



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei/Hachodesh/Mevarchim

29 Adar 5781

March 13, 2021

**Candlelighting:** 5:43PM  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:** 5:50 PM (Main Shul & Carlebach Minyan Social Hall)  
**Shacharis:**  
 7:20, 9:15 AM (Main Shul)  
*Hashkama speaker – Rabbi Luban*  
 8:30 AM – Outdoor Tent Minyan  
 9:15 (YFM- Social Hall)  
 9:30 AM (Teen Minyan, RPRY)  
*Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR'A)* 9:09AM  
**Mincha:**  
 1:45 & 5:35 PM (Main Shul)  
*Rabbi Luban's Gemara Chagiga Shiur in Main Shul after Mincha*  
**Maariv:** 6:50 PM (Main Shul)  
**Shabbos Ends:** 6:52PM

CLOCKS MOVE AHEAD AT 2AM Sunday March 14th

### Weekday Shacharis:

**Sunday: (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8 & 9 AM (Main Shul)**

**Mon., Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM (Main Shul),  
 Tues., Weds. Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM (Main Shul),**

**Mincha/Maariv: 6:50PM (Main Shul)**

**Early Mincha-Sunday (Main Shul) 1:45 PM**

**Late Maariv: 10:10PM**

### DAF YOMI

Yossi Strauch will conduct Daf Yomi on Zoom on Sundays at 9 AM and Monday - Thursday at 7:30 PM.

To join, please use the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6509663250> and enter password 156781. This link and password are to be used for the daily Daf Yomi

### TUESDAY NIGHT TEHILLIM

The Ohr Torah Tuesday night Men's Tehillim group meets (virtually) starting at 9:30 PM. For a ZOOM invitation weekly, please email [dralsinger@gmail.com](mailto:dralsinger@gmail.com)

### MAOS CHITIM

-Rabbi Luban is collecting for Maos Chitim. Please make checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah and put Maos Chitim on the "For" line.

### ACTT

ACTT: "The Six Constant Mitzvos 2" is the Achieving Change Thru Torah's current module. Watch the inspiring shiur by Rav Nachman Elsan at [www.actt613.org/6.html](http://www.actt613.org/6.html). See [www.actt613.org/3.html](http://www.actt613.org/3.html) for the Learning Schedule for source book: Artscroll's "Constant Connection - Deepening your Emunah through the Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Coopersmith.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:

- Brian and Lisa Silvey

### YOM HASHOA 2021 PROGRAM

Wednesday night April 7th 2021.

Details to follow.

### MAZEL TOV

.. to Eileen Wagshul on the birth of a daughter to her grandchildren, Shira (Sragow) & Ari Lewis. Mazel Tov to the siblings Amalya, Tani & Akiva, to the grandparents Linda & Murray & great-grandparents, Sarita & Dan & the extended Wagshul, Sragow & Lewis families. ...to Tzippy and Josh Rapps on the birth of a boy to Elanit and Dovid Rapps. Mazel Tov to great grandmother Rebbetzin Frieda Rapps, and to the extended Bomzer, Rapps and Laker families. *Shalom Zachor on the Rapps driveway, 11 Edgemount Road starting 8:30 pm.*

### THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Please join us at 9:15pm in the social hall on Thursday night (3/18) for an engaging and inspiring Shiur with Rabbi Malitzky. Join us as we learn about Yachatz and Afikoman- Is it all about the presents?

This week's TNL has been generously sponsored by Evan and Bonnie Orgel & Yaakov and Hannah Farkas in honor of Evan and Yaakov's siyum on Maseches Pesachim and by Lynn and Neer Even-Hen in loving memory of Neer's grandparents, Mordechai Yehuda and Elisheva Finkelstein, Mordechai Yehuda Ben Beazley Z"l and Nasha Elisheva bat Binyamin Mordechai Z"l and as a zechus for a refuah Sheleima for Mordechai Yehoshua ben Shlomo Meir.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Suzanne Jurkevich's father and Dalia Braun's husband Alan Braun Z"l

### RABBI LUBAN'S ANNUAL PRE-PESACH SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Rabbi Luban's pre-Pesach Shiur on Pesach will take place Wednesday, March 17, 8PM on Zoom.

The Shiur will cover preparing the kitchen and products and medications for Pesach. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85654415344?pwd=UGpsN0JmQWd0ODRlRmZlZGZkZU09>

Meeting ID: 856 5441 5344

Passcode: Rabbis

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### RABBI LUBAN'S

### SHABBOS HAGADOL DRASHA

Rabbi Luban's Shabbos Hagadol Drasha will take place next week in Shul in person. To accommodate social distancing, he will be

presenting separate Drashos for men and women, allowing use of seats beyond the Mechitzas for each Drasha.

The schedule will be as follows:

5:00 PM –Shabbos Hagadol Drasha for women

6:35 PM: Mincha (note earlier time), followed by Shabbos Hagadol Drasha for men.

8:00 PM Maariv.

### SHIUR FOR WOMEN

The third Shiur in our series for women by women who grew up in our shul will take place at 8pm on Tuesday night (3/16). This month's Shiur will be given by Mrs. Avital (Waltuch) Strauchler. Avital is a native of Edison, NJ. She is a graduate of Stern College and earned a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Columbia University. She lives in Toronto, Ontario where her husband, Chaim Strauchler, serves as the Rabbi of Shaarei Shomayim. Avital develops Shaarei Shomayim's family programming and has filled an important role in providing Torah learning for women, specifically brides in advance of their weddings as well as one-on-one learning and shiurim throughout the year. She is responsible for Shaarei Shomayim's successful Bat Mitzvah program and supports members in times of need. Zoom ID: 666-734-8762 Password: OT

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PLEASE SUPPORT HATZOLAH!

Chevre Hatzolah of Middlesex County provides lifesaving emergency medical services to our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. But the COVID pandemic has significantly increased our costs and expenses and now, Hatzolah needs your help so that we can continue serving the community with the same level of care that you and your loved ones deserve. PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY! Checks can be sent to P.O. Box 778 Edison, NJ, 08818 or give online at <https://www.hatzolahmc.org>. Thank you for your support!

#### FREE LARGE PRINT HAGGADOT

If you or someone you know needs a Large Print Haggadah this year, please call JBI toll-free 1-800-999-6476 before March 15 and they will be happy to send you a Large Print Haggadah, completely free of charge.

#### SOFER

The Sofer will be available to check Mezzuzot and Tefillim Sunday, March 14th at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, Highland Park. For questions or to make an appointment please call 732-236-9695.

#### BLOOD DRIVE

This Sun, Mar 14th, we will hold our community blood drive 9 AM to 3PM, at Ahavas Achim, 216 S. First Ave., HP. All social distancing and protective strategies will be in place. Please arrive wearing your mask. Please enter through

**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.**

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the main REAR doors of the synagogue. Temperatures of all prospective donors will be taken before entrance to the donor room will be permitted. Though walk-ins will be accepted, this will "space permitting." It is preferred to sign up in advance. To do so, you can go to the New York Blood Center web site ([Home | New York Blood Center](http://www.nybc.org)), and search for our drive under "Donate" (search by zip 08904). You can also go directly to the sign-up page: [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/287325](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/287325)

### **NORPAC VIRTUAL MISSION**

We are eager to make this a strong year for Israel advocacy during our Virtual Mission to Washington 2021 on May 3-6. We count on your participation to make the case to over 90% of Congress about supporting continued military assistance to Israel, curtailing Iranian terror sponsorship, fighting back against the delegitimization of Israel, and many other important topics. Join NORPAC Members for our week-long Virtual Event. Choose one or more days and various time slots throughout the day that are convenient for you to meet via zoom in groups with Members of Congress and their staff to advocate on the most pressing US-Israel issues. Register by membership in NORPAC via [norpac.net](http://norpac.net); [Avi@norpac.net](mailto:Avi@norpac.net) or call 2017885133.

