



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Ki Tisa

18 Adar 5779

February 23, 2019

Candlelighting: 5:22 PM
Mincha: 5:30 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:25 AM
Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 4:25pm
Mincha: 1:45 PM & 5:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos speaker: Rabbi Israel Rivkin
Maariv: 6:30 PM
Shabbos Ends: 6:32 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9:00 AM
Mon. & Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8AM
Tues, Wed, Fri: 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM
Mincha/Maariv: 5:30 PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Note that there is no 7:30 Maariv on Sundays

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun Shiur – After 7:15 AM Shacharis on Sunday
 -Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Sheilos Uteshuvos Monday night 9:10 PM
 -Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th grade- between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos in YFM.
 -Boy's High School Shiur by Rabbi Raffi Landau between Mincha and Maariv in downstairs classroom
Dr. Yussi Strauch's Daf Yomi Shiur
 Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday -after Maariv
 Shabbos -8:15 AM
 Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being sponsored by Sheila and Henry Schanzer in honor of Hallie's Bat Mitzvah.
 Kiddush sponsorship is available on March 9th and 16th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Rosa and Barry Katz in commemoration of the first Yahrtzeit of Barry's mother, Arline Katz, Avigayil Esther Bas Tzvi Yitzchak, Z"l .

SHAIMOS COLLECTION

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 24 from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. (Coordinator/questions) Barry Siegel, siegeldad@gmail.net Seforim sale: There will also be a used Seforim sale at this time, Great Bargains!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Please join us at 9:15pm on Thursday night 2/28 for an informative, engaging, and inspiring Shiur on the topic of "Purim

Customs: Costumes, Hamentaschen and Groggers". Refreshments will be served. Men and women are encouraged to attend.

MAZEL TOV

...to Michelle and Rob Schanzer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Hallie. Mazal Tov to Hallie's siblings Josh, Benji and Raimee, to her grandparents Arlene Turco and Henry and Sheila Schanzer and to all her aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends who are here to celebrate.
 ...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the birth of Tehilah Nitsenpover daughter of their grandchildren Danielah and Amit, in Jerusalem. Proud grandparents are Tova (Rivkin) & David Kestenbaum, Ranaana.
 ... to Miriam and Michael Rabinowitz on the engagement of their daughter Ella to Celso Winik, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, son of Jaime and Regina Winik. *There will be a l'Chaim between 1 – 4 PM on Sunday Feb 24th at 21 Ryan road*

NORPAC MISSION 2019

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.- Israel relationship with Members of Congress.
 Join us on Tuesday May 21, 2019. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran and Hezbollah, BDS, security cooperation, and more. Help us make a difference once again! Buses leave for Washington from our area at 6:30 AM and return between 9-10 PM .There will be pre mission training and orientation as well as briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided.
 Register now for the early bird discount (fee increases by \$50 in april): www.norpac.net or call (201) 788-5133. Adults - \$135 Students - \$85 (must be over 2. Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian) full refund up to 1 month before mission contact: Marc Hanfling , Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Neer Even-Hen, Keith Peckman, Jonathan Teitelbaum for more information

LUNCH AND LEARN

With a Look Ahead. Our Lunch and Learn will present Jewish Americans in World War II "GI Jews"
 This documentary tells the story of the 550,000 Jewish Americans who fought in WW II. Rabbi Mike Samel will deliver a D'var

Torah. Dr. Max Wisotsky will introduce the film and Muriel Haber will follow with personal stories related to her by her late husband who was an American GI. Tues, Mar 12 at 12 noon. Cost \$12 that includes a wonderful dairy lunch.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTT

New ACTT Module and Event: SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, March 3, at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, for community event, Ahavas Chesed - Loving Kindness - module 5. For men and women. Speaker: Rabbi Yitzchok Fingerer, Rabbi at Aish HaTorah in New York City, director of BJX, a dynamic and sought after educator and lecturer. Title: "How the Enormous Power of *Ahavas Chesed* Transforms You and Others". Source book: "The Glittering World of Chessed" by Rabbi Paysach Krohn. Event Admission and ACTT Membership are free. Donations are greatly appreciated. For more info, call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON

