



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Rabbi Emeritus

Parshat Beshalach

10 Shevat 5785

February 8, 2025

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

Candlelighting: 5:05 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 5:10 PM (Main Shul),
Shacharis :
7:45 (SH) 9:00 (Main Shul), 9:15 (YFM)
Hashkama Speaker: Dr. Danny Rosenblatt
 Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:35 AM

Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur 4:10

Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45 & 5:00 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Avi Berman
Maariv 6:10 PM
Shabbos Ends: 6:15 PM

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

Mon. & Thurs. 6:15, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue., Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 5:15 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- after 8am Shacharis

HASHKAMA MINYAN SHIUR

Rabbi Josh Rapps will give a brief Shiur after Hashkama Minyan L'Ilu' Nishmas his mother and sister A'H.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:
 -Ephraim and Gila Gerszberg in memory of Shep Gerszberg's 37th Yahrtzeit.
 -Bracha and Ami Avraham in honor of Eliyahu's Bar Mitzvah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co sponsored by the Allen, Barry Schanzer, Schneider, and Moish Wiesel families.

WEEKLY DAYTIME SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Join us at 10am on Wednesday for a Shiur on the following Ner Shabbos topics:
 The reasons behind covering the eyes and waving the hands, as well as the Halachos of where to light when sleeping and eating in different locations.

TUESDAY NIGHT HALACHA SHIUR- OUR SHUL, OUR LIVES, OUR HALACHA

Please join us at 8PM for an engaging shiur discussing Herring, Gefilte Fish, and Sushi at a Fleishik Shul Kiddush. Topics will include:
 The halachos of eating fish and meat together, whether there's an issue with using chopsticks on Shabbos, and the permissibility of opening soy sauce packets on Shabbos.
 All men and women are encouraged to

attend. The shiur will take place in the Beis Medrash. We look forward to seeing you there!

MAZEL TOV

... to Bracha and Ami Avraham on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eliyahu Shmuel. Mazel Tov as well to grandparents David and Pamela Avraham and Ephraim and Judy Siegel.

Everyone is invited to a Friday night Oneg at 5 Price Drive at 8:30 PM.

... to Ophira and Heshy Gottlieb on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Avishai Gottlieb. Mazel Tov to the parents Malky and David Gottlieb and their children, and to all the uncles and aunts. A special Mazel Tov to Great grandmother Miriam Ringler

...to Dorene Schwartz-Weitz & Arnold Brown and families on the engagement of their granddaughter Penina, daughter of Rabbi Zechariah and Mrs. Leah Weitz of Bala Cynwd to Eliezer, son of Chezki and Suri Nemani of Baltimore.

...to Aliza & Binyamin Goldstein on the engagement of their son Efraim to Yardena Rosenbaum from Sharon, Mass. Mazel Tov to Yardena's parents, Alyssa and Jay Rosenbaum and to the extended Goldstein, Weisfogel and Rosenbaum families.

...to Devora and Ephraim Zinkin on the engagement of their daughter Atara to Gilad Bodner from Woodmere, NY. Mazel Tov to the entire Zinkin, Gerszberg, Ornstein, Beim and Bodner families.

...to Lisa and David Goldberg on the birth of a grandson, a son to their children Binyomin and Sora Goldberg of Far Rockaway.

...to Lisa and David Goldberg on the birth of a grandson, a son to their children Danny and Zahava Stemp of Ramat Beit Shemesh

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE- RABBI AVI BERMAN

Rabbi Berman will be giving the Derasha on Shabbos, "Moments of happiness in challenging times" and speaking at Shalosh Seudos, "Is Amalek a blessing?"

