



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**Parshat Shoftim**

**Elul 2 5786**

**August 15, 2026**

**Candlelighting:** 7:38 PM  
**Earliest Candle Lighting** 6:32 PM  
**Pre-Plag Mincha** 5:45 PM  
**Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos:** 6:45 (MS) & 7:45 PM (MS)  
**Shacharis:** 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15 (YFM) AM

*Hashkama Speaker:*

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

*YFM Speaker:* Rabbi Yehuda Zev Ehrentreu

Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:34 AM

*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur*  
5:15 pm

**Mincha (MS):** 1:45, 6:00 & 7:05 PM

*Shalosh Seudos Speaker:*

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

**Maariv** 8:40 PM

**Shabbos Ends:** 8:45 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sun** 7:15, 8:00 & 9 AM

**Mon, Thu** 6:15, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM

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

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv** 7:35 PM

**Early Mincha (Sun.)** 1:45 PM

**Late Maariv:** 10:10 PM

### DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

MON – THURS. – AFTER MAARIV

FRI- AFTER EARLIEST KABBOLAS SHABBOS

SHABBOS – 45 MIN BEFORE MINCHA

SUNDAY – AFTER 8 AM SHACHARIS

### MAZEL TOV

... to Lani and Arya Eisner on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Dovid, this Shabbos at the Agudah. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mati and Jake Eisner and Shoshana and Amos Ben-David.

...to Mati and Jake Eisner on the birth of a daughter to their grandchildren Dina and Moishe Schwartz.

... to Jonathan and Esther Rosenberg on the birth of a son to their children Ari and Ruchy Rosenberg.

The Shalom Zachor and Bris will take place at Ari and Ruchy's home, 16 Ryan Road. The Shalom Zachor will begin at 9:15 PM. The Bris is scheduled for Shabbos morning at approximately 11:45 AM, followed by a Kiddush.

### DR. ARYEH ZINKIN Z"L

#### 10TH YAHRTZEIT MEMORIAL SHABBOS

RABBI YECHESKEL FREUNDLICH

Scholar in Residence

This Shabbos Parshas Shoftim Aug 14-15 Drasha in Hashkama and at the end of davening in the main Shul (approx 10:45 am).

Afternoon Shiur 6:25-7:05PM in the main Shul. Isaac Mayer Wise, the Reform Movement of the 1860s, and Sitting During Leining

Mincha 7:05 PM

Shalosh Seudos approx 7:30PM in social hall. Our Three Most Important Relationships - A Tribute to Dr. Aryeh Zinkin

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich is the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Lawrence, New York. A native of Highland Park who grew up at Congregation Ohr Torah, Rabbi Freundlich spent much of his youth in the Zinkin home and was deeply influenced by Dr. Aryeh Zinkin Z"L and his family. He received Semichah from Ner Israel Rabbinical College and has served as a pulpit rabbi, rebbe, and head of school. Known for his warmth, engaging speaking style, and practical Torah insights, he has inspired communities throughout North America. Rabbi Freundlich and his wife, Rifki, are the proud parents of seven children and the proud in-laws of our rabbinic intern, Rav Rafi Kreitman.

Dr. Zinkin was a member of the Ohr Torah community for close to 40 years

His passion for Torah and love for community was well known. His family hopes this weekend will continue that legacy. This Scholar in Residence Program is sponsored by the Zinkin, Gerszberg and Ornstein families in commemoration of the tenth Yahrzeit of Aryeh Lev Zinkin Ben Yaakov, Z"L.

### 747 SHIUR

747 Shiur will meet on Tuesday this week

#### PEW SHTENDER MAINTENANCE

With the Yomim Noraim approaching, we are looking to replace / fix any broken Shtenders in the main Shul.

We ask that you please check if yours or your neighbor's Shtender is in need of repair. Please email: [otmaintenance48@gmail.com](mailto:otmaintenance48@gmail.com) with row number, seat number, Mens or Womens

### CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the recent passing of:

-Rochelle Epstein, Rochel Brina bat Meier, Z"L, sister of Max Wisotsky.

*Shiva took place during the past week.*

-Harvin Freedman, Hillel Yehuda ben Nachum HaCohen Z"L, brother of Andrew Freedman.

Shiva took place during the past week.

May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem: -

### AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

Are you retired? Do you start your work day late? Join us for a daytime Shiur with Rabbi Grossman.