The HP/Edison community will host a Chai Lifeline Shabbaton Mar 1-2 for girls ages 7-15, with life-threatening illnesses. Help make this event great by sponsoring or volunteering today. Make checks out to "Chai Lifeline", mailed to David Waizer, 53 N. 7 th Ave, HP. High school students who want to volunteer: barbaraedery@gmail.com

HIGHLAND PARK/EDISON CONNECTS

Highland Park/Edison Connects debuts its new (completely free!) weekly Wednesday Lunch and Learn program!! Every Wednesday join other women in our community for words of inspiration and chizuk over a dairy buffet lunch! This coming Wednesday, Feb 27th, the third of the Tammy Karmel video series on Emunah will be shown from 12:15-1:15 pm at the home of Alex and Sara Scott at 22 Celler Rd, Edison. This week's program is sponsored by the Scott family in memory of Sara's father, Yitzchak Ben Binyamin Hakimi. For more information or to RSVP please email Rachelle_Stern@yahoo.com or visit www.hpeditonconnects.com

WINE & CHEESE TASTING SOCIAL

Saturday evening, March 2nd 8:30pm The home of Leslie & Josh Ostrin* It's Team Red vs. Team White! The entire community is invited to an RPRY PLUS evening of wine and cheese pairings, featuring special presentations by Brent Delman, the Cheese Guy & Ari Lockspeiser, Fine wine consultant. Learn how to pair cheese and wine, kashrut implications, and of course, enjoy the wines and cheeses! Light dessert will be served. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2N9RInD>. Any questions email rpryplus@gmail.com. You are sure to have a GOUDA time! Cheeses will be available for sale during the program, and special discount codes wine orders will be provided. Early Bird (Register by 2/24): \$45Regular Admission: \$55 Event Sponsorship's are available for \$200 and include two tickets, a listing at the event and a special gift! RPRY Plus members get a 10% discount *Register for address info

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

PURIM GEMACH

Save the dates for this year's OE Purim Costume Gemach. Sun Mar 3rd 10am-4pm, Sun Mar 10th 10am-4pm, Wed Mar 13th 6pm- 8pm. Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave., HP Questions,- email costumegemach@yahoo.com

NEFESH B'NEFESH MEGA FAIR

The biggest Aliyah event of the year is taking place on Sun, March 10th, from 10AM to 4PM at the Glenpointe Marriott in Teaneck, NJ. Join Nefesh B'Nefesh for informative Aliyah sessions and a large vendor fair featuring a wide range of Israeli service providers. If you're a medical professional, this is also your opportunity to meet with Israeli Ministry of Health representatives and get a head start on licensing – this is an opportunity not to be missed.

RABBI WEISS

Rabbi Weiss' shiur on Tehillim: for men and women on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM, at Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave., Highland Park. For more info, please call 347-203-7906.

PARK MIKVAH EVENT

SAVE THE DATE! A Dessert reception for women, featuring Charlene Aminoff, owner of @galicouturewigs. Honoring: Mrs. Barbara Ederly and Mrs. Aviva Siegel for their tireless dedication and commitment to the mikvah. Event will take place February 23, 2019 at 8:30 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. Couvert: \$36. Sponsorship opportunities available and advance registration is requested at www.parkmikvah.org or hpmikvah@gmail.com

BIKUR CHOLIM

-BIKUR CHOLIM ANNUAL EVENT: SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, March 17TH at 9:30AM at the Pines Manor. Guest of Honor: Dr. Michael Nissenblatt; Gomlei Chesed Award: Rahel and Haim Baruh; Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shay Schachter. Info call Bikur Cholim at 732-572-7181.

