



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

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**Parshat Pekudei**

**6 Adar II 5784**

**March 16, 2024**

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

**Candlelighting:** 6:46PM  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:** 6:55 PM (Main Shul)  
**Shacharis:**  
**7:45 AM (Social Hall) 9AM (Main Shul) 9:15 AM (YFM)**  
*Hashkama Speaker: Dr. Ira Krumholtz*  
*Sof Zman Krias Shma 10:07 AM*  
*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur: 5:50 PM*  
**Mincha (Main Shul):** 1:45, & 6:40 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rav Gavriel Friedman (Scholar in Residence)*  
**Maariv:** 7:51 PM  
**Shabbos Ends:** 7:55 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis**  
**Sun.** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'yun Shiur After 7:15 Shacharis*  
**Mon.** 6:20, 7:05 & 8:00 AM  
**Tues, Weds., Fri.** 6:30, 7:10 & 8:00 AM  
**Thu.** See Taanis Esther Schedule  
*All Minyanim will meet in the Main Sanctuary except for the second Minyan Monday through Friday.*  
**Weekday Mincha/Maariv** 6:55 PM  
**Early Mincha (Sunday)** 1:45 PM  
**Late Maariv: (Sun.-Thurs.)** 10:10 PM  
*Daf Yomi schedule for daylight savings time:*  
 Monday -Thursday -after z'man Maariv  
 Friday -after Maariv  
 Shabbos -45 min before Mincha  
 Sunday -after 8 am Shacharis

### KIDDUSH

משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה!

Please join us for Kiddush this week, sponsored by Congregation Ohr Torah. May we share B'simcha!

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Susie and Barry Wolf in memory of the Yahrzeits of Barry's mother Chaya Rochel bas Moshe Zelig A"H, and Susie's mother Bas Sheva Bas Rav Yaakov.

### REFLECTIONS OF THE RAV WITH ARNIE LUSTIGER

In a Drasha presented in 1956, Rabbi Soloveitchik revisited an old question: why don't we recite Hallel on Purim? His answer reveals the fundamental nature of Purim. This 25 minute subtitled video will be shown in the Social Hall at 7:30 PM (after Mincha/Maariv) this Sunday March 17.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SHIUR FOR WOMEN

All women are invited to join Rabbi Malitzky for a weekly Shiur. The Shiur takes place in the Beis Medrash at 10am. Coffee and tea will be served! This week's Shiur will be a Parsha Shiur.

### MAZEL TOV

... to Elise and Sam Berlin on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Talia and Meir Spector. Mazel Tov to grandparents Yetta and Brian Spector and to great grand parents - Mrs Beverly Schockett, Mrs Fay Berlin, Mrs Shirley Cohen and Mr Ronald Spector.

... to Sari and Michie Klerer on the birth of a grandson, Eliezer Moshe, to their children, Miriam and Matt Welgrin. Mazel Tov to great-grandparents, Tmima and Symcha Klerer and Penny and Michael Kaplan, and to the entire Klerer, Kaplan and Broder families.  
 ...to Sara and Danny Rosenblatt and to Leslie and Josh Ostrin on the marriage of their children Nava and Alex. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Annette Blum, Harriet and George Blank, and the entire extended families.

### TAANIS ESTHER

**Thursday March 21**

**Fast Starts:** 5:46 AM  
**Shacharis:** 6:10, 6:50 & 8AM  
**Mincha/Maariv:** 6:40 PM  
**Fast Ends** 8:01 PM

### SIR SHABBOS PARSHAS PEKUDEI MARCH 15-16

Ohr Torah is honored to host Rav Gavriel Friedman this Shabbos March 15-16 Parshas Pekudei. The schedule for Shabbos is as follows: Oneg Friday night, Drasha Shabbos Morning after the Main Minyan, Shiur for Men and Women Shabbos afternoon before Mincha, Shalosh Seudos and a Shiur for College Women Motzai Shabbos If you are interested in being a sponsor for this Shabbos, please reach out to Mitch Rottenstreich, [mrottenstreich@gmail.com](mailto:mrottenstreich@gmail.com). Originally from New York, Rabbi Gavriel Friedman a.k.a "Rav Gav", has spent nearly 2 decades studying and teaching in various Yeshivot throughout Jerusalem. He has spoken in dozens of locations around the world. Beyond his world travels, Rav Gav is currently teaching at Aish HaTorah Jerusalem, where he continues to teach and inspire thousands of people, including their world famous Discovery Seminar. His charisma captivates audiences of all ages and inspires men, women and children across the Jewish spectrum.

