Special Education", the Keane family kindly asks for your support in attending or sponsoring the Sinai annual benefit campaign dinner on Feb 23rd 10:00H. Reserve or donate

at sinaischools.org/dinner/2025/ or text Sarah on (848)468-2440 for the link and any further details.

SHOVAVIM SHIUR FOR MARRIED WOMEN

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

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

**CHAVERIM OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY IS
SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN**

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.chaverim.org/volunteer-today>
In Need of Assistance? Call our 24-hour hotline at 732-844-3577 Support Us Make a donation today: <https://www.chaverim.org/donate-today>

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'NAINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison & HP is a volunteer Shidduch group to assist Orthodox Jewish singles, all ages and Hashkofot. 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.

-Israeli 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 1/29, 2/11, 2/26. For more 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.
--Emunah 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

-BREST 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 Ve'eira	
Candlelighting:	4:48 PM
Mincha-Maariv:	4:55PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <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.