Rabbi Avi Berman is the Executive Director of OU Israel. He has served in this capacity since 2006. Under his leadership, OU Israel has grown dramatically. In this role, Rabbi Berman focuses on two key areas:

1. Helping at-risk native Israeli youth becoming contributing members of Israeli society and
2. Ensuring English-speaking Olim thrive in Israel. Ever passionate about working with teenagers, Rabbi Berman

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oversees a network of 22 OU Israel Teen Centers primarily in low-socioeconomic communities throughout Israel. The goal of the OU Israel Teen Centers is to provide meaningful programming for youth that would otherwise be on the streets and provide them with the tools and confidence to pursue and thrive in post-high school frameworks including pre-IDF preparatory Mechinot, Yeshivot/Midrashot, IDF and National Service. Under his leadership, OU Israel has expanded to a microcosm of the broader OU with Yachad Israel, JLIC on Israeli campuses, and NCSY Israel helping tens of thousands of English-speaking Olim. With over 180,000 annual visitors, he has turned the OU Israel Center into a hub for Anglo Olim and visitors of all ages. Rabbi Berman is a sought after speaker and educator, with regular speaking engagements in the Israeli Knesset and Israeli media. He has a weekly radio show on Galei Yisrael for 11 years. Prior to becoming Executive Director of OU Israel, Rabbi Berman was the Regional Director of the Northwest Region of NCSY and in five short years succeeded in expanding the region from 30 participants to an active 1,500. To this day, he is in regular contact with his NCSYers and the Vancouver community. Rabbi Berman received his Semicha from the Hesder Yeshiva in Shiloh, where he spent 8 years studying. He and his wife Pnina are blessed with 9 children and 5 grandchildren. They reside in Givat Ze'ev.

OU WOMEN'S INITIATIVE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE- MRS. JACLYN SOVA

Ohr Torah is excited to welcome Mrs. Jaclyn Sova for Shabbos. Mrs. Sova will be speaking for women at the following times:

- Oneg and Shiur at 8:30 this evening at the home of YD and Shaindee Goldstein (31 Celler Rd). "The Root of the Matter"
- Q&A for college girls at 11:15am on Shabbos morning at the home of Arianna Borck (22 Harrison),
- Shiur at 4pm in the shul. "The Building Bones of Our Nation"

After graduating from SKA High School for Girls, Michlalah, and Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women, Jaclyn got her Master's in education from the Azrieli Graduate School of Education and Administration and is in the process of finishing the Doctoral program there. While in New York, Jaclyn taught at SKA. When her family moved to Baltimore, MD she started

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.

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teaching at Bnos Yisroel and Beth Tfiloh's High Schools while also lecturing throughout the community. She launched a program for high school girls called BGCubed, giving Bais Yaakov girls the opportunity to have meaningful Jewish experiences outside of school where they can grow socially, emotionally, and religiously.

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 – Feb 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 Dir: aliyana.wasserman@gmail.com

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

- This Sunday will be the grand opening of the OT Youth Store. Stop by anytime between 1:30-2:30pm. Bring your OT Bucks. -Questions: Contact Shaina: 201-657-3068, or Tzvi: 516-757-4748

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

ARKADY AND MARNI BRODER

Marni was born in Brooklyn, NY, and moved to North Edison with her parents, Michael and Penny Kaplan, at a young age. When she was 18, her family relocated to the HP/Edison community, where they became longtime members of Or Torah. Marni is a foot and ankle specialist, dedicated to helping her patients stay active and healthy. Arkady was born in Odessa, Ukraine, and, fleeing the Soviet regime, immigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1988. They settled in the Bronx, NY, where Arkady grew up, attended medical school, and eventually met Marni. He currently serves as the Chief of Gastroenterology at Saint Peter's University Hospital.

Fifteen years ago, Arkady and Marni settled in Edison and have been proud members of Or Torah ever since, where they currently serve as President and First Lady. They are the loving parents of Ahuva (Ma'ayanot), Emma (Kushner), Koby (Yeshivat Frisch), and Eitan (Kushner). They cherish spending

time with their family, friends, and the Ohr Torah community.