YESHIVAT NETIVOT GALA DINNER

Celebrating 18 Years of Bringing Learning to Life Honoring Dr. Aryeh Zinkin, z"l and Adi Dovi Yarmush Sun, Mar 31, 5:30pm. Chabad of Rutgers, 170 College Ave. mynetivot.com/gala2019

JERUSALEM MARATHON

-Yes, I am doing it again. Participating in the 10k in the Jerusalem marathon to raise money for Peace of Mind. You can support me in one of two ways. Per kilometer or per minute! Donations can be given by check made out to 'American Friends of Herzog Hospital' and sent to my home (Rosanne Koenigson 221 Washington Avenue, Edison New Jersey 08817), or online at <https://www.igive.co.il/new/en/usd/donation-targets/7114>. Thank you for allowing our veterans to get the Peace of Mind they need and so rightfully deserve. Please note I am covering all my expenses, airfare, registration, etc. All money raised goes to this vital program that helps IDF combat veterans transition to civilian life. Let's bring Peace of Mind to our community once again. - SPONSOR A RUNNER: Baruch (Bruce) Jacobi, is running again! This year in the Jerusalem Marathon for Mizrahi, Bnei Akiva and Tikvot. Tikvot helps rehabilitate wounded Israeli soldiers and victims of terror through sports. Also running in memory of his beloved father-in-law Jack Nasielski, who survived Auschwitz and the Shoah to inspire many by making Aliyah at age 92, and to show solidarity with our brothers & sisters in Pittsburgh. Please use the link below to donate on behalf of Israel's wounded soldiers & terror victims <https://www.igive.com/new/en/usd/donation-targets/8307>

SHIDDUCH GROUP

We will have a mid month Shidduch Group on Monday night, Feb 28, at 8 PM at the Ravitz home. 60 Hamlin Rd, Edison. Everyone is welcome to present someone or themselves. Please bring a picture along with a resume for anyone you wish to present.

FREE SHOWING: 93 QUEEN

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents the acclaimed documentary, "93 Queen" on Saturday night March 16, 9:00pm at Congregation Etz Ahaim. The documentary 93QUEEN follows RACHEL "RUCHIE" FREIER, a non-nonsense Hasidic lawyer and mother of six who is determined to shake up the "boys club" in her Hasidic community by creating Ezras Nashim, the first all-female ambulance corps in NYC. 93QUEEN is set in the Hasidic enclave of Borough Park, Brooklyn, where EMS corps have long been the province of men. Though the neighborhood is home to the largest volunteer ambulance corps in the world known as Hatzolah, that organization has steadfastly banned women from its ranks. Now Ruchie and an engaging cast of dogged Hasidic women are risking their reputations—and, literally, the futures of their children—by taking matters into their own hands to provide dignified emergency medical care to the Hasidic women and girls of Borough Park. The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more information go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.

PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER FUND

The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, a"n, is selling Purim Mishloach Manos cards for \$2.00 each. The cards are perfect to send to all friends & relatives. All proceeds from the sale enable The Kinder Fund to help subsidize needed services for many local children. To obtain cards, contact Tova Josefowitz at 732.572.9432, Shoshana Diskind at 732.572.7755, Lani Eisner at 732.572.1087 or Janice Lustiger at 732.819.4919 or e-mail your request to thekinderfund@gmail.com.

HADASSAH

Our Hadassah Book Club is reading a fascinating new book by Yossi Klein Halevi called *Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor* which explains why Israel is so vital to Jews everywhere in the world. This is a different kind of book club. There is no homework. We read and discuss a chapter of the book at each meeting. Please email gustinematt@gmail.com or call 732-545-3147 if you would like to join us.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: For status of classes on Sunday, February 24 and Monday, February 25, please call / text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or sieglmom@gmail.com
-Women's Learning Initiative:
· Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas! For a personalized study program of your choice, email contact info to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com
-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, Mar 16 at 9PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "If I Am Not Me, Who Is?" with Mrs. Yael Kaisman. For info/to become a member, contact Aviva sieglmom@gmail.com
The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.
-INSPIRATIONAL SPEECH
Tammy Karmel presents Yom Tov Treasures!

