



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayikra

3 Nisan 5780

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BECAUSE THE SHUL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, DAVENING TIMES ARE LISTED BELOW TO ALLOW SYNCHRONIZATION WITH PRIVATE DAVENING AT HOME. However, the optimal time to daven Shacharis is Kivasikin, which means to start Shemona Esrai at sunrise. Sunrise this Shabbos is at 6:48 AM.

Candlelighting: 6:59 PM
Mincha: 7:05 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:54AM
Mincha: 1:45 & 6:50PM
Maariv: 8:05PM
Shabbos Ends: 8:09PM

Weekday Shacharis:

We do not say Tachanun during the entire month of Nissan.

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon & Thur 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues, Wed. & Fri 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Early Mincha Sun. 1:45 PM
Mincha 7:05PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM
Daf Yomi

Our Daf Hayomi Maggid Shiur, Yossi Strauch, will be giving the Daf virtually! Join him at 9am on Sunday and 7:30pm on Monday-Thursday.

MECHIRAS CHAMETZ/MAOS CHITIM

An on-line Mechiras Chometz and Maos Chitim form was emailed to the congregation. If you did not receive it, the form is available on the OT website, at <http://www.ohrtorah.net/>.

If you prefer to send a check, you may mail a check to Congregation Ohr Torah, at 48 Edgemont Rd., Edison, NJ., or you may deposit a check in the mailbox in front of the Shul. Checks should be made out to Congregation Ohr Torah. Please indicate on the check or on the envelope that the money is to be used for Maos Chitim.

BECHORIM SIYUM ON EREV PESACH

Rabbi Luban will be giving his Siyum on Erev Pesach either over Zoom or Skype. Information on how to join in will be provided.

MISSING COMPUTER PROJECTOR

The Shul's computer projector is missing. The Shul regularly sponsors events which requires use of this projector. If you know where it is, please let Moshe Wiesel or Gene Wasserman know.

OU/YU TORAH UPDATES

Regular updates on virus response, special Shiurim, Tehilim and more can be found at ou.org/covid19.

Regularly updated Halakhic and Hashkafic Shiurim regarding the virus and quarantine can be found at yutorah.org.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Honey & Max Wisotsky in memory of David Matthew's father Harvey Matthew Z"L
-Gedalia & Phyliss Reiss in memory of Gedalia's father Rabbi Phillip H. Reiss Z"L

MAZEL TOV

...to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the birth of a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren Eliezer and Miriam Gersten. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Rabbi Morty and Esther Gersten of Lakewood, and to the entire Gersten, Dessau and Allen families.

CONDOLENCES

Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to David Matthews on the recent loss of his father, Harvey Matthews, Z"L, in Houston, Texas. Shiva was in Houston and concludes Sunday morning, March 29th. David's contact info is 732-921-8681 and his email is davidmatthew68@aol.com.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion in Jerusalem.

MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBIS

We already planning our return to our beloved Shul. We can't wait for us to be Davening together, learning together, and schmoozing with each other. We feel strongly that we should come back together in a magnificent way. We should come back with a loud statement to the Shul that we missed you dearly! We should come back together with a loud statement of we need you!

We have an idea:

We come back with a Siyum on all of Tanach. The first Shabbos back we come together באחדות, with unity, and collectively make a Siyum on all of Torah, Neviim, and Kesuvim. Men, women, and children will spend time over the next few weeks (hopefully only a couple more) learning Tanach with the goal of finishing all of it! Young and old, advanced and beginners, men and women can all participate in this initiative. Parents can learn with their children and friends can learn with each other on the phone.

Nothing unites the Jewish people like the Torah. We are super excited about this and we hope you will share in our enthusiasm. Please see the spreadsheet which can be filled in from your phone/computer. Please sign up and encourage others to do the same! You will find that only Nach is on the

sheet and not Torah. The goal is to first fill up Nach before dividing up Torah.

There are numerous resources which can be used to facilitate your learning. Yutorah.org has many Shiurim on Nach. Their new app is very user friendly. OUtora.org has a great Nach Yomi series, which is also incredible <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19hd79bTief2ZF5Mc9VB810M88zHKlh2EHruzLm7yM/edit?usp=sharing>

You CAN fill out more than one row! Please reach out if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions.

OT ONLINE

Join the Ohr Torah's "Torah from OT" whatsapp group to receive a daily 5-6 minute Torah video from Rabbi Luban, Rabbi Malitzky, and others! To be added, please email sarel.malitzky@gmail.com with your phone number.:

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SHIURIM

Monday night- 8:00-8:30

Our very own, Rabbi Shaga Gross, will offer a Shiur entitled: Giving Chizuk During These Difficult Times

Tuesday night: 8:00-8:45

Coping Suggestions During the Corona Crisis. Our very own, Dr. Alan Singer will present on what not to tell young children, get creative:poetry from the front lines and how to cope;denial is not just a river in Egypt.

Wednesday night:8:00-9:00pm

Haggada Highlights from Rabbanim in town. Each Rav will share a 5-7 minute dvar torah on a different part of the haggada, Enhance your seder with Torah from our Rabbanim!

Thursday night:8:00pm

Rabbi Luban's Shabbos Haggadol Derasha

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

Alert from the local police: people are going door to door in the area identifying themselves as working for the CDC, asking to be allowed into homes. Do not engage them or allow them to enter and call police immediately.

PRE YOM TOV HAT SHOW

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRE YOM TOV HAT SHOW HAS BEEN POSTPONED. WILL UPDATE WHEN MORE INFO AVAILABLE

NORPAC MISSION 2020

NORPAC's Mission to Washington has been postponed until September.

ACTT

ACTT (Achieving Change Thru Torah): module: Kiddush Hashem; source book: Artscroll's "A Life Worth Living - Stories and Ideas for Constant Kiddush Hashem" by Rabbi Shraga Freedman; Module packet:www.actt613.org/3.html; Rabbi Staum's "Kiddush Hashem: the kiddush that never ends" talk: www.actt613.org/6.html

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

or <https://www.torahanytime.com/#/lectures?v=95621>. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762

TIFERES

Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconferences: "Purim and Pesach: The Pressure or the Pleasure" with Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker. Info or to become a member, contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com. The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

PURIM COSTUME GEMACH UPDATE

Hope everyone enjoyed their Purim and are staying healthy. To ensure our family's continued good health, we are asking that no costumes be returned until after Pesach. And when they are returned, please make sure all costumes are washed and accessories are wiped down with a Lysol wipe. Washing suggestion—cold/gentle cycle and hung dry or dry cleaned. Thank you for your understanding. Kol Tuv, Shari & Michael Gordon

JFS EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

Help Jewish Family Services feed our community! Our community is facing an unprecedented challenge, as COVID-19 is shutting down businesses and displacing workers. Families and seniors who struggle with food insecurity need our help now more than ever. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED NOW to buy more food. Donate online at: <https://jfsmiddlesex.org/donate-form>. You can also help by donating NON-EXPIRED food to ensure our community has enough to eat during this emergency.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS

Do you have a couple hours free in the morning? Can you help ensure that homebound seniors have fresh, nutritious meals to enjoy? Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County Kosher Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers for Edison and Avenel on Mondays. Call 732-777-1940 or email office@jfsmiddlesex.org.

JFS PASSOVER DRIVERS NEEDED

Can you help ensure needy families have enough to eat this Passover? Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County urgently needs volunteer drivers to deliver Passover groceries on Sunday, April 5 at 9am. at Congr Beth Ohr in Old Bridge. Last year, more than 500 individuals received groceries, so your help is crucial.

2020 CENSUS

By now, you should have received a 2020 Census form in the mail. If you have not received a form, please go to 2020census.gov where you can fill out a census form online. Let's make sure that as many residents of our community as possible are counted. Did you know? The Census is used to apportion seats in the US House of Representatives. Lower population has caused congressional redistricting in NJ. That's why Frank Pallone is now the congressional representative for what used to be two districts.

FUND RAISER

Aryeh Margolin will be helping to raise money for OurPlace in an all-night Learn-a-thon. OurPlace is our community's largest network of drop-in centers for at-risk Jewish youth struggling with drug & alcohol addiction, past trauma & sexual abuse and criminal behavior. Please support him. <https://ourplacelearnathon.org/Aryehmargolin>

RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss's shiur on Tehillim will be given online. Details to follow. Contact info: Marsha Eiserman 347-203-7906

FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzin Eichenstein will not be having classes until further notice. Contact Aviva at 732-672-7104 for more info.

-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

-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Tuesday class resumes after Pesach.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

March hours:

-Sun- Thur: 8:30PM -10:30PM
-Motzai Shabbos, March 28: 9 – 11
- April hours:

· Sun-Thur: 8:30PM – 10:30 PM

· Friday: by appointment only

· April 8, 9, 10 (1st days Pesach): by appt only

· April 14, 15 (2nd days Pesach): by appt only

· April 16 (Motzai 2nd days Pesach): 9:45 PM – 11:30 PM

· Motzai Shabbos, April 4: 9:15 PM – 11:15 PM

· April 11, 18, 25: 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM

All out of hour and Friday night appts should be made online at www.parkmikvah.org. Alternatively they can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-8155 or emailing hpmikvah@gmail.com.

Please be reminded that out of hours appts incur an additional \$20 fee. During the winter months the out of hours fee is waived for appointments occurring between nightfall and opening time.

GEMACHS

Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.

-DIABETIC SUPPLIES GEMACH: Providing diabetic Supplies- Insulin, test strips, meters etc. for those who ran out/waiting for insurance approval or guests who left supplies at home. Please text Deutsch family at 646-683-7394.

- Lev Lenefesh centerpiece Gemach number has changed to (732) 630-9148.

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.

-The Edison/HP gown gemach has a large variety of gowns for all ages. Some toddler boys tuxedos also avail. Text 5165260941 for more info.

-Kittel gemach.To borrow a kittel, call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein 732-545-9353. Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in m/o Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

--Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hat,accessories, sheitles. Donate and receive. Contact: call, text or email. Mrs. Gina Gittel Tonkonog 347-615-3294, ginatonkonog@gmail.com. Also contact for no-charge Kallah Classes, as originally taught by Rebbetzin Tehilla Abramov.

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, 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 Aaron Breslin at 908-907-7308.

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: We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Be aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

· **Twitter:** Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter. Follow @hp_erv 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> to sign up for email list. The email list checks the eruv's status after 3pm 1x hour and sends out email updates.

· **Eruv Webpage:** The eruv webpage at <http://hperuv.org> has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page. Webpage at <http://hperuv.org> with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv.

Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.

Parshat Tzav

Candlelighting:

7:06 PM

Mincha:

7:15 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.