



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei/Mevarchim/Parshat Hachodesh 25 Adar 5780

March 21, 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 Shemona Esrai at sunrise. Sunrise this Shabbos is at 6:59AM.**

Candlelighting:	6:52 PM
Mincha:	7:00 PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):	10:01AM
Mincha:	1:45 & 6:45PM
Maariv:	8:00PM
Shabbos Ends:	8:01PM
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon	6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues, Wed. & Fri	6:30, 7:10 & 8AM
Thurs.(Rosh Chodesh)	6:10, 6:50 & 8 AM
Early Mincha Sun.	1:45 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Late Maariv:	10:10 PM

### SELLING OF CHOMETZ

Mechiras Chometz this year will be on line. Rabbi Luban will send the authorization to the congregation via email next week. Detailed information will be emailed to the Shul.

### MAOS CHITIM

All contributions to Maos Chitim should be by check in the shul mailbox. Keep in mind the huge financial needs of many in our community in light of the dire economic situation due to the virus.

Note that most members of the weekday Minyanim donate to the Shul Pushke every day. Since there are no Minyanim at this time, please consider adding to Maos Chitim the cumulative amount you would normally have put in the Pushke to date.

### BECHORIM SIYUM ON EREV PESACH

Rabbi Luban will be giving his Siyum on Erev Pesach either over Zoom or Skype. Information on how to join in will be provided.

### HASHOVAS AVEIDA

If anyone accidentally took or knows the whereabouts of a black men's LLbean winter down coat please contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

### MISSING COMPUTER PROJECTOR

The Shul's computer projector is missing. The Shul regularly sponsors events which requires use of this projector. If you know where it is, please let Moshe Wiesel or Gene Wasserman know.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Lori and Leslie Ney on the marriage of their daughter Judy to Steven Rubenstein of Baltimore. The wedding took place in Baltimore this past Sunday. Mazel Tov to Steven's parents Mary Sue & Artie Rubenstein and his siblings, and to Judy's brother, Jeff Ney and family, and to the Weisz and Gershbaum families.

### OU/YUTORAH UPDATES

Regular updates on virus response, special Shiurim, Tehilim and more can be found at [ou.org/covid19](http://ou.org/covid19).

Regularly updated Halakhic and Hashkafic Shiurim regarding the virus and quarantine can be found at [yutorah.org](http://yutorah.org).

### PRE-PESACH SHIUR

Rabbi Luban will be giving his Pre-Pesach Primer via Zoom at 8pm this coming Sunday Night. This shiur, open for men and women, will address kashering for Pesach and Kosher for Pesach products. We highly encourage you to join to better understand the "musts" and "need nots" of kashering for Pesach. Please submit questions to [Lubany@ou.org](mailto:Lubany@ou.org). <https://zoom.us/j/6667348762> Meeting ID: 666 734 8762

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### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

Alert from the local police: people are going door to door in the area identifying themselves as working for the CDC, asking to be allowed into homes. Do not engage them or allow them to enter and call police immediately.

#### PRE YOM TOV HAT SHOW

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRE YOM TOV HAT SHOW HAS BEEN POSTPONED. WILL UPDATE WHEN MORE INFO AVAILABLE

#### NORPAC MISSION 2020

NORPAC's Mission to Washington has been postponed until September.

#### ACTT

ACTT (Achieving Change Thru Torah): module: Kiddush Hashem; source book: Artscroll's "A Life Worth Living - Stories and Ideas for Constant Kiddush Hashem" by Rabbi Shraga Freedman; Module packet: [www.actt613.org/3.html](http://www.actt613.org/3.html); Rabbi Staum's "Kiddush Hashem: the kiddush that never ends" talk: [www.actt613.org/6.html](http://www.actt613.org/6.html)

or <https://www.torahanytime.com/#/lectures?v=95621>. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762

### HADASSAH

The April 29th meeting of Chicks with Sticks, sponsored by Raritan Valley Hadassah, has been canceled due to the coronavirus. The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 29th, from 1PM-3PM. As usual, the meeting will be held in my home, 209 North 4 Avenue in Highland Park. In the interim, if you need yarn or if you would like to drop off your finished projects, please feel free to call (732)-853-6058 or 732-246-7366) or email ([phypollak@yahoo.com](mailto:phypollak@yahoo.com)) me. Take care and stay well.

Phyllis Pollak, Knitting Chair

### 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 [sieglmom@gmail.com](mailto:sieglmom@gmail.com). The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

### 2020 CENSUS

The 2020 Census is coming in March. When your invitation comes, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Let's make sure that as many residents of our community as possible are counted. Did you know? The Census is used to apportion seats in the US House of Representatives. Lower population has caused congressional redistricting in NJ. That's why Frank Pallone is now the congressional representative for what used to be two districts.

### FUND RAISER

Aryeh Margolin will be helping to raise money for OurPlace in an all-night Learn-a-thon. OurPlace is our community's largest network of drop-in centers for at-risk Jewish youth struggling with drug & alcohol addiction, past trauma & sexual abuse and criminal behavior. Please support him. <https://ourplacelearnathon.org/Aryehmargolin>

### RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss' shiur on Tehillim will be given online. Details to follow. Contact info: Marsha Eiserman 347-203-7906

### FOR WOMEN

Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having classes until further notice. Please contact Aviva at 732-672-7104 for more info.

-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](mailto:womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com)  
-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Tuesday class resumes after Pesach.

### LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

March hours:

-Sun- Thur: 8:30PM -10:30PM

-Motzai Shabbos, March 21, 28: 9 – 11

- April hours:

· Sun-Thur: 8:30PM – 10:30 PM

**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

· Friday: by appointment only  
 · April 8, 9, 10 (1<sup>st</sup> days Pesach): by appt only  
 · April 14, 15 (2<sup>nd</sup> days Pesach): by appt only  
 · April 16 (Motzai 2<sup>nd</sup> days Pesach): 9:45 PM – 11:30 PM  
 · Motzai Shabbos, April 4: 9:15 PM – 11:15 PM  
 · April 11, 18, 25: 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM  
 All out of hour and Friday night appts should be made online at [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org). Alternatively they can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-8155 or emailing [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com). Please be reminded that out of hours appts incur an additional \$20 fee. During the winter months the out of hours fee is waived for appointments occurring between nightfall and opening time.

#### **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](mailto:Renee@braylawigs.com) 908-208-5738. Edison, NJ  
 -Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email [diapergemach@gmail.com](mailto: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,

[qinatontonkonog@gmail.com](mailto:qinatontonkonog@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](http://www.ohrtorah.net)  
**E-MAIL LIST:** To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com) .  
**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at [reservations@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@gmail.com).  
**HOUSEKEEPING:** Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)  
**YAHRZEIT DATABASE:** To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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](mailto:david@weintraub.name) for help.

#### **Parshat Vayikra**

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**6:59 PM**

**Mincha:**

**7:05 PM**

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