TUESDAY MORNINGS 9AM, OT BEIS MEDRASH. OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN

#### SEMICHAS CHAVER

Join us on Monday nights at 9pm, as we delve into Kashrus Halachos such as sinks, dishwashers, Yayin Nesech, and many more. Please reach out to R' Yoni Goldberg 516-491-4982 with any questions.

#### SEATS FOR YOMIM NORAIM 5787 (2026)

The Seat Reservation Form is now available on the Ohr Torah website. Go to <https://www.ohrtorah.net/seats> (or use 2 steps by going to the Shul website at <https://www.ohrtorah.net> and select "Members" and scroll down to "Seat Reservations"). Full payment for the 2026 seats must accompany the reservation to be processed. The Shul Board also requires that personal balances be paid up through 2025

**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

If you have a question regarding your Shul balances, contact Brian Allen or Yoel Schwartz at [finance@ohrtorah.net](mailto:finance@ohrtorah.net). If you have seating questions, contact either Srullev Hercman ([shercman@gmail.com](mailto:shercman@gmail.com)), David Waizer at 732-500-2833, or Gershon Klavan at [othashkama@hotmail.com](mailto:othashkama@hotmail.com) (hashkama).

### **ISRAELI DANCE CLASS**

Israeli dance is open to all women of TT 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 old and new dances. Class dates: 8/26, 9/9  
Info: [naomi.caplan@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.caplan@gmail.com)

### **LUNCH & LEARN**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2pm  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 23rd (NO EXCEPTIONS)!**

Congregation Ohr Torah Social Hall  
PALESTINIAN OR ISRAELI – 75min. Video: "Nas Daily Said Something He Wasn't Supposed To Say"

- Go behind the scenes with history nerd Noam Weissman
- A candid conversation about identity, belonging, and what it means to be Israeli, Palestinian, Arab and human all at once
- Explore nuance, history, religion, and the cost of refusing simple labels
- For anyone wanting to know more about what Israel is about – from different multiple angles

Enjoy a Delicious Lunch Buffet, with your friends, neighbors and new friends catered by Jerusalem Pizza  
Program followed by group questions and comments

Registration and Pre-Payment \$20.00 per person (aides and children eat free)

[www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn](http://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn)

Payments accepted: Registration Aug 23rd

1. Credit card at registration checkout online (or select shul billing, members only) [www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn](http://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn)
2. Zelle: [payortorah@gmail.com](mailto:payortorah@gmail.com)
3. Check made out to Cong. Ohr Torah and mailed or placed in shul mailbox on the sidewalk box at 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison 08817 Questions? Contact: [LandL@ohrtorah.net](mailto:LandL@ohrtorah.net)

### **DAVID AND MIRIAM GOLDSTEIN ANNUAL TESHUVA LECTURE**

We are proud to announce that the I. David and Miriam Goldstein Annual Teshuva lecture will be delivered by the world renowned Rabbi Yissocher Frand. Rabbi Frand is an inspiring, dynamic teacher and senior lecturer at Yeshivas Ner Yisroel in Baltimore, MD. "Finding The Real You" will be presented at Cong Ohr Torah on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:45 PM. All donations will be sent to American Friends of Yad Eliezer to feed and clothe the needy in Israel. Please join us!

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*POSH FOR PEACE OF MIND BOUTIQUE\***

Find beautiful, high-end gently used women's and children's Shabbos & weekday clothing! Shop for school and yunitf!! Sunday, Aug 16 | 9AM-2PM RPRY, 2 Harrison Street, Edison  
Peace of Mind helps IDF combat veterans process wartime trauma, reduce stress, and transition smoothly into civilian life. Every purchase helps bring the next Peace of Mind IDF Unit to our community THIS FALL! Family sponsorships - \$100 <https://tinyurl.com/muz6xfpv>  
Please spread the word, and see you there!

#### **RPRY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Do you have some free time to do a Mitzvah? Consider helping our parent volunteer organization, RPRY+. RPRY+ is seeking parents, grandparents and friends to volunteer to assist with our hot lunch program. Each time you volunteer you will earn credits towards hot lunches for the RPRY family of your choice. Volunteer Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10:45AM – 12:30PM Whether you can help one day a week or all four days, you will make a real difference! There is NO cooking involved. In groups of 3-4, volunteers distribute lunches from the kitchen window and keep the lunch periods running smoothly. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact [lunches.rpry@gmail.com](mailto:lunches.rpry@gmail.com) or call 732-233-2339. Thank you for considering helping RPRY+. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

