



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parashat Mishpatim/Mevarchim Adar

24 Shevat 5785

February 22, 2025

Candlelighting: 5:22 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 5:30 PM (MS)

Shacharis: 7:45 (SH) 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)

Hashkama Speaker: Barry Siegel

Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:26 AM

Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur cancelled this week

Mincha (MS): 1:45, 5:15 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Josh Rapps

Maariv 6:26 PM

Shabbos Ends: 6:31 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

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

Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Iyun Shiur

After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon. & Thurs 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, AM

Tue., Wed., Fri.: 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 AM

Fri. (Rosh Chodesh): 6:05, 6:50, 8:00 AM

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 5:30 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

POST HASHKAMA SHIUR

Rabbi Josh Rapps will give a brief Shiur after Hashkama Minyan L'Ily Nishmas his mother and sister A'H.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Pauline and Evan Sehgal, Lisa and Barry Schanzer, and Tammy and Johnny Glaser in honor of their father, Dr. Stephen Glaser's Birthday.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Tzippy and Rabbi Josh Rapps and family in memory of the 12th Yahrzeit of Tzippy's father, Harav Chaim Zev Bomzer, Z"L.

WEEKLY SHIUR FOR WOMEN

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

TZAISCHEM L'SHALOM

We would like to wish a Tzaischem L'Shalom to Ido and Adi Ovadia and their children Namma, Itamar, Noa, Neriya and Shilo who have been visiting with us from Isreal for the past few months while one of their children was undergoing treatment. Wishing them good health and success, and hope to see them again soon.

MAZEL TOV

... Chaya Gurkov on the birth of a great granddaughter Kayla, a daughter born to her grandchildren, Tzvi and Shana Newman. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Rabbi Dovid and Faigie Newman, to Chani and Ephraim Silverberg, to all the aunts, uncles and cousins, and the entire Newman, and Gurkov families.

PARSHA POWER FOR CHILDREN

Parsha Power for children will not take place this week.

OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD

Ohr Torah Sisterhood is excited to present Mishloach Manot to all members of our congregation after the morning Megillah reading. The cost to send to the entire shul is \$180.00 The Ohr Torah Sisterhood appreciates your support and wishes a Happy Purim to all! Please submit payment via Venmo: @OTsisterhood Kindly provide your name as you would like it to appear on the name scroll.

Deadline to participate is March 6th or mail a check to Heather Wishnic 38 Brookdale Court Highland Park, NJ 08904

Please join us after the Megillah reading for a celebration fit for a Queen.

OT TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Ohr Torah is now live on EasyShul! Members should have received an emailed invitation to login to the Members Portal. We strongly urge every member to login promptly and ensure that all their family and yahrzeit information is accurate. For more information, please visit the EasyShul menu on the Ohr Torah web site. Email tech@ohrtorah.net with any questions.

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

LAST CALL FOR 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 26th, 12:00-2 pm
 Full Buffet Lunch \$20/per person (Aides eat free) Must Register and Pay in Advance by Feb 23rd REGISTER & PAY:

ZELLE payohrtorah@gmail.com Or: drop a check in the Shul Mailbox Program Dir: aliyana.wasserman@gmail.com

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 info visit www.tomcheimc.org. Looking forward to what will be an amazing Shabbos and Motzei Shabbos event!!

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

MATT HOLLAND AND SHELLEY

SCHOENFELD

Matt and Shelley proudly became members of Ohr Torah in 2004, shortly after moving to Highland Park from Baltimore, MD. They explored various shuls in town but quickly felt at home at OT, drawn in by the warmth of the community and the energy of the chevra.

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

Matt, originally from Baltimore (Go Ravens!), is a mechanical engineer specializing in energy consulting. A true innovator, he holds 21 design and utility patents. In high school, he even played baseball in Japan! Shelley, from Wilkes-Barre, PA, is the Chief Marketing and Client Services Officer at GoMo Health, a healthcare engagement company. An avid traveler, she has visited 45 out of 50 states. They met while they were both students at Drexel University.