### **SH'NAINU SHIDDUCH GROUP OF EDISON/HIGHLAND PARK**

The Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison/Highland Park: volunteer organization to assist Orthodox Jewish singles, of all ages and Hashkafot, find that special someone. A volunteer Shadchan will contact singles in a timely manner. *Please consider making a donation.* All contributions will be put towards subsidizing upcoming events including the relationship professionals who will be speaking to our singles in April about communication skills and effective dating practices. Please make checks to Cong. Ahavas Achim with Shnainu in the memo. Send to 25 Olden Road, Edison, NJ 08817. For info or to submit your profile, please email [Shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com](mailto:Shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com). Thank you

### **CAMP KULANU**

Summer fun is just around the corner, and we're planning for an amazing Camp Kulanu 2021!! REGISTER NOW, for all THREE CAMPS - 2021, With strict health protocols in place, Camp Kulanu is proud to have opened and operated a very successful Camp program during Summer 2020! CAMP KULANU WILL BE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS DEVELOPED BY THE RPRY MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IN THE EVENT NECESSARY, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF ALL CAMPERS & STAFF. Questions Camp Dir Rebecca Bick at [rbick@rpry.org](mailto:rbick@rpry.org), or call (732) 572-5052. Looking forward to an awesome summer camp with your children!!

### **RABBI YISROEL WEISS' TEHILIM SHIUR**

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' Tehillim shiur for men and women on Zoom: Wed night 8PM, Meeting ID: 858 5198 8386, Password: RWTehillim To join by phone: Dial 408-638-0968, enter meeting ID, use password 705203. Questions, contact Marsha Eiserman 347-203-7906.

### **FOR WOMEN**

-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 takes place on ZOOM Tuesday mornings. Text (732) 710-6932 for time and zoom link.  
-Tiferes: Adar DVD: "Choose Simcha", speakers: Rabbi Dr. Abraham J. Twerski z"l and Mrs. Yehudis Hexter. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Purim & Pesach, The Pressure & the Pleasure," features Mrs. Debbie Selengut, Mrs. Rochel Goldbaum, Mrs. Seryl Berman, Mrs. Cirel Septimus, and Mrs. Miryam Swerdlov. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva at [sieglmom@gmail.com](mailto:sieglmom@gmail.com). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

### **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.

-The Mikvah is currently appointment only. Thru March 13: All Motzai Shabbos 7:30PM-9:30 PM; weekdays: 8PM-10PM. All prep should be done at home. No showers or baths at the mikvah. All appts must be made via our [appointment page](http://www.parkmikvah.org) on [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org) or at [MikvahCloud.com](http://MikvahCloud.com) or via the [MikvahCloud](http://MikvahCloud) app. Please read through all instructions prior to making your appt. A face mask should also be worn at the mikvah. For all comments and questions, please email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto: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](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, [ginatonkonog@gmail.com](mailto:ginatonkonog@gmail.com). Also contact for no-charge Kallah Classes, as originally taught by Rebbeztin Tehilla Abramov.  
-Re-Pleat - Gemach of outfits for dressy occasions! New in Edison/HP! Have something to donate? Have a special occasion and need something to wear? Open by appt only. Text 732-267-3216

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E-MAIL 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 [ludeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeju@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 the Members tab and then click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.  
**LOCAL ERUV:** Find out the status of the eruv by Email: Eruv send out an email within 30 minutes after the eruv's status has been determined. You can sign up to this service by sending a blank email to [hperuv+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:hperuv+subscribe@groups.io).  
**Twitter:** This is our official notification channel. Follow @hp\_eruv to get the eruv status as soon as it has been determined.  
**Facebook:** Join the Facebook Group [hperuv](https://www.facebook.com/hperuv) and get the eruv notifications within 30 minutes after our Twitter update.  
**Website:** Our Website at <https://hperuv.org> will show the eruv's status on the top of the main page. The website also has an up to date map of the entire eruv.  
**Hotline:** Of course, there is always our 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

### **Vayikra**

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| Candlelighting: | 6:50 PM |
| Mincha:         | 7:00 PM |

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