



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Tzav / Shabbat Hagadol

10 Nisan 5780

April 4, 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 6:36 AM.

Candlelighting: 7:06 PM
Mincha: 7:15 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:48AM
Mincha: 1:45 & 6:50PM
Maariv: 8:15PM
Shabbos Ends: 8:16PM

Weekday Shacharis:

We do not say Tachanun during the entire month of Nissan.

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues, Wed. 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM

Note: One does not say תחנון or מזורז or חול חמועד on Weds. (Erev Pesach) or Chol Hamoed.

Weds. Shacharis will be followed by Siyumim at 7:30 and 9:30 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/6667348762>

Meeting ID: 666 734 8762

8:30 AM Siyum

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6509663250>

Meeting ID: 650 966 3250

PESACH DAVENING TIMES ATTACHED

Early Mincha Sun. 1:45 PM
Mincha 7:15PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM
Daf Yomi

Our Daf Hayomi Maggid Shiur, Yossi Strauch, will be giving the Daf virtually! Join him at 9am on Sunday and 7:30pm on Monday & Tuesday.

MECHIRAS CHAMETZ/MAOS CHITIM

An on-line Mechiras Chometz and Maos Chitim form was emailed to the congregation. If you did not receive it, the form is available on the OT website, at <http://www.ohrtorah.net/>.

If you prefer to send a check, you may mail a check to Congregation Ohr Torah, at 48 Edgemont Rd., Edison, NJ., or you may deposit a check in the mailbox in front of the Shul. Checks should be made out to Congregation Ohr Torah. Please indicate on the check or on the envelope that the money is to be used for Maos Chitim.

BECHORIM SIYUM ON EREV PESACH

Three Siyumim will take place via Zoom. Rabbi Luban will be giving his annual Siyum at 7:30 AM, Yussi Strauch will be giving a Siyum at 8:30 and Israel Rivkin will be giving a Siyum at 9:30. Zoom info for all three Shiurim appears in the box above.

MAZEL TOV

...to Dalya and Harry Chefetz on the birth of their granddaughter, Tova Malka Spero, daughter of Leora and Ezra Spero, niece of Ezra and Nava.

...to Chani and David Moss on the engagement of their daughter, Eliana to Aryeh Korn. Mazel Tov to Aryeh's parents, Varda and David Korn.

OU/YU TORAH UPDATES

Regular updates on virus response, special Shiurim, Tehilim and more can be found at ou.org/covid19.

Regularly updated Halakhic and Hashkafic Shiurim regarding the virus and quarantine can be found at yutorah.org.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The Next time this Newsletter will be published will be for Parshat Tazria-Metzorah, April 25.

-The complete list of Pesach Davening Times are listed in a separate link.

-Information for Chometz disposal on Wednesday and instructions for burning (virtually) the Chometz are contained in a separate link.

MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBIS

We already planning our return to our beloved Shul. We can't wait for us to be Davening together, learning together, and schmoozing with each other.

We feel strongly that we should come back together in a magnificent way. We should come back with a loud statement to the Shul that we missed you dearly! We should come back together with a loud statement of we need you!

We have an idea:

We come back with a Siyum on all of Tanach. The first Shabbos back we come together באחדות, with unity, and collectively make a Siyum on all of Torah, Neviim, and Kesuvim. Men, women, and children will spend time over the next few weeks (hopefully only a couple more) learning Tanach with the goal of finishing all of it! Young and old, advanced and beginners, men and women can all participate in this initiative. Parents can learn with their children and friends can learn with each other on the phone.

Nothing unites the Jewish people like the Torah. We are super excited about this and we hope you will share in our enthusiasm. Please see the spreadsheet which can be filled in from your phone/computer. Please sign up and encourage others to do the same! You will find that only Nach is on the

sheet and not Torah. The goal is to first fill up Nach before dividing up Torah.

There are numerous resources which can be used to facilitate your learning. Yutorah.org has many Shiurim on Nach. Their new app is very user friendly. OUtora.org has a great Nach Yomi series, which is also incredible <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19hd79bTiefZ5F5MeC9VB810M88zHKlh2EHruzLIm7yM/edit?usp=sharing>

You CAN fill out more than one row!

Please reach out if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions.

OT ONLINE

Join the Ohr Torah's "Torah from OT" whatsapp group to receive a daily 5-6 minute Torah video from Rabbi Luban, Rabbi Malitzky, and others! To be added, please email sarel.malitzky@gmail.com with your phone number.

CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of the mother of Mrs. Lynn Hanfling, Mrs. Ellen Schochet. Lynn will be available for phone calls of condolence: 732-777-0966 and 732-718-8491. Shiva will be concluded the morning of Erev Pesach.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion in Jerusalem.

THANK YOU FROM THE LEITMANS

Fran and I would like to publicly thank our Ohr Torah family for all you have done for us during our battle with the coronavirus. For meals, shopping, Tefilos, Tehilim, support and well wishes. Baruch Hashem we are on our way to recovery and wish everyone health and a Chag Kosher V'samaeich.

Shmully & Fran

TUESDAY NIGH TEHILLIM

The Ohr Torah Tuesday night Tehillim group is restarting (virtually) 9:50 to 10:09pm followed by Maariv at home alone at 10:10pm. If you would like to receive a ZOOM invitation weekly, please email dralsinger@gmail.com

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-In memory of our beloved father & Zaide Melvin Wagshul Z"L by his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren on his 3'rd Yahrtzeit 4 Nisan 5780

-In memory of my beloved husband Melvin Wagshul Z"L by his wife Eileen Wagshul on his 3'rd Yahrtzeit 4 Nisan 5780

MISHNAH SHIUR FOR BOYS

Mishnah Shiur for the boys given by Rabbi Gross will continue on Sunday at 9:30 on

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

zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6667348762>
Meeting ID: 666 734 8762

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.

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; Rabbi Staum's "Kiddush Hashem: the kiddush that never ends" talk: www.actt613.org/6.html or <https://www.torahanytime.com/#/lectures?v=95621>. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762

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 siegemom@gmail.com. The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

PURIM COSTUME GEMACH UPDATE

Hope everyone enjoyed their Purim and are staying healthy. To ensure our family's continued good health, we are asking that no costumes be returned until after Pesach. And when they are returned, please make sure all costumes are washed and accessories are wiped down with a Lysol wipe. Washing suggestion—cold/gentle cycle and hung dry or dry cleaned. Thank you for your understanding. Kol Tuv, Shari & Michael Gordon

JFS EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

Help Jewish Family Services feed our community! Our community is facing an unprecedented challenge, as COVID-19 is shutting down businesses and displacing workers. Families and seniors who struggle with food insecurity need our help now more than ever. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED NOW to buy more food. Donate online at: <https://jfsmiddlesex.org/donate-form>. You can also help by donating NON-EXPIRED food to ensure our community has enough to eat during this emergency.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS

Do you have a couple hours free in the morning? Can you help ensure that homebound seniors have fresh, nutritious meals to enjoy? Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County Kosher Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers for Edison and Avenel on Mondays. Call 732-777-1940 or email office@jfsmiddlesex.org.

JFS PASSOVER DRIVERS NEEDED

Can you help ensure needy families have enough to eat this Passover? Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County urgently needs volunteer drivers to deliver Passover groceries on Sunday, April 5 at 9am. at Congr Beth Ohr in Old Bridge. Last year, more than 500 individuals received groceries, so your help is crucial.

2020 CENSUS

By now, you should have received a 2020 Census form in the mail. If you have not received a form, please go to 2020census.gov where you can fill out a census form online. 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.

US Census 2020

Your step-by-step guide how to respond online at: my2020census.gov

English: Video Guide to Completing the 2020 Census Online

(click [here](#) for links to this same video guide in other languages).

SPANISH HAGGADAH

Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg's Holocaust Haggadah has been translated into Spanish and is available through Amazon.

RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss's 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. 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

-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Tuesday class resumes after Pesach.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

- Please support the mikvah while purchasing on Amazon. Use the following link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953>. A donation will be made to Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah.

Important change in operations From Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah:

- The Mikvah is currently by appointment only. All preparations should be done at home and all appointments must be made via our [appointment page on www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org).

- Please make sure to arrive on time to ensure social distancing and to allot appropriate time for sanitizing between appointments. For more info, please see the [parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org). For any questions or concerns, please email hpmikvah@gmail.com

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 908-208-5738. Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email 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, gintonkonog@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

E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at 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. 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.

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 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, 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 or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to 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_eruv 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 for help.

Shabbos Chol Hamoed Pesach

Candlelighting:

7:14 PM

Mincha:

7:20 PM

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