Giving back to the shul is second nature to them. Shelley serves as OT's Vice President, is on the Kiddush and Ritual Committees, and is a past Sisterhood President. Matt contributes his time to the shul's security and facilities teams. They both credit their parents for instilling in them a deep commitment to communal involvement. Their three children-Jonas (18, JEC), Nui (16, Ma'ayanot), and Bella (13, Netivot)-have grown up immersed in the vibrant OT community.

REACH OUT:

Matt: 646-239-2942

matthewjhollandehotmail.com

Shelley: 732-484-9144

schoenfeldshelleyegmail.com

SHAMOS DRIVE

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

ISRAELI DANCE

Israeli dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's social hall on alternating Wed 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 2/26, 3/12, 3/26. For more info, email naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

NORPAC 2025 - MISSION-IN PERSON

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress.

Join us on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as we travel Washington, DC. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff and share your concerns with them about aid to Israel, Iran, antisemitism, and more. Help us make a difference once again!

Buses will leave for Washington DC from our area at 6:30AM and return between 9-10PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided.

Register at www.norpac.net or call (201) 788-5133. Adults - \$250, Full time Students - \$200 (must be over 12). Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian.

For info, contact David Moskovic, Steve Stein, Marc Hanfling at docdad@aol.com,

Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Charles Gershbaum

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. For info email 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 10:00-11:00. Reserve or donate at sinaischools.org/dinner/2025/ or text Sarah on (848)468-2440 for the link and any further details.

RABBI ELI REISMAN SHIUR

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on Shatnez. It will be on Friday night, Parshas Mispatim, Feb 21st, at 8:30pm Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Ave. Topics include what needs checking: suits, hats, pants, coats, dresses; Trying on before checking; In the news: uggs, Turkish Tallis, etc; and "Oh don't worry, we never find shatnez in this". Info contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

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

EVENING OF COMMUNITY FOR THE LEFKOVITZ FAMIL PARK MIKVAH

Please join us for an "Evening of commUNITY" for the women of Edison/Highland Park. A night of Jewish women coming together to learn, connect and elevate their purpose while supporting the Lefkovitz Family Park Mikvah. Sunday, March 9th 7:30-9:30 at Ohr Torah.

Visit <https://parkmikvah.org/> to register today!

IMO ANOCHI, IN IT TOGETHER PRESENTS SINGLES NICHT OUT

Sunday May 18th Doors open 6:30PM Brooklyn -Exact Location given upon acceptance Welcoming singles with physical disabilities or medical conditions, as well as those open to dating someone with these experiences. Frum open-minded singles ages 25-35. All singles will be prescreened. Admisson fee: \$50pp. Registration form required. Music by DJ_CP Partnering Organizations: ECP, Keshet, Orthodox Union, YU Connects, Blind Fate with Rivka Fox Entertainment & Activities, Performance by Shlomo Levinger. Hot food, open bar, Speed Dating, Shadchanim on site. Limited spots avail. Must register by May 4th. Hosts/Shadchanim: Eli & Neeli Portal, Rivkah Fox, Shoshana Mounessa, Malky

Galler, Mindy Eisenman, Leah Speigel.

Sponsorships opportunities avail. Questions email imoanochi1@gmail.com

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/muspvh6>

WOMEN'S CLASS ON EMUNAH AND BITACHON AND TEHILLIM AND THOUGHTS ABOUT PURIM

Presented by Barbara Frish, Sun Feb 23rd at 10am to 11am on zoom. A zoom link will be provided by email. Anyone interested can email bungaresq@aol.com

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.

To sign up and start receiving books, email 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 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

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/aaowomen

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.

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

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.com for mikvah hours. All comments and questions, email 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.

- 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

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at 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. 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 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, 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 or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or 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.

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

Parshat Shekalim - Terumah

Candlelighting: 5:30 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 5:35 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.