



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parashat Ki Tisa/Shushan Purim

15 Adar 5785

March 15, 2025

Candlelighting: 6:45 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 6:55 PM
(MS and BM)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH) & 9:00 AM (MS)
Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Rapps
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 10:07AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
 5:50 pm

Mincha (MS): 1:45, 6:40 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Ezra Sarna
Maariv 7:50 PM
Shabbos Ends: 7:55 PM

Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi BeTyun Shiur
 cancelled this week

Mon & Thu 6:20, 7:05, 8:00 AM
Tue, Wed & Fri 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 AM

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 6:55 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:45 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:

Monday-Thursday: After Zman Mincha/Maariv
 Friday night: After first Kabolas Shabbos
 Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha
 Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Karen & Yoel Schwartz in celebration of the recent birth of their granddaughter, Miriam Roza, and in commemoration of the upcoming Yahrzeit of Yoel's mother, Naomi Schwartz, Chana Naomi b. Elchanan, Z'L.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Mindy and David Waizer in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Chana Batsheva to Shaina and Matthew Waizer, and in honor of Shaina's birthday.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Susie and Barry Wolf to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Susie's mother : בת-שבע בת רב יעקב and Barry's mother : חיה ראכל בת משה זעליג

SHIUR FOR WOMEN- SHABBOS 3/15

Mrs. Chedva Sarna will give a special Shiur for women "The hidden boomerang effect", at 5:30pm in the social hall on Shabbos afternoon

PREP FOR PESACH WITH RABBI MALITZKY

Rabbi Malitzky will be giving a Prep for Pesach class, open to both men and women, on Tuesday, March 25th, at 8:00 PM in the social hall. The class will

cover kashering, which products do or don't require Kosher for Pesach (KFP) certification, and ways to have a meaningful and joyous Pesach. There will also be time for Q&A.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo & Miriam Ziegler on the engagement of their son MoEli to Shanie Klein. The Vort will, IY"H, be Wednesday March 19, 7pm at the JCC of Marine Park (3415 Quentin Rd. Brooklyn NY 11234).

...to Chaya Gurkov on the engagement of her grandson, Yaakov Yosef Newman, to Tehilla Zisow. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rabbi Dovid and Faigie Newman and to Tehilla's parents, Aaron and Malka Ziisow, and to all the siblings and the entire families. ... to Mimi and Charlie Gershbaum on the birth of a grandson, a son born to their children Shana and Jake Schrier. Mazael Tov to the parents, to the grandparents Gayle and Sholom Schrier, and to the Gershbaum, Schrier, Ney, Weisz and Weiss families. The Shalom Zachor will be at 408 North Eighth Avenue at 9:00 PM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in warmly welcoming Avi & Yitti Weiss to our Shul and community! Avi & Yitti Weiss recently relocated their beautiful family from Brooklyn and joined our community and Shul. Avi, originally from Lakewood, is a litigator at Hueston, Hennigan, and an avid reader, especially of history. Yitti, who grew up in Brooklyn, worked in NYC real estate and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Jewish History. She is passionate about all things food & cooking, and she loves hosting Shabbos meals as well as weekday dinner parties. They have 2 adorable daughters, Sara (8) who attends YST and Ruthie (2) who attends RPRY. The Weiss family is excited to meet and connect with members of the OT community. Fell free to reach out: Avi-929-441-8381, Yitti-347-533-0745.

PESACH QUESTIONS

WHATSAPP GROUP FOR OT MEMBERS

This WhatsApp group, exclusive to OT members, is here to assist you with your Pesach preparations. Many people have similar questions, and we can all benefit from each other's inquiries. Feel free to ask about whether specific products require Pesach hashgacha, kashering guidelines, or any

other Pesach-related topics. I will do my best to respond in a timely manner. To join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GkbnAS6rYcEDD5WVQaPp12>

CONDOLENCES

We regret to announce the passing of long-time member, Myron Bursky A"H, husband of Sheila Bursky. May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Lynn Even-Hen for picking up the candy Parsha boxes every Friday, helping to enhance Parsha Power. Much appreciated!

SPECIAL BREAKFAST EVENT WITH DR. HAGAY AMIR

Special Event with Dr. Hagay Amir – Sunday, March 16th | Time: 9AM
 Location: OT Social Hall
 Breakfast Provided
 Join us for a special presentation by Dr. Hagay Amir, CEO and Medical Director of Loewenstein Rehabilitation Medical Center. Dr. Amir, double-boarded in Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, is a former IDF divisional doctor and military orthopedics leader. He completed a fellowship at Northwestern University and is a pioneer in non-surgical treatments, amputee rehabilitation, bionic prostheses, and osseointegration. During the October 7th war, he played a crucial role in ensuring Loewenstein remained a key rehabilitation center.

Don't miss this insightful event! We look forward to seeing you there.