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

### PURIM SAFETY

As we prepare for Purim night and are excited to see all the creative costumes, for safety and security, please remove all masks and head coverings that prevent facial recognition as you enter the shul.

### OT SISTERHOOD'S

#### MISHLOACH MANOT PROGRAM

Thanks to our wonderful community's generous participation in the OT Sisterhood's Mishloach Manot Program:

- 112 IDF Soldiers will be receiving Mishloach Manot packages
- 86 Displaced Families will be receiving Enhanced Mishloach Manot packages
- 111 displaced families will be treated to Purim Seudot

Yasher Ko'ach and Kol Ha'kavod to everyone that helped make this meaningful initiative possible!

Everyone is invited to a fun-filled and delicious Purim celebration in the "OT Shuk" right after Megillah reading!

### CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of: --  
 -Barbara Ritter, mother of Abby Hochhauser. She is survived by Abby and Abby's siblings Peter, Esther and Lorraine, as well as 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Shiva will be observed at the home of Steve and Helen Stein, 319 Lawrence Avenue in Highland Park until Monday morning, at which time Abby will return to Israel to complete her Shiva.

There will be no Minyanim at the home.  
 -Frank Akman, the father of Aaron, Benjy and Danny Akman. The Levaya will be in Maryland. Details to follow.

May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

### MATANOS L'EYONIM- RABBI MALITZKY

The amount of Tzedaka donated by members of our shul to causes in Israel since October 7th is astonishing. Although this generosity is incredible, it has made raising funds for local families in need that much more challenging. I ask that you open your hearts and wallets to help families in our own community. I will be your messenger in delivering the funds directly to local families in need on Purim day, the most ideal way to fulfill the Mitzvah of Matanos L'Evyonim. To fulfill the Mitzvah:

- 1) Check made out to Ohr Torah Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Please note Matanos L'Evyonim in the memo. You can hand me

**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**

the check in Shul, drop it off in the shul mailbox, or put it in the mail slot by our house (612 South Park Ave in Highland Park).

2) Zelle: [payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com) and write Matanos L'Evyonim in the memo  
3) Credit card:

<https://www.ohrtorah.net/services/ccpay.phtml>  
(<https://www.ohrtorah.net/services/ccpay.phtml>).  
Please choose Matanos L'Evyonim as the reason.

### **LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM**

SAVE THE DATE! TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND  
details to follow next week.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BUILD your MUSCLE & MERIT**

Men's Only Hours have come to a local gym.  
Contact PINNY 551-206-1398 for more info.

### **GLOBAL ISRAEL ALLIANCE**

#### **FUNDRAISER SHIUR**

Rabbi Moshe Rothchild delivered a very inspiring and informative speech regarding helping women who have lost their husband's due to the October 7th massacre and current war. To listen, go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B77qYpYncc5-ClvJTsel7oGp3KZay2x/view?usp=sharing>  
To contribute to this worthy cause, please make out checks to "Global Israel Alliance" and give to Aliyana at 400 North 8th Avenue, Edison or Zelle to [rabbirothchild@gmail.com](mailto:rabbirothchild@gmail.com). Tax deductible donations can also be made via the website, <https://war-in-israel.org/>. Thank you. Tizcu Imitzvos. Aviva and Barry Siegel.

### **CAMPAIGN FOR AMBULANCE NEEDED IN YEHUDA VESHOMRON**

L'iluy Nshmas Lieba z'l. Chinese Auction THIS SUNDAY March 17th 2-5 PM Congregation Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Road. \$36 minimum preregistration donation per adult at <https://causmatch.com/rwb> or at the door, cash or check payable to Rescuers without Borders. Admission includes 3 raffle tickets. Children welcome without charge. Free face painting 2-4 and free pizza from Giddy's. Great prizes from Camp Gan Izzie Manalapan, Yagilu, Park Med Spa, Highland Park Service Center, Raspa Jewelers, & more! Questions: Yisroela 917-834-6665 or Rivka 347-598-9448

### **SHABBAT THANK YOU**

Thank you!!!! Our community really stepped up to make 80 singles from New York, New Jersey, Indiana, North Carolina, Florida, and Canada feel really, really welcome last week. We proved that by working together we can make great things happen. Here are just a few of the comments from participants....

"It was a beautiful Shabbos! It was above all expectations!"

"It was an amazing event. I had a great time and met some really great people, one of which I am going out with tonight!"

"This was the best singles Shabbaton ever...."

"I actually had a date this week and for the first time on a date I felt present and calm.....no idea where I can go with this guy but I feel hopeful for the first time in dating..."

- Thank you to Rabbi Bernath and Aleza ben Shalom.  
Thank you to Rabbis Kaufman, Malitzky & Miodownik.
- Thank you to Presidents Benedek, Broder & Malek
- Thank you to our technical guru Rob Haarbarger  
Thank you to Mr. Resnik & Lawrence

Margolin of Elegant Events Catering for keeping us all well fed

- Thank you to the logistics committee: Shoshy Akman, Susan Blaine, Josh Caplan, Naomi Caplan, Sharon Glaser, Rosa Katz, Lani Kaye, Deena Klavan, Ricki Nat, Judy Schwarzberg, & Sherri Simantov

Thank you to the 50 families who opened their homes to our out-of-town guests  
With Gratitude, Lori & Jonathan Caplan Susan & Elliot Frank. We could not have done it without you! Thank you to all our sponsors.

### **RCCS – GIDDY'S EVENT**

Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society, an organization supporting local patients with an array of services, will be having an event in conjunction with the opening of Giddy's restaurant.

Date TBD Donation required. Sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Rabbi Elimelech Rosenberg: [erosenberg@rccscancer.org](mailto:erosenberg@rccscancer.org)

### **PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER FUND**

Our local Tzedaka organization, the Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, A"H, is selling Purim mishloach manos cards for \$2.00 each. The cards are perfect to send to all friends & relatives. All proceeds from the sale enable the Kinder Fund to help subsidize needed services for many local children. To obtain cards, contact Tova Josefovitz at 732.572.9432, Shoshana Diskind at 732.572.7755, Lani Eisner at 732.572.1087 or Janice Lustiger at 732.819.4919 or e-mail your request to [thekinderfund@gmail.com](mailto:thekinderfund@gmail.com).

### **MATONOS L'EYONIM - PURIM 5784**

Rabbi Brudny and Rabbi Sauer will IY"H be raising funds for *Matanos L'Evyonim* as has been done in the past. Rabbi Sauer will be available at his home, 150 Washington Ave in Edison, on Purim Day, through late afternoon. Matanos L'Evyonim will be distributed on Purim Day. Checks can be mailed to Matanos L'Evyonim, 150 Washington Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817 and made payable to Toras Chessed. Sent via Zelle: to [matevyon@gmail.com](mailto:matevyon@gmail.com). Rabbi Sauer can be reached by phone at (323)877-2448 or by email: [accsauer@gmail.com](mailto:accsauer@gmail.com).

Rabbi Brudny can be reached by phone at (732) 668-3546 or by email: [ababrudny@gmail.com](mailto:ababrudny@gmail.com)

### **ANNUAL AY CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

The Annual AY Clothing Giveaway is back!!!!  
Come take from our beautiful selection of new and gently worn clothing for the whole family! Sunday March 31st, 10-4 at Ahavas Yisrael (1587 Rte 27, Edison). Any questions or to donate clothing in excellent condition, contact: Lisa Cohen (732) 606-2996 or Ida Sheiner (917) 439-6163.

### **NETIVOT FUNDRAISER RAFFLE**

Netivot is running a raffle with a \$10,000 prize! Only 360 tickets will be sold, one ticket at each price point from \$1-\$360. Play now at [mynetivot.com/360](http://mynetivot.com/360) Winner drawn on March 20!

### **TOMCHEI SHABBOS**

Tomchei Shabbos Needs your Help! In recent weeks, there has been a significant increase in the number of families seeking assistance from Tomchei Shabbos. With Pesach quickly approaching, we need your help to ensure that Tomchei Shabbos can continue to provide the vital support that these families in our community depend on. You can donate at <http://www.tomcheimc.org>

### **WEEKLY PARSHA LECTURE**

Weekly lecture on Parasha of the week with insights from Rabbi Soloveichik ZT"L available via Zoom Thursdays from 1-2 PM.  
Meeting ID: 937 3984 8354  
Passcode: 939755

Contact Rabbi Josh Rapps, at 9086164718 or [jrapps@bloomberg.net](mailto:jrapps@bloomberg.net) for more info.

### **EMUNAH AND TEHILLIM**

Presented by Barbara Frisch. Sun Mornings  
Twice a month at Cong Ahavas Israel and on Zoom For the protection of chayalm and klal Yisroel Info email [BungaresQ@aol.com](mailto:BungaresQ@aol.com)

### **IT TAKES A VILLAGE OF EDISON/HP**

Are you a single mom or dad living in Edison/HP? It Takes a Village of Edison/HP is here to help. Below is a list of services we offer. If you need something that is not listed below, you can always ask! Babysitting, Tutoring and homework, Dinners, Transportation, Errands, Financial guidance, Handyman/Plumbing, Heavy Shlepping, Furniture Assembly, Referrals, etc. To request help or to offer services, contact: Rivka Jaffe 732 762 0490, Julia Jamen 917 847 017, Rikki Samel 732 742 4559, Rivka Teresh 347 598 9448

### **FREE LARGE PRINT HAGGADAHs**

For over 90 years, JBI has helped people who have visual impairment, are blind, or have a print disability to participate in the most treasured of Jewish rituals, the Passover Seder, by providing FREE large print, braille, and audio format Haggadot.

If you or someone you know needs a large print, braille, or audio format Haggadah this year, please visit JBI's website at [www.JBILibrary.org](http://www.JBILibrary.org) or call JBI toll free at 1-800-999-6476 before April 11 and they will be happy to send you your Haggadah, completely free of charge. They have many different versions available—request yours today!

### **NORPAC 2024 - MISSION-IN PERSON**

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress.  
Join us on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as we travel Washington, DC. You will meet with Members of Congress and their staff and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran, security cooperation, and more. Buses will leave for Washington DC at 6:30 AM and return between 9-10 PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided. Register now for the Early Bird Discount at [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call (201) 788-5133. Adults - \$195 Full time Students - \$120( must be over 12). After March 12- adults \$220, students \$135 for more info, contact David Moskovic, Marc Hanfling at [docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com), Barry Wolf, Mayer Berg

### **DR. PRESBY SHIURIM**

Dr. Presby Shiurim:

- Woman: Pele Yoetz (a combination of Halacha and mussar shiur) Tuesdays 8 pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP

- Men / Women: Eicha Wed at noon via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

- Men: Megillah Thursdays 8:45pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP or via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

- Men / Women: Nach Shiur on Shabbos 4pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP  
Info contact Dr. Presby at 732-925-4828

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

Bikur Cholim Senior Homebound Visitation Program is growing!!! We are looking for more volunteers and seniors to visit. Please call Cindy Baruch at 908-309-8818 to become a part of this wonderful mitzvah and to volunteer.

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

## **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)  
- Weekly Parsha shiur with Mrs. Miri Cohen Tuesday mornings 9:15AM. For location/zoom link, Leah at 917-763-1848.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women:

-Tefilla class on Sundays 0AM at Aguda Shul

-Parsha class on Mondays 8PM at Ohr Torah.

Please 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**

The Mikvah is appt only. All appts should be made via [MikvahCloud.com](http://MikvahCloud.com) or via MikvahCloud app

Regular services, baths and showers, are

offered. See [mikvahcloud](http://mikvahcloud.com) for mikvah hours. Face

mask should be worn at the mikvah. All comments and questions, email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com)

## **BIKUR CHOLIM**

-Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley SENIOR

VISITATION PROGRAM, providing weekly or bi

weekly visitation to members of our community.

We are looking volunteers 18 years and older. For

more info please contact Cindy Baruch at 908-309-

8818 or email her at [cindy.baruch@verizon.net](mailto:cindy.baruch@verizon.net)

-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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KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at [reservations@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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](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 are paused pending new initiatives

HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith [luddeju@gmail.com](mailto:luddeju@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 Aaron Breslin at 908-907-7308.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See 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 732-678-8848 (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 Members tab, then click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

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](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 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

P'arshat Vayikdra

Candlelighting

6:54 PM

Mincha

7:00 PM

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