#### **KITTEL GEMACH**

Kittel Gemach available. If you – or someone you know -- needs to borrow a kittel, please call Lee Ann Schein at 732-208-1862. Four sizes are available. Kittel gemach is in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

#### **BRING A HEBREW ULPAN TO YOUR COMMUNITY**

Interested in learning Hebrew? Register your non-binding interest for a professionally taught 60-hour Hebrew Ulpán. Through generous subsidies from the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization, the cost is only \$250–\$360 for the entire year. If enough people from your community register, we'll bring the Ulpán to your local synagogue or community center. Learn more and register at [www.israelinspiration.org/ulpan](http://www.israelinspiration.org/ulpan).

#### **KOSHER SCOUTING**

Are your kids stuck on screens? Many adults are frustrated trying to pull their kids away from the eye glazing technology of today. Scouting offers your children many benefits:  
-Outdoors / Fitness (hiking, swimming, archery)  
-Improved self confidence through new skills and completing badges in a wide range: STEAM, life skills, financial literacy  
-Leadership: Opportunities for older scouts to mentor younger scouts for requirements and skills.  
-Community Service: Involvement in township cleanups and service projects  
Join us to find out more: • Open House  
Thurs Sept 3rd at 7:30pm  
Highland Park Community Center  
220 South Sixth Ave  
-Girl Scouts for girls in grades K-12  
-Boy Scout Troop 55 for boys in grades 6-12  
-Cub Scout Pack 5 for kids in grades K-5  
Contact Steve Springer:  
[s.springer@outlook.com](mailto:s.springer@outlook.com) | 908.227.3750

#### **DR. PRESBY'S SHUR**

DR PRESBY Continues to give beautiful Shiurim. On Shabbos at 4 o'clock at his home on Lincoln Avenue, and Tuesday night at his home at 8 PM.

### **AUGUST 28-30, 2026**

**FREE SINGLES SHABBATON FOR ORTHODOX SINGLE WITH ASD, SOCIAL AND/OR EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES**  
RESERVATION REQUIRED. FULL ADDRESS GIVEN UPON REGISTRATION & ACCEPTANCE  
Shabbos meals - Interactive Games- Speed Dating -Fun Melava Malka -Sunday Breakfast-Meet with a professional Shadchan

Join us for a relaxing, uplifting weekend of connection and friendship!

LOCATION: Camp Negeela in the Catskill Mnts

COST: FREE! Register: <https://bit.ly/4pcdCr5>

HOSTED/SPONSORED BY:

Wayne & Denise Chesner PHONE: 443-929-3339

EMAIL: [Singlesshabbaton@gmail.com](mailto:Singlesshabbaton@gmail.com)

### **WOMEN**

**Petticoat Gmach:** Gmach houses petticoats for all ages and sizes. Text 5165260941 for appt. Edison/HP Gown Gmach officially closed Closest Gmachs Lakewood, Teaneck, Clifton & Fair Lawn.

**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:** Mrs. Miri Cohen Tues mornings 9:15AM. 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 OT. Text Nechama 347-909-2755 to confirm.

**Emunah Chaburah:** monthly shiur by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe 1st Tues 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](http://MikvahCloud.com) or via MikvahCloud app Regular services, baths and showers, offered. See [mikvahcloud.com](http://mikvahcloud.com) for hours. Comments and questions, [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com)

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

Bikur Cholim medical equipment Contact Rebecca Bick at 732-735-7616 or Gabby & Jake Binstein 774-232-3515.

-BREAST CANCER SUPPORT & RESOURCES  
BCRV partnered with Sharsheret to provide local support and resources including peer support, surgical needs gemach, & kosher meal delivery and more. Volunteers wanted!  
[riteicher@sharsheret.org](mailto:riteicher@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)

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 Etz Chayim Tree, submit your order at <https://ohrtorah.net/tree-of-life> or

<https://ohrtorah.net/yahrzeit-plaque> .

For more info, email [plaques@ohrtorah.net](mailto:plaques@ohrtorah.net).

**SEFER DEDICATIONS:**

<https://ohrtorah.net/sefarim>

**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 7 AM-8 PM.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM LEADERS:** Shaina (201-657-3068) and Tzvi (516-757-4748) Berke

**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

erv'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 Ki Teitzei**

Candlelighting

7:28 PM

Mincha-Maariv

6:45 & 7:35 PM

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<http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto:announcements@ohrtorah.net) by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.