REACH OUT:

Arkady: Abroder411@gmail.com

Marni: Marnikaplan@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

Frosenberg@RCCCANCER.org

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMCHEI SHABBOS

PRE PURIM BENEFIT CONCERT!!!

Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County Presents The Solomon Brothers (featured on The Voice - Israel) and Pumpidisa Live in Concert Motzei Shabbos, Mar 08, at Chabad of Rutgers (170 College Ave, New Brunswick. Doors open 8PM. To Purchase Tickets go to www.tomcheimc.org For info email tomcheimc@gmail.com. Please support Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County and give the gift of Shabbos!!

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

TORAT IMECHA = NACH YOMI

Nach Shabbat in New Jersey

-FEB 15 Cong Ahavas Achim, Highland Park

Mrs. Sarah Lipman

MAR 8 Cong Bnai Yeshurun, Teaneck

Mrs. Michal Horowitz

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 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. Suggested donation \$5 per costume borrowed will go to benefit the OE Youth Dept and its programs. For info/questions, oecostumegemach@gmail.com

JEWISH COMMUNITY

FORUM OF RARITAN VALLEY

An Archaeologist Reevaluates Destruction in Light of Oct 7 Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley Saturday night, Feb 22 at 8:30pm as Jill Katz, PhD, Yeshiva Univ Clinical Prof of Archaeology, presents "An Archaeologist Reevaluates Destruction in Light of Oct 7" at the Etz Ahaim. Prof Jill Citron Katz has been teaching archaeology, anthropology, and Jewish history at YU since 2003. She also serves as Chair of the Sociology Dept and an Academic Advisor. Her research focuses on biblical peoples (Canaanites, Israelites, and Philistines) and their interactions. It will also be online at: <https://tinyurl.com/muspvhh6>

CENTRAL NJ STANDS WITH ISRAEL

Central NJ Stands with Israel, invites members of the community to a special screening of the film "Tragic Awakening: A New Look at the Oldest Hatred." on Sun, Feb 9th The event takes place at 415 Raritan Ave (OE). It will begin with a breakfast at 8:45am and a meet-and-greet with Raphael Shore, the film's producer, founder of OpenDor Media, and author of "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Jew?" Movie screening starts 9:30am Tickets: · \$20 pp in advance · \$25 at door To purchase tickets in advance, visit: awakenings.nj.eventbrite.com Do not make payments to Congr Ohav Emeth For info contact Rivka Sonts at iana.sonts@gmail.com or text/call 347-598-9448. Become a VIP Sponsor! Support the cause and enjoy a personal connection with the author by becoming a VIP sponsor for just \$180. As a VIP sponsor, you will receive an exclusive, signed copy of Raphael Shore's book, "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Jew?" as a token of our appreciation. This is your opportunity to make an impact while connecting with a vital cause.

ZICHRON CHAIM BARUCH LIBRARY.

A new library featuring a collection of kosher Jewish novels, with more book varieties to come soon. This is a completely free library with free delivery and pickup of books in Middlesex County. Donations are accepted, and all funds go toward enhancing the library as well as supporting local frum institutions. To browse the catalog, visit www.libib.com/u/zichronchaimbaruch.

To sign up and start receiving books, email zichronchaimbaruch@gmail.com with your name and email to create an account.

CHAVERIM OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY IS SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN

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>

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.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS PROGRAM

Sun, Mar 23rd, 10:30AM - 1:30PM. Congregations Ahavas Achim and Ohav Emeth invite all community women middle-aged and up to a Women's Wellness Retreat. Guest speakers are Rachel Hercman, LCSW, a psychotherapist specializing in relationships, and Alexandra Tabakin, MD, a physician specializing in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery. Pre-registration by March 7th is required. \$40 registration includes a catered dairy lunch. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/aaewomen

FOR WOMEN

-Petticoat Gmach—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 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 session will be 2/26. 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

-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

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--OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER ONLY: Subscribe to Announcements at <https://www.ohrtorah.net>

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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_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 Yitro

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