



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**Parashat Yitro**

**17 Shevat 5785**

**February 15, 2025**

**Candlelighting: 5:13 PM**  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 5:20 PM (MS)**

**Shacharis: 7:45 (SH) 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)**  
*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky*  
Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:31 AM

*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur 4:15*

**Mincha (MS): 1:45, 5:05 PM**  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Gershon Klavan*

**Maariv 6:18 PM**  
**Shabbos Ends: 6:23 PM**

**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun. 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM**  
*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Iyun Shiur*  
*After 7:15 Shacharis*

**Mon. (President's Day): 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:00 AM**  
**Tue., Wed., Fri.: 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 AM**  
**Thu.: 6:15, 7:05, 8:00 AM**

**Weekday Mincha/Maariv 5:25 PM**  
**Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:00 PM**  
**Late Maariv: 7:30 PM (Mon. - Thu.)**  
**10:10 PM (Sun. - Thu.)**

### 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 sponsored by the Shul.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

- Marcia & Andrew Freedman in memory of Yosef Moshe ben Yitzchak Tzvi Halevi, Z"L (Yosi Horowitz, grandfather of Yitzy and Avi Horowitz and Michal Haber)
- Sheila and Henry Schanzer to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Henry's mother, Bella Schanzer, Bayla Bas R. Yitzchok, Z"L

### LEGAL HOLIDAY SHIUR

Please join us for breakfast and a Shiur after the 8am Minyan on Monday morning:

- Must one recite a Beracha upon seeing President Trump?
- Does it matter if you are pro-Trump or anti-Trump?
- How did the Gedolim relate to this question over the years?

Please contact [sarel.malitzky@gmail.com](mailto:sarel.malitzky@gmail.com) if you are interested in sponsoring the shiur.

### MAZEL TOV

- to Harriet & Joel Gersten on the birth of a granddaughter, Shira Esther Malka, born to their children Rachmiel & Rena Scharg of Kew Gardens Hills, NY. Mazal tov to the grandparents, Sheldon & Beverly Scharg, to all of the aunts, uncles and cousins, and to the entire Gersten, Scharg, Dessau, Banner, Piekarz, and Allen families.
- to Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo Ziegler and Mr. & Mrs. Milton Nussbaum on the birth of a grandson to their children Yonatan & Atara Ziegler
- to Mildred and Irwin Goldblatt on the birth of a great granddaughter, Ayelet Dafna born to Aviva and Yehudah Leidner. Mazel to the two brothers Gavi and Joey, to the grandparents Rabbi Elie and Naomi Radinsky and Abe and Faigy Leidner. and to the Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

### WEEKLY SHIUR FOR WOMEN

All women are encouraged to join Rabbi Malitzky at 10 AM on Wednesday morning in the Beis Medrash for an interesting and engaging Shiur on Hadlakos Neiros of Shabbos.

### RABBI'S CORNER

There are halachos regarding eating fish and meat at the same meal (See Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deah 116:2-3) which are often relevant to many individuals at our shul's kiddush:

- If someone eats fish and then wants to eat meat, or vice versa, they must eat or drink something in between. A cracker or any other pareve item suffices, and any beverage is acceptable.
- Fish and meat should not be placed on the same plate, and separate plates should be used for each.
- Ideally, a different fork should be used for fish and meat unless it is thoroughly wiped clean in between.

### THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to join Rabbi Malitzky at 9:15pm on Thursday for an engaging, interesting, and inspiring Shiur on the topic of foods we eat on Shabbos: Cholent and Deli Roll.

Join us for great food and great torah! Please reach out to Rabbi Malitzky if you are interested in sponsoring this week's TNL.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tech@ohrtorah.net) for more info.

### ATTENTION OHR TORAH PARENTS

We are incredibly grateful for the continued growth and success of our youth programming. Our dedicated leaders and volunteers have worked tirelessly to create meaningful, engaging, and age-appropriate experiences for our children each Shabbat. The strength of our youth groups and teen minyan is a testament to our collective commitment to fostering a love for tefillah, community, and Torah in the next generation.

As we continue to build on this success, we need your partnership to ensure that every child is in their appropriate place and demonstrating respectful behavior—whether in youth groups, teen minyan, or sitting with you during davening.

It is essential that children are not in the hallways or running around the building. This is not only a matter of decorum but also one of safety and security.

