

Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



Rabbi Sariel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

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http://www.ohrtorah.net **Parashat** Tetzaveh/Zachor

8 Adar 5785 March 8 2025

Candlelighting: 5:37 PM Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 5:45 PM

(MS and BM)

Shacharis: 7:45 (SH) & 9:00 AM (MS)

Hashkama Speaker: Arnie Lustiger Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:14AM Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur

4:40pm

Mincha (MS): 1:45, 5:30 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Eli Reisman

Maariv 6:42 PM
Shabbos Ends: 6:47 PM

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday AM – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM

Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Iyun Shiur After 7:15 Shacharis

Mon 6:16,7:05,8:00, AM

Earliest time for T&T on Monday is 6:24.

Tue., Wed., 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 AM

Thurs., Fri.:

SEE TAANIS ESTHER-PURIM SCHEDULE

Weekday Mincha/Maariv 6:45 PM Early Mincha (Sun.) 1:45 PM Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

Note end of 7:30 Maariv for the season

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:

Monday-Thursday: After Zman Mincha/Maariv Friday night: After first Kabbolas Shabbos Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

HASHKAMA MINYAN

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 to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Sheila's father, Reuven Ben Tzvi Dov, A"H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

- Charyn and Harvey Atlas in memory of Harvey's father Morris Atlas, Moshe Yehuda Ben Shalom, Z:L
- Tzippy and Saul Mond In memory of the Yahrtzeit of Saul's father Otto, Asher ben Yitzchok Issac Z"L

RABBI ELI REISMAN SHALOSH SEUDOS SPEAKER

Title: Purim Prep – Is Robbing a Bank Bittul Torah?

SHIUR FOR WOMEN- SHABBOS 3/15

Mrs. Chedva Sarna will give a special Shiur for women "The hidden boomerang effect" at 5:30pm in the social hall on Shabbos afternoon

MAZEL TOV

...to Glenda and Moshe Sherman on the birth of a grandson, a son born to Rachel and Yonatan Sherman.

...to Yardena and Shalom Cohen on the recent marriage of their daughter Shira to Daniel Hakakian from Monsey. Mazel Tov to the entire Cohen, Hakakian and Ben-David families

...to Barbara and Isaac Edery on the birth of a grandson, to their children Andrew and Penina Hersh. Mazel tov to big brother Zachary.

ZACHOR READINGS.

There will be additional readings of Zachor in the social hall after Hoshkama (approximately 9:30), after the Main Minyan (approximately 11:15) and 5 minutes before mincha (5:25pm)

OU PESACH GUIDES

The OU Pesach magazine (free of charge) is available on the table outside of the main sanctuary.

TAANIS ESTHER - PURIM Thursday March 13th

Fast Starts: 5:58 AM Shacharis: 6:05, 6:50 & 8AM

Earliest Tallis and Tefillin: 6:19 (i.e., after Yishtabach at 6:05 minyan). Sunrise (Shemoneh Esrei) at 7:12 AM for 6:50 Minyan

Mincha: 6:15 PM
Maariv: 7:40 PM
Megillah: 7:50 and 10 PM
Fast Ends: 7:52 PM

Friday March 14

Shacharis: 6:05, 6:50 & 8AM

Earliest Tallis and Tefillin: 6:17 (i.e., after Yishtabach at 6:05 minyan). Sunrise (Shemoneh Esrei) at 7:10 AM for 6:50 Minyan

Megillah Only:10 AMEarly Mincha:1:45 PMCandlelighting6:45 PMMincha/ Kabolas Shabbos:6:55 PM

EARLY SHACHARIS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The first minyan on Thursday and Friday begins at 6:05 AM. The earliest times for Tallis and Tefillin are 6:17 AM and 6:19 AM, respectively. One should daven through Yishtabach without Tallis and Tefillin and then put them on with a Beracha after reciting Yishtabach at the proper time. The Shaliach Tzibur should put them on with a Beracha after Az Yashir but before

Yishtabach, to avoid a Hefsek between Yishtabach and Kaddish and to prevent unnecessary delay for the Tzibur (Rema 53:3).

SOLOMON BROTHERS SHABBOS

Once again, Ohr Torah will be hosting a musical Shabbos this March 7th - 8th with this year's featured "Chazzanim" being Nachman, Yosef, and Sruli Solomon (The Solomon Brothers Band). The Brothers will welcome in Shabbos with an incredible Kabbalos Shabbos in the main minyan. Mincha at 5:45 PM. The Brothers will lead the davening Shabbos day in the main minyan starting at 9AM. The community is invited to another "famous Friday night Oneg " graciously hosted by Michie and Sari Klerer 16 Cellar Rd Edison at 9PM. The experience will continue Sat night March 8th where The Solomon Brothers and Pumpidisa will be performing at the Rutgers Chabad to benefit Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County. For ticket purchase and info visit www.tomcheimc.org . Looking forward to what will be an amazing Shabbos and Motzei Shabbos event!!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY EVENING, June 8, Annual Ohr Torah Dinner. Chabad House, New Brunswick. Details to follow.

- OT Dinner Committee

RABBI'S CORNER RABBI SARIEL MALITZKY

When Purim falls on a Friday, a unique challenge arises. On one hand, there is a mitzvah to eat a festive meal with bread, meat, and other delicacies. Yet, at the same time, it is Erev Shabbos, and one is supposed to enter Shabbos with an appetite for the Shabbos meal.

When to eat the Seudah

Because of this challenge, the Rema recommends that when Purim falls on Friday, one should eat the Purim meal in the morning. However, it is unclear from his words exactly what is meant by "morning". What time should the meal start and finish? The Mishna Berura explains that when the Rema writes "in the morning", he means before midday (chatzos) which is 1:07 p.m. While he does quote an opinion that permits starting later, as long as one starts their meal before nine hours into the day (4:41 p.m.), the consensus of Poskim is that the optimal time to begