



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parashat Pekudei/Hachodesh/Mevarchim

29 Adar 5785

March 2, 2025

Candlelighting: 7:00 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 7:05 PM
(MS), 7:05 PM Carlebach Minyan (Rear of Social Hall)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) & 9:15 (YFM) AM
Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Shlomo Ziegler
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:54 AM
Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur
Cancelled this week.

Mincha (MS): 1:45, 6:50 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Dr. Moshe Sherman

Maariv 8:04 PM
Shabbos Ends: 8:09 PM

Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur
After 7:

Mon & Thu 6:15, 7:05, 8:00 AM
Tue & Wed. 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 AM
Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:00 AM

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 7:i0 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:45 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

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 Monday-Thursday: After Zman Mincha/Maariv
 Friday night: No Daf Yomi this week
 Shabbos: 1 hour before Mincha
 Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

POST HASHKAMA SHIUR

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

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Sheila and Henry Schanzer in celebration of the 90th birthday of Bernard and Henry Schanzer who are making a Siyum on Mesechet Tannis. The entire Congregation is invited to share in the Kiddush celebration. Henry and Bernie will be making a Siyum in the main sanctuary after the Kiddush at 12 noon. All are welcome.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:
 -Barbara and Jerry Belsh in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of our father, Samuel David Belsh, A"H.
 -Penny and Michael Kaplan in memory of Michael's father Baruch Leib Ben Yaakov Yissochor A"H.

RABBI JOSH RAPPS SHIUR

Rabbi Josh Rapps will give a Shiur this Shabbos afternoon to commemorate the first Yahrzeit of his sister, Tehila Rapps Gutman A'H. Topics will be Erev Pesach that coincides with Shabbos and Haggadah insights. 11 Edgemount Road at 5PM.

MAZEL TOV

...to Bernard and Henry Schanzer on the celebration of their 90th birthday. Mazal Tov to Judy, Sheila and the entire extended Schanzer family.
 ... to Anna and Charles Plittman on the forthcoming marriage of their grandson Eli to Naomi Oberlander in Israel. Mazel Tov as well to his parents Dina and Judah Miller and his sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins.
 ...Maggie and Fishel Brooks on the engagement of their daughter Adina to Amram Israel of Brooklyn. The Vort is Wednesday night 4/2 @7:30 PM in OT.
 ... to Ilana and Avi Tobias on the birth of a grandson to their children Rachel and Judah Lyons. Mazel Tov to Rachels parents Jennifer and Keith Mendelson, big brother Solomon and to the entire extended families.

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>

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Come see the OT youth art exhibit on display in the group's rooms! Created earlier this week by the young artists of OT!

MAOS CHITTIM

The Mitzvah of Maos Chittim dates back to the time of the Gemara and is codified in the Shulchan Aruch. As we prepare for Pesach, it is our responsibility to ensure that those in need have the means to celebrate Yom Tov with dignity. Part of השמחה בהגדר (rejoicing on Yom Tov) includes bringing joy to others —our friends, neighbors, and community members. The cost of making Yom Tov can be overwhelming for many families. Please open your hearts and give generously so that everyone can experience a truly joyous and dignified Pesach.

As I mentioned in my Derasha recently, please don't simply give the same amount as in previous years. Take a moment to discuss with your spouse what you're able to give, and try to stretch a bit beyond the usual.

There are so many within our own community who truly need our support. Thank you **To Donate:**
Check – Made out to Ohr Torah Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (write *Maos Chittim* in the memo). You can hand it to me in shul, drop it in the shul mailbox, or leave it at 612 South Park Ave, Highland Park.
Zelle – Send to payohrtorah@gmail.com, noting *Maos Chittim* in the memo.
Credit Card – <https://ohrtorah.net/maos-chittim>
 Thank you for your generosity and for helping ensure that everyone in our community has a meaningful and joyous Pesach. Looking forward to preparing for a beautiful Yom Tov together!
 R' Sarel Malitzky

CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to announce the passing of David Schonbrun, Z"L, brother of Esther Chopp. Shiva is at the Schonbrun house: 114 Enclave Blvd, Lakewood, NJ 08701 E-mail: estherchopp@yahoo.com Cell: 908-510-1317 May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

RALPH AND ROCHELLE DESSAU

Ralph was born in Amsterdam, Holland, and arrived at Ellis Island in 1941 at age three. His family settled in Washington Heights as part of the Breuer community before moving to Far Rockaway. In 1957, long before spending a year in Israel became commonplace, he attended Kerem B'Yavneh. Rochelle was born in Brooklyn, and later moved to Queens. She earned a degree in Early Childhood & Elementary Education from Queens College and taught kindergarten in the NYC public school system. After relocating to Highland Park and raising her children, she returned to teaching in 1977, and she subsequently spent 37 years at RPRY. Married in 1963, Ralph and Rochelle lived in Kew Gardens Hills while Ralph completed his PhD in organic chemistry at Columbia. In 1965, they moved to Highland Park when Ralph joined Mobil Oil in Princeton. They immediately became part of the Highland Park branch minyan of Ahavas Achim, later known as Ohr Torah. The Dessaus have three children: David (Raquel, Edison), Shoshana (Brian Allen,

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

Edison), and Ilana (Ammiel Bachrach, Clifton), along with grandchildren who made Aliyah and great-grandchildren who were born in Israel

Avid travelers, they especially enjoy visiting warm, scenic destinations with family. Ralph, a passionate photographer, creates beautiful travel albums and takes pride in his gardening. Rochelle, a skilled crafter, has made personalized crocheted blankets for each grandchild. She also enjoys reading, listening to shiurim, classical and Israeli music, and speaking fluent Yiddish.

REACH OUT:

Ralph & Rochelle: 732-572-0768

r2d22009 ehotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - LUNCH & LEARN

Wed April 30th -Details are in the works!

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

EDISON/HP YOM HASHOA PROGRAM 2025 DR. RAFAEL MEDOFF

Dr. Rafael Medoff is the author of more than 20 books about the Holocaust, Zionism, and American Jewish history.

THEY SPOKE OUT:

Americans Who Challenged the Holocaust

At a time when most of the world was indifferent, a handful of Americans risked their careers, and sometimes their lives, to rescue Jews from the Nazis. Come hear the inspiring stories of these unsung heroes.

When: Wed April 23th at 8pm

Where: Ohr Torah

47 Edgemont Rd, Edison NJ

Sponsorships available at \$72 and receive a signed book and reserved seating

For sponsorship: docdad@aol.com

ISRAELI DANCE

Israeli dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's social hall on alternating Wednesday nights from 8-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach old and new dances. The class will be on hiatus until after Pesach. Upcoming sessions will be 4/30, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18. For more info, email naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI REISMAN SHIUR

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking to men and women on "Ports Illustrated": Mezuzah Questions at Home and Work. It will be on Shabbos day, Parshas Pikuday, March 29th, at 5:30pm Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Ave. Topics will include Ambiguous doorways: Innies and outies; Vestibules/anterooms/hallways/staircases; With pictures! (Do you have an interesting mezuzah situation? Send in a photo.)

Info Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION: A POWERFUL FILM ON ANTISEMITISM AND HOPE

After powerful screenings at NSU and Regent University, Tragic Awakening is now expanding its campus reach — with new stops at leading universities across North America. From Columbia to McGill, this campus tour invites students into a conversation that's as urgent as it is

transformative. Rawan Osman, a Syrian-Lebanese peace activist confronting antisemitism head-on, joins each screening to unpack the deeper story: her personal story, why this hate exists, what it says about the Jewish role in history, and why it matters to us all. Be part of the conversation: RSVP for Rutgers University event:

https://secure.lgforms.com/form_engine/s/0Udr3N2ABd6h2s3M4i12_A?t=1742507107

For VIP

reception and more info contact Rivka

Sonts iana.sonts@gmail.com or at 347-598-9448

PRE-PESACH POP-UP HAT SHOW

WITH HEDY'S HATS:

Tues April 1st 7pm-10pm at Ohav Emeth, Get something new for Yom Tov—Hats, Fascinators, Berets, Soft Hats, Scarves ... and more.

BLOOD DRIVE AT AHAVAS ACHIM

Ahavas Achim will hold a Blood Drive Sun, Mar 30-9am.-3pm, in the Downstairs Social Hall. Appts recommended! Walk-ins are welcome if capacity permits. For an appt, register at:

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/322314. Please bring photo ID. Eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating blood!

RPRY NEWS & EVENTS

RPRY PLUS PRE-PESACH CAR WASH

RPRY PLUS is hosting a Pre-Pesach car wash in partnership with Trax! (17 State Rt 18 North Bound, New Brunswick NJ 08901) The car wash will take place from Sun, March 30th to Thurs, April 10th. Trax will generously donate a portion of the proceeds to RPRY PLUS for each purchase of Works, Extreme/Express, Interior Detailing, and Full Detailing services. Please check website, <https://www.traxcarwash.com/newbrunswick> for hours of operation and cost. Please be sure to mention RPRY at time of purchase in order for your purchase to be counted toward the donation.

Book Sale: RPRY PLUS is hosting a used book, puzzle and board game sale. Come browse and select new to you items in time for yom tov! Sale will take place at RPRY **Sun, April 6, at 10:30AM**. Please mark your calendars—we hope to see you there!

Let My People GO, A Brick Haggada

Companion: Author Tzachi Rosman will be generously donating a portion of sales from his book Let My People GO, a Brick Haggada Companion, to RPRY PLUS. Enhance your Haggadah experience with everyone's favorite building bricks! Sure to keep the kids and kids at heart engaged in seder this year! **Cost is \$20 and orders are due by 4/3**. Orders can be picked up at RPRY on 4/6 during the book sale. Delivery is available for an additional charge. To place order visit: <https://tinyurl.com/RPRYLMGP>

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. Until 5/4/25

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 - Cong Ohav Emeth. Or make check to Cong Ohav Emeth and send to Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave, HP Vegetarian option avail. 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.

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

STAHL LECTURE IN BIOETHICS

Tuesday, April 8th 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Annual Mates David and Hina Stahl Memorial Lecture. "Is Ozempic a panacea? The ethics of treating obesity with injectable drugs"

Presenting In-Person: Arthur Leonard Caplan, PhD, director of the Division of Medical Ethics in NYU Langone Med. Center's Dept of Population Health Hosted by: Dalya Cheftiz, MD / Dan Housman, PhD Dept of Pediatrics/ Institute for Health Rutgers The State University of New Jersey 112 Paterson St New Brunswick, NJ 08901 1st Floor Conference Room Refreshments catered by Mauzone Zoom information to follow

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 Spiegel. 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. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. 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>

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

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 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.

- 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_ervu 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 Vayikra

Candlelighting: 7:07 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 7:15 PM

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