Tammy is a young mother from Yerushalayim who is living with the debilitating disease of ALS. In her inimitable style of wit and wisdom, Tammy will give you the tools to grow from your challenges and find the great potential within you. Videos will be shown at the home of Sharon Glinn, 162 North Eighth Ave HP at 8:45pm. Dates: Sun, Feb 17 - SHEKALIM: The Triumphant Life of an Eved Hashem; Sun Mar 17 - PURIM: Discovering the Ecstasy of Giving; Sun Mar 31; PESACH: The Liberating Power of Toil. Suggested donation: \$10. All donations go to Tammy's fund. For women only. Info: Zehava 917-583-2756. For general info, contact tammymkproject@gmail.com
-Wrapunzel Show Event for Women
Learn to tie rockin' tichels, hear deep and inspirational ideas, and participate in head wrapping demos with Wrapunzel (www.wrapunzel.com). Wrapunzel Show for the women in our community who've told me how much they wish they could wrap- now you can! Andrea Grinberg has visited communities throughout the US, Canada and Israel and will show us how to wrap in multiple creative ways, share ideas, tips and work with every woman to ensure a beaming smile. Participants will explore, try on things, ask questions and yes, have fun. Her workshops are inspiring, intimate, and hands-on. You'll walk in as friends and emerge as sisters! If interested in being a part of this awesome experience, please let me know by either survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHPHVSN> or email to pixelpixie92@gmail.com, text/phone: 973-876-8741 Laini Weitz

PARK MIKVAH

-Please support the mikvah while purchasing on Amazon. Use the following link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953>. A donation will be made to Park Mikvah.
-Hours: Sun-Thur hours are 8PM-10:30PM. Friday night by appt only. All Motzai Shabbos in Jan and Feb: 7:30pm-10pm. Appointments can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-8155 or emailing hpmikvah@gmail.com or via website. *NOTE: Appointments can now be made between nightfall and opening time, and the out of hours (additional) fee will NOT be charged.*
-To receive emails regarding any mikvah updates including snow storm/inclement weather, one can subscribe to the mikvah email list via the website at <http://www.parkmikvah.org/>

GEMACHS

Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.
-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is happy to announce they are also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Located in Edison, NJ
-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.
-The Edison/HP Gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin Gemach Gowns for children thru adult. Donations of good condition gowns sought. Tax deduct given/pick up of gowns arranged. Info/appt Sara Scott 516-526-0941.
- New Kittel gemach available! If you – or someone you know--needs to borrow a kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at [732-545-9353](tel:732-545-9353). Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.
--Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hats, tichels scarves, sheitels, accessories. Call to receive or donate. Gina Gittle Tonkonog 347-615-3294 scarves, sheitels, accessories.

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg	3/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Lichtman	5/3-4
Mrs. Michal Horowitz	TBD

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: Subscribe to Announcements, go to www.ohrtorah.net

E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com .

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Shalosh Seudos, contact Moshe 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. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@gmail.com.

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 EVENTS: Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See the OT website, www.ohrtorah.net, for various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah

FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS: For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to ohrtorah.net click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: The Eruv committee checks the eruv every week. However, if eruv is down, and you didn't check the status before Shabbat, the averah of carrying on Shabbat is on you. It's extremely important to know the status of the eruv before Shabbat start! We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Ne aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

Twitter: Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter. Follow @hp_ervu on Twitter Get updates about eruv's status as it's been determined.

Text Messages: Don't have a Smartphone or don't want to use Twitter? Get alerts via text. This involves setting up a Twitter account, but once setup, you can ignore your Twitter account. It gives you immediate alerts without Twitter blather.

Facebook: Facebook group @hperuv that gets updated when we update Twitter account. Follow Facebook group (don't just "Like" it), and you'll get alerts about the eruv's status via Facebook.

Email: Go to <http://hperuv.org> and sign up for the email list. The email list checks the eruv's status after 3pm once per hour and sends out an email with updates.

Eruv Webpage: The eruv webpage at <http://hperuv.org> has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page.

Hotline: Yes, there is still the eruv hotline. However, it's too easy to forget to call when you're busy preparing for Shabbat. That's why we offer push notifications through Twitter, SMS Text messages, Facebook, and email.

We also have new webpage at <http://hperuv.org> with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv. There have been some major changes in the eruv in the last few years:

- The eruv boundary is now goes along Plainfield road and not Sutton Lane.
 - The Stelton Community Center Playground is now in the eruv.
 - Cook/Douglas campuses of Rutgers are no longer in the eruv.
 - If eruv around Donaldson Park is down, the playground in Donaldson is no longer in backup. If you weren't aware of these changes, check out the latest Interactive eruv map.
- Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.

Parshat Vayak'hel**Candlelighting:****5:30 PM****Mincha:****5:35 PM**

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