



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parashat Terumah/Shekalim

Adar 1 5785

March 1, 2025

Candlelighting: 5:30 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 5:35 PM (MS)

Shacharis: 7:45 (SH) 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)
Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:20 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
 4:30pm

Mincha (MS): 1:45, 5:20 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman
Maariv 6:34 PM
Shabbos Ends: 6:39 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

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 5:40 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 Kabolas Shabbos & Maariv
 Shabbos - 45 min before mincha
 Sunday- after 8am Shacharis

HASHKAMA MINYAN

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

KIDDUSH

Kiddish is sponsored by Lynn and Marc Hanfling and Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Mirel bas Naftali, mother of Marc and Rozzie

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:
 -Marcia and Andrew Freedman in memory of Yosef Moshe ben Yitzchak Tzvi Halevi, Z"L,
 Yosi Horowitz, grandfather of Yitzzy and Avi Horowitz and Michal Haber.
 -Ilana and Avi Tobias in honor of Rabbi Malitzky

RABBI ELI REISMAN SHALOSH SEUDOS SPEAKER

His topic will be Shatnez: what needs checking: suits, hats, pants, coats, dresses; Trying on before checking; Uggs, Turkish Tallis, etc; and "Oh don't worry, we never find shatnez in this".

TEEN MINYAN

In honor of Rosh Chodesh and Parshas Shekalim, Teen Minyan will be joining the Main Minyan this Shabbos.

MAZEL TOV

...to Devora & Effy Zinkin on the engagement of their son, Binyamin, to Leah Markowitz, from Monsey. Mazel Tov as well to Tamar & Yitzi, Atara & Gilad, Josh, and all the Zinkins, Gerszbergs, Ornsteins, Beims and Markowitzs.

... to Mimi & Hesh Granek on the birth of a grandson in Chicago, a son born to Jordy & Yardenia Stein. Mazel Tov to the extended Granek and Stein families.

... to Debbie and Bill Gewirtz on the marriage of two grandsons: Menachem Yonah Gewirtz, son of Lauren and Michael Gewirtz, of North Woodmere, to Malka Derdick of Cedarhurst and Zechariah Lebowitz, son of Rabbi Aryeh and Elana Lebowitz, of North Woodmere, to Gabriella Bak, of Teaneck.

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.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to join us at 9:15 on Thursday night for a special purim edition of Thursday Night Live! Join us for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Shiur with delicious food!

GEMARA AVODA ZARA SHIUR

Did you know that the Gemara prescribes a special Beracha to recite upon seeing someone truly beautiful? Have you ever said this Beracha? If not, why not? And who is considered beautiful enough to warrant its recitation?

Join us at 4:30 for a fascinating exploration of this topic in the Gemara!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY EVENING, June 8, 2025, Annual Ohr Torah Dinner. Chabad House, New Brunswick. Details to follow.

- OT Dinner Committee

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.

LAPEL PINS FOR THE BIBAS FAMILY

Brought to you by the OT Sisterhood This is an HONOR SYSTEM. Please leave \$2 in the box or Venmo the sisterhood. All proceeds will go to plant trees in Israel in memory of Shiri, Ariel and Kfir Bibas The Bibas Family pins are available in the upstairs lobby outside the rear doors of the sanctuary.

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

SOLOMON 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

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

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 9AM. The community is invited to another "famous Friday night Oneg " graciously hosted by Michie and Sari Klerer 16 Cellar Rd Edison at 9PM. The experience will continue Sat 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!!

AN EVENING WITH THE LOWENSTERN

Join us in Ohr Torah this Monday night at 7:30 PM for a powerful and inspiring evening with Rav Heshy and Shira Lowenstern, proud parents of Elisha Hy"d, who fell in battle defending our people and our nation. Before making Aliyah in 1993, Rav Heshy and Shira were beloved members of our community while Rav Heshy served as a rebbe at RPRY. Many in our community remember them fondly. We had the privilege of meeting them on our mission to Israel last year and were deeply moved by their strength and story.

