



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Bo

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<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Candlelighting:	4:56 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 5:05 PM (Main Shul), Shacharis:	
7:45 (SH) 9:00 (Main Shul), 9:15 (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Cypess</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma	9:39 AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur 4PM</i>	
Mincha (Main Shul):	1:45 & 4:50 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Spolter, from Yad Binyamin</i>	
Maariv	6:01 PM
Shabbos Ends:	6:06 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi BeTyun Shiur After 7:15 Shacharis</i>	
Mon. & Thurs.	6:15, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue., Wed., & Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/Maariv	5:05 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 Kabbolas Shabbos & Maariv	
Shabbos - 45 min before mincha	
Sunday - after 8am Shacharis	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Devorah and Effy Zinkin in memory of the Yahrzeit of Effy's grandfather, Yaakov ben Avraham, A"H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co sponsored by:

-Penny and Michael Kaplan in memory of the Yahrzeit of Penny's father, Julius Baumfeld, Yoel ben Yisroel, A"H.

-Miriam and Michael Rabinowitz in memory of the Yahrzeit of Michael's father, Dovid ben Gedalyahu, A"H.

-Marcia and Phil Rosen in memory of the Yahrzeit of Phil's mother, Florence Rosen, Tziporah Fradel bas Yosef Reuven, A"H.

WEEKLY DAYTIME SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Join us at 10am on Wednesday for a shiur understanding the role of the 18 minutes of candlelighting. Where does it come from? What's it for? How careful must one be to light by then? Join us to understand this and other halachos of ner shabbos

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to attend an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Shiur at 9:15pm on Thursday night (2/6). Join an amazing Chevra for great food and even better Torah!

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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Karen & Yoel Schwartz on the birth of a daughter, Miriam Roza, to their children Josh & Ariella. Mazel Tov to grandparents Esther & Ephraim Himmelstein, great-grandparents Diane Kessler and Irving Schwartz, all the aunts and uncles, and big brother Moshe Lev.

...to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren Eliezer and Avigayil Gersten of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Eli and Adina Gersten, to all of the aunts, uncles and cousins, and to the entire Gersten, Dessau, Banner, Piekarz, Scharg and Allen families.

...to Anna and Charles Plittman on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Mechi and Aliza of Oak Park, Michigan and big brothers Ahron, Dovid, Moshe and Meir.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We warmly welcome new associate members - Doron Shalmon and his children, Uri and Shira.

- Elchanan and Brucha Freund, and their children Leah, Aryeh, and Yosef.

OT TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Ohr Torah is transitioning to a new Shul management platform called EasyShul. Watch your email for updates. For a brief time period, online payments will be suspended, and you can email

finance@ohrtorah.net to request paying with your credit card by phone. When EasyShul goes live, the OT web site will be updated and you'll receive an email inviting you to login to the new Members Portal. Email tech@ohrtorah.net for more info.

SAVE THE DATE:

LUNCH & LEARN. JEWISH SOLDIERS IN BLUE & GRAY. A FILM that "Fills a good-sized gap in the history of American Jewry....A must-see for all Jewish and American history buffs" - *San Diego Jewish World*. "Moving...Surprising"- *Philadelphia Jewish Voice*

Ohr Torah Social Hall - February 26th, 12:00-2 pm. Full Buffet Lunch \$20/per person (Aides eat free). Must Register and Pay in Advance by February 23rd. REGISTER & PAY: ZELLE payohrtorah@gmail.com
Or: drop a check in the Shul Mailbox

Program

director: aliyana.wasserman@gmail.com

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS SAM AND ELISE BERLIN

Sam and Elise Berlin have been proud members of the Edison community for over 30 years. Elise, originally from Brooklyn, NY, works at RPRY with students in grades one through eight. She is also an active member of Bikur Cholim and enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends in her spare time.

Sam, who hails from Bayonne, NJ, is an accountant working in both the public and private sectors. He has been a dedicated volunteer for Tomche Shabbos and has coached basketball at RPRY for over 25 years. Sam frequently can be found beating much younger men at tennis including the Rabbi!) and dominating on the basketball court.

Sam and Elise are the proud parents of Talia and Meir Spector (Fair Lawn), Britt and Yitzy Fisch (Clifton), Daniella and Akiva Shulman (Teaneck), and Zacky (Edison). They are also thrilled to be Babi and Zadi to five wonderful grandchildren.

REACH OUT:

Sam: 917-923-4779 Samberlin64@gmail.com

Elise: 732-995-0393 Eliseberline@gmail.com

AN EVENING TO BENEFIT RCCS

And LOCAL PATIENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB 12 7:45PM

Congregation Ohr Torah Social Hall, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ

Guests of Honor

Dr. & Dr. Arkady & Marni Broder

Special Guest Speaker:

Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz, Director of Semicha, RIETS & MARA DASRA, Beis Haknesses of North Woodmere.

For sponsorship opportunities contact Rabbi Elimelech Rosenberg

Erosenberg@RCCCANCER.org

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS GREAT THINGS AND SMALL THINGS":

A VISION FOR

YESHIVA COLLEGE AND STERN COLLEGE

Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley this 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

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

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>

If you missed our last program you can view it online along with other previous programs on our YouTube page. <https://youtu.be/jMYVnOQtqIc>

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 10:00AM. 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

PURIM COSTUME GEMACH

The 18th Annual OE Purim Costume Gemach will kick off this year on Sun, Feb 22nd from 10am until 4pm. It will continue on Wed, Feb 26 from 6:30pm until 8:30pm and again on Sun, Mar 3rd from 10am until 4 pm. NEW - Purim Vendor's Expo March 2nd, featuring Sweets to Nuts, The Cheese Guy plus many more vendors to enhance your Purim celebration.

Once again there will be over 1,000 costumes from infants to Adult sizes plus hundreds of accessories. The suggested donation of \$5 per costume borrowed will go to benefit the OE Youth Dept and its programs. For info/questions,

oeocostumegemach@gmail.com

CENTRAL NJ STANDS WITH ISRAEL

Central NJ Stands With Israel invites the community to a screening of Tragic Awakening, an inspirational post-10/7 film rethinking antisemitism's roots and turning hatred into strength for Jewish identity and Western Values: Sun, Feb 9th, at Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave., Highland Park. 8:45am Breakfast and Meet-and-Greet, 9:30am Screening. Featuring a Q&A with the producer, Rabbi Raphael Shore, who will also present his new book, *Who is Afraid of the Big Bad Jew?* \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Sponsorship or \$180 entitles you to an autographed copy of his book. For tickets, please click or visit awakeninnj.eventbrite.com.

For sponsorship opportunities and more info contact Rivka Sonts. (347) 598-9448

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.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>

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 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.

-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.

--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

-BREAD 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 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 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_eruv 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: 5:05 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 5:10 PM

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