We trust that, as committed members of our kehillah, each of you will reinforce this expectation with your children. We sincerely hope that we will not need to reach out individually

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2 pm. Full Buffet Lunch \$20/per person (Aides eat free). Must Register and Pay in Advance by Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. REGISTER & PAY: ZELLE [payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com) Or: drop a check in the Shul Mailbox. Program Dir: [aliyana.wasserman@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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**

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

### **SOLOMON BROTHERS SHABBOS**

Once again, Ohr Torah will be hosting a musical Shabbos on March 7th - 8th with this year's featured "chazzanim" being Nachman, Yosef, and Sruli Solomon (The Solomon Brothers Band). The Brothers will welcome in Shabbos with an incredible Kabbalos Shabbos in the main minyan. Mincha at 5:45 PM. The Brothers will lead the davening Shabbos day in the main minyan starting at 9:00 AM. The community is invited to another "famous Friday night Oneg" graciously hosted by Michie and Sari Klerer 16 Cellar Road Edison at 9:00 PM. The experience will continue on Saturday night March 8th where The Solomon Brothers and Pumpidisa will be performing at the Rutgers Chabad to benefit Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County. For ticket purchase and information visit [www.tomcheimc.org](http://www.tomcheimc.org). Looking forward to what will be an amazing Shabbos and Motzei Shabbos event!!

### **GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS** **MAX AND HONEY WISOTSKY**

Max and Honey Wisotsky were both born and raised on New York City's Lower East Side, and they moved to the Highland Park-Edison area in 1964. They have been proud members of Ohr Torah for over 40 years and believe they are the most senior couple currently in the shul.

Honey worked at PRY for 37 years under three mamish gevaldig principals: Rabbi Shimon Jakobovic, Rabbi Kalman Rosenbaum, and Rabbi Shraga Gross, before retiring in 2015. She has also been active in community affairs, including serving as President of the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah.

Max holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry and had a distinguished 30-year career as a chemist at Exxon, earning 100 patents worldwide. He also served in the U.S. Army for two years, primarily in Germany. After retiring from Exxon in 1994, Max pursued a variety of interests: he earned a pilot's license and flew his own airplane, he began learning Daf Yomi online at age 87, and he impressively completed Shas in just three years. He is also a dedicated letter contributor to various media outlets.

Max and Honey are the proud parents of Elise and Bob Prezant (Bridgewater), Marc and Audrey (West Windsor), and Dan and Susan (Passaic-Clifton). They are blessed with 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren (and counting!), many of whom have attended, or are currently attending, yeshivas in both America and Israel.

### **SHAMOS DRIVE**

There will be a community Shamos drive at Congregation Ohr Torah Sunday March 16, 9:00am-5:15pm.

### **ISRAELI DANCE**

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 2/26, 3/12, 3/26. For more info, email [naomi.caplan@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.caplan@gmail.com).

### **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](http://www.tomcheimc.org). For info email [tomcheimc@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://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, [oeostumegemeach@email.gmail.com](mailto:oeostumegemeach@email.gmail.com)

### **AHAVAS YISRAEL PRESENTS:** **A CELEBRATION UPON THE COMPLETION OF** **NAVI**

Nach Yomi Siyum - Rabbanit Shani Taragin Malachi - Nevi'im, Malacim, and the revival of Rhetoric. Wed Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM - 16 Price Drive \$25 Couvert, Dinner included. RSVP to 732-762-0490. For Women Only

### **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>

### **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](http://www.libib.com/u/zichronchaimbaruch).

To sign up and start receiving books, email [zichronchaimbaruch@gmail.com](mailto: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.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](mailto: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](mailto:shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com)

### **PRESBY SHIURIM**

The Thurs Megillah Shiur will begin at 8pm.

### **WOMEN'S WELLNESS PROGRAM**

Sunday, March 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com)

**Weekly Parsha shiur:** with Mrs. Miri Cohen Tuesday mornings 9:15AM. For location/zoom link, Leah at 917-763-1848.

**Rebbitzen 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**SUBSCRIBE TO Ohr Torah emails:**

--**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](mailto:mailmaster@ohrtorah.net)

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at [reservations@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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](mailto:marty@rivieradoors.com). Info call Moish at 732-759-8070 workdays 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto: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](mailto:hperuv+subscribe@groups.io).

**X:** 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](mailto:david@weintraub.name)

Parshat Mishpatim

Candlelighting: 5:22 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 5:30 PM

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