Come hear about Elisha's life, his heroism, and the journey of parents who lost their beloved son in the fight for Am Yisrael. Don't miss this meaningful evening!

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS **ILYA AND LEAH EPSHTEYN**

Ilya and Leah Epshteyn moved from Kew Gardens Hills to Highland Park in 2015 and have been proud members of OT for 6 years. Ilya was born in Baku, Azerbaijan, and moved to Scranton, PA, at age 10. He works in data security as the head of the Identity Solutions team at Amazon Web Services, where he helps develop secure solutions to protect sensitive information. He also serves as the gabbai of the Young Families Minyan and (sort of) takes care of the shul's lighting. Leah, a Staten Island native, holds an MFA in creative writing and teaches 8th grade Language Arts at YST Girls School. She does content development and editing for various freelance clients and she has volunteered as the supply purchaser for the Park Mikvah since its renovation in 2 Together, Ilya and Leah enjoy helping community members with resume writing and revisions, offering guidance to support their professional growth.

Their children, Chaim, Kovi, and Miri, can often be spotted biking around town. As a family, they love reading, spending time outdoors, and taking advantage of any opportunity to go kayaking or visit the beach whenever the weather allows.

REACH OUT:

IIya: 718-431-5122
epshteynseqmail.com

Leah: 917-763-1848

Pollack.leahegmail.com

SHAMOS DRIVE

There will be a community Shamos drive at Cong Ohr Torah Sun Mar 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 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 Tuesday, May 20th, as we travel to 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 dccdad@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!!

PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER FUND

Our local Tzedaka organization, The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, A"H, is selling newly designed 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 Josefovitz at 732.572.9432, Shoshana Diskind at 732.572.7755, Lani Eisner at 732.572.1087 or Janice Lustiger at 732.718.0817 or e-mail your request to thekinderfund@gmail.com.

PURIM COSTUME GEMACH

The 18th Annual OE Purim Costume Gemach will be open 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. Info/questions ocostumegemeach@gmail.com

EVENING OF COMMUNITY FOR THE **LEFKOVITZ FAMILY PARK MIKVAH**

All women and teen girls of Edison/Highland Park/East Brunswick are invited to...

An Evening of community, to benefit the Lekovits Family Park Mikvah. Sun., March 9, 7:30-9:30 PM. Congregation Ohr Torah, Edison.

Featuring Mrs. Jackie Bitton speaking about "Staying Sane in an Insane World, with a Purim Simcha Twist" and a Delicious Dessert Buffet Visit ParkMikvah.org to register today.

IMO ANOCHI. IN IT TOGETHER PRESENTS **SINGLES NCHT 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

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

DOR L'DOR AWARD

This year the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) is presenting its Dor L'dor award on March 25th to Rabbi Kaminetzky's family at its Evening of Tribute.

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

It is safe to say that Highland Park/Edison is the wonderful place it is because of the efforts of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Kaminetzky. Rabbi Kaminetzky spent his entire professional rabbinical career concerned with, and working on behalf of, the Ohav Emeth and greater Highland Park/Edison community. His leadership, guidance, and friendship continue to this day with his regular presence at shul and the clearly close relationship he has with Rabbi Kaufman. We are certain that you will want to join us in honoring the entire Kaminetzky family and particularly Rabbi and Mrs. Eliezer Kaminetzky at the Evening of Tribute on March 25th.

It is only fitting then that the Rabbis, officers, board members, and membership of Ohav Emeth acknowledge our appreciation of the many ways Rabbi Kaminetzky has enhanced our lives by contributing towards an ad in the dinner journal. If you would like to be included, please do so by using the [shul website - Type: 'RIETS dinner'](#), or by reaching out to the shul office, Rabbi Kaufman, Rabbi Lipschitz, President Moishe Maleck, or myself.

All payments must be submitted by March 15th.

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: 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

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](http://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

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--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 Zachor Tetzaveh

Candlelighting: 5:37 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 5:45 PM

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Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.