SHAMOS DRIVE

There will be a community Shamos drive at Congregation Ohr Torah this coming Sunday March 16, 9:00am-6:30pm. Cost is \$30 per large bag. Payment in cash or by checks made out to Congregation Ohr Torah please.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – VOTE IN THE WZO ELECTIONS!

Your vote in the World Zionist Organization (WZO) elections plays a crucial role in securing important funding and resources for our community and Jewish institutions worldwide. By participating, you help strengthen our collective voice and ensure support for the causes we care about. Don't miss this opportunity—every vote counts! Visit <https://azm.castiron.votem.net/election/037548cb-4cbb-4a94-aa9a-8aef017d4ddf> for more details and to cast your ballot.

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

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY EVENING, June 8th, Annual Ohr Torah Dinner. Chabad House, NB. Details to follow. - OT Dinner Committee

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

AMI AND BRACHA AVRAHAM

Ami was born in Israel and raised in Edison, NJ. In 2007, Ami married Bracha (née Siegel) and they were fortunate to move into their home in Edison, just down the block from Ami's parents, and join the OT community shortly thereafter.

Ami is a CPA by profession, but he is also deeply involved in the community. He enjoys working with teens, coaching hockey in the Yeshiva League, spending a week each summer at Camp Dovid, and, in recent years, he has even added "frum male model" to his resume. You may have seen his work in Lakewood, Brooklyn, or featured in the Mishpacha and Ami magazines. He has been running the OT Teen Minyan since October 2004 and continues to lead it with dedication.

Bracha, a Brooklyn native, has been an English teacher at Bruriah High School for over ten years. She also serves as a grade advisor and loves building meaningful connections with her students.

Ami and Bracha are blessed with four wonderful children: Azriel, a junior at MTA; Orly, a sophomore at Bruriah; Eliyahu, a 7th grader at RPRY; and Ayelet, a 4th grader at RPRY. The family enjoys spending time together, especially when sporting their matching #TYH onesies, hoodies, and sweaters.

- REACH OUT:

Ami: 732-690-0626 Ami316egmail.com
Bracha: 718-440-0099 broccoli613@aol.com

SHIUR FOR ALL WOMEN & POST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Ahuva Morris, kallah teacher and mentor, will be giving an inspirational Shiur heading into Nissan "Nashim Tzidkaniyos-Who were they and can I be one too?" She will explore finding internal strength in these painful times and how we might impact change. Open to all women and post high school girls. In the YFM room at Ohr Torah on Motzei Shabbos March 22nd at 9pm.

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.

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 session 3/26. For more info, email naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Shabbat Hagadol Friday night dinner April 11th 8pm. Join us at the Bridge Turkish Grill. \$60 pp Register at www.ohavemeth.org and click on [Shabbat Hagadol Dinner - Form - Congregation Ohav Emeth](#). Or make check to Cong Ohav Emeth and send to Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave, Highland Park, NJ. 08904 Vegetarian option available. Deadline to register is April 4th. Space limited. Payment in advance only.

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 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 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 more info, contact David Moskovic, Steve Stein, Marc Hanfling at docdad@aol.com, Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Charles Gershbaum

WOMEN'S CLASS ON EMUNAH AND

TEHILLIM WITH THOUGHTS ABOUT PURIM

RESCHEDULED: Presented by Barbara Frish Sun 3/16 10AM-11AM on Zoom. For Info: email BungaresQ@aol.com

REENAS BAIS YAAKOV PRESENTS ROOTS--DIGGING DEEPER.

DISCOVERING OUR LEGACY

Explore a multi-media display portraying the roots of Klal Yisroel from our Avos through the Tanaim, Amoraim, Rishonim and Acharnim up to the present day. Trace the evolution of the Olam Hayeshivos, the Chasidic dynasties and the Bais Yaakov movement. Enjoy a performance highlighting the Nitzchius of Klal Yisroel through song and dance Sun March 16th 10AM-12PM Women & Girls performance 11AM YST Girls building 425 Cleveland Ave HP 12PM-2PM Family hours 2PM-4PM Women & Girls performance 3PM Cost: \$15 per person (\$75 Family Maximum)

IMO ANOCHI. IN IT TOGETHER PRESENTS

SINGLES NIGHT OUT

Sun 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 singles ages 25-35. All singles prescreened. Admission 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

PRESBY SHIURIM

The Thurs Megillah Shiur will begin at 8pm.

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.com for mikvah hours. All comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Bikur Cholim medical equipment 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 partnered with Sharsheret to provide local support and resources including peer support, surgical needs gemach, & kosher meal delivery and more. Volunteers wanted! rteicher@sharsheret.org.

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

- 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 ludēju@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_eruv 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 Parah Vayak'hel

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Mincha-Maariv: 7:00 PM

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