



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat **Bamidbar/Mevarchim**

29 Iyar 5780

May 23, 2020

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 Shemoneh Esrei at sunrise. Sunrise this Shabbos is at 5:28 AM.

Candlelighting: 7:56PM
Mincha: 8:05 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:14 AM
Mincha: 1:45 & 7:50PM
Maariv: 9:05PM
Shabbos Ends: 9:05PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8 & 9AM
Mon. & Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues. & Wed. 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Early Mincha Sun. 1:45 PM
Mincha/Maariv 8:05 PM
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 weekdays.

SHAVUOS NEWSLETTER

The Shul newsletter with Shavuot times will be made available by next Thursday, IY"H.

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.

OT ONLINE

Join 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 your phone number to sariel.malitzky@gmail.com

MISHNAH SHIUR FOR BOYS

Mishnah Shiur for the boys given by Rabbi Gross will continue on Sunday at 9:30 on zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6667348762>
 Meeting ID: 521-120-6901

TUESDAY NIGHT TEHILLIM

The Ohr Torah Tuesday night Men's Tehillim group meets (virtually) starting at 9:50pm. For a ZOOM invitation weekly, please email dralansinger@gmail.com

HELP SUPPORT OHR TORAH

We are pleased to announce that Ohr Torah has been recognized as a charitable organization by Amazon. This means that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our Shul AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Please follow the link below to start supporting Ohr Torah:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3249199>

MAZEL TOV

...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the Zoom Bat Mitzvah this week of their granddaughter Hadar Yehudit Markowitz daughter of Dr. Shira (Rivkin) and Sammie Markowitz of Jerusalem.

PEREK ON THE LAWN

Perek on the Lawn is back in its newly optimized iteration....Perek on the Zoom! Perek on the Lawn is back in its newly optimized iteration....Perek on the Zoom! We are excited to welcome Rabbi Sam Ash who will be delivering the shiur on the sixth perek on Sunday, May 24th at 8 PM. Zoom ID: 666-734-8762
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6667348762>

CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Felicia Friedman, Z"L, beloved mother of Dr. Barbara Belsh and Rabbi Zev Friedman. Mrs. Friedman was a survivor of Kraków-Płaszów & Auschwitz concentration camps.

Barbara will be sitting Shiva in her home through Tuesday 8 a.m., May 26. Due to the Covid-19 medical emergency, the family will not be able to have visitors for Shiva. Please do not send food or leave food on the steps. Barbara may be reached for Shiva calls on her home phone 732-819-8735 and on her cell phone 732-266-3153. She will accept calls from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a phone break between 1 & 2 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the EPI, Emergency Parnassah Initiative at the Ohr Torah web site and please let us know at jbels@gmail.com. May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion in Jerusalem.

BAR MITZVAH PROJECT

In anticipation of my Bar Mitzvah (G-d willing) this August, I am doing a Chesed project book drive for the Bridge of Books Foundation (a 501c3 organization in NJ). If you have any new or gently used books for kids from birth to age 18 to donate, please contact me at filhartbarmitzvah@gmail.com for socially distanced/contactless pickup or drop off coordination. Thank you, Ophir Filhart

THANK YOU

The family of Cheryl Strauch would like to thank Rabbi Luban & all the members of the community for their heartfelt condolences, support, and the sharing of so many memories of her mother, Rebbitzin Shirley Maza.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Seymour & Rona Kessel in honor of the Bar Miitzvah of Avi Klerer
 -Seymour & Rona Kessel in honor of Jacob Hanian
 -Seymour & Rona Kessel in memory of Stanley Presser's wife Irma Z"L

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 I'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

INTERESTED IN PHOTOS AND STORIES

I am considering writing a book on the second and third generations of Holocaust survivors. If you are interested in being interviewed or providing pictures and stories please contact me at chaimdov@aol.com

Thank you. Rabbi Dr. Bernard Rosenberg

VISITING SOFER

The Sofer will be available to check your Mezzuzot and Tefillin Sunday, May 24th at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, Highland Park. For questions or to make a Sunday morning appt, please call 732-236-9695.

SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER

SOCIAL ACTION

Coronavirus has unfortunately led to a serious spike in anti-Semitic activity on social media and is impacting on local Jewish communities. We must remember that immediately prior to the pandemic residents from the Tri-State area marched across the Brooklyn Bridge and through the streets of the City to express our outrage against double digit increases in felony-level hate crimes against Jews. Clearly, we MUST remain vigilant in these times of crisis. The Simon Wiesenthal Center dedicated experts and researchers are working around the clock to finding, exposing, and combatting anti-Semitism and hate. We cannot afford to allow such hate to go unchallenged.

We have to rely on scientists to find a vaccine against the newest deadly virus. But working together we can defend ourselves against history's oldest virus---anti-Semitism.

Please partner with the SWC by reporting anti - Semitic or other coronavirus-related hate activity online or impacting your community by contacting the Simon Wiesenthal Center at SWCNY@Wiesenthal.com.

For updates on breaking developments every day please follow the Simon Wiesenthal Center at Facebook: facebook.com/simonwiesenthalcenter/

RPRY PRE-SHAVUOT PAPER

GOODS & MORE SALE

RPRY proudly presents a pre-Shavuot Paper Goods & more Sale! Order deadline is May 24th

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

5% of sales go to RPRY. For orders paid in cash check or zelle an additional 3% will be donated to RPRY. Order by Sunday May 24th for delivery Wed May 27th. Email orders to prefferedmsupply@aol.com
5.00 delivery fee for orders under 200. Free delivery on orders over 200.

RPRY VIRTUAL GALA WITH COMEDIAN ASHLEY BAKER

-RPRY's Virtual Gala with Comedian Ashley Blaker Bridges: Creating Connections
June 14, 8pm. at rpydinner.org
The Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva honors Rachel and Mark Stein, Guests of Honor; and Shifra and David Zelingher, Community Service Award recipients. Exclusive feature performance by Ashley Blaker, world-renowned stand-up comedian. We celebrate 75 years of building bridges and creating connections.
Registration and sponsorships at rpydinner.org.
Questions? Contact Josh Caplan at (917) 848-6326 or jcaplan@rpry.org.

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? The Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers for Edison and Avenel on Mondays. Call 732-777-1940 or email office@jfsmiddlesex.org.
JFS COUNSELING BY PHONE The impact of COVID-19 is far reaching. Social isolation, financial instability, disruption of daily routines, and more can take a heavy emotional toll. JFS counselors are available by phone and online video call to help. To make an appointment, call 732-777-1940. Most insurance accepted.

KOL YEHUDIM SHOW

The Kol Yehudim Show, hosted by radio veteran Michael Greenberg, features a diverse selection of Jewish music from the 1920's through today. The show airs every Sunday morning from 6-10am on Edison, NJ based WJPR 1640 AM and has an international reach through the internet at 1640wjpr.com, raddio.net and the TuneIn Radio Smartphone app. The audience of the Kol Yehudim Show is comprised of listeners throughout the Jewish spectrum and is one of the few Jewish music stations that will play both male and female artists as well the different styles of Jewish music like Israeli pop, Yeshivish Pop, Jewish Contemporary American, Cantorial and more. You can listen to archived programs at bit.ly/jewishmusic2020 and requests can be made by sending an e-mail to cooljewishradio@gmail.com.

RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR

For men and women. Wednesday night at 8PM. Meeting ID: 858 5198 8386, Password: RWTehillim. To join by phone: Dial 408-638-0968, enter meeting ID, use password 705203. Questions, Marsha Eiserman 347-203-7906.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Email Bob Lansay at ENRVInfo@gmail.com if you would like to receive our job postings and/or would like help with your resume and search strategies.
Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

CHUG IVRIT VIA ZOOM

Chug Ivrit, for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers, meets via Zoom Sun, May 17 at 11am. Chat in Hebrew and read short Hebrew story or article. To participate, RSVP to Rachel at rachel@weintraubworld.net. She will respond with zoom link & password. info Rachel 732-819-9298.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women on ZOOM:
- Sunday morning 11AM Tefilla class. Meeting ID: 474 278 7632 or +19292056099,4742787632# (New York).
-Monday Parsha class -Contact Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com to receive link and time of shiur.
-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 will take place on ZOOM Thursday mornings. Email womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com to receive a link and time.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY 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 Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah.
- The Mikvah is currently by appt only. All preparations should be done at home and all appointments must be made via our appointment page on www.parkmikvah.org. For all comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com

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 gmach 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.

Shabbos/ 2nd day Shavuos

Candlelighting: 8:02 PM
Mincha: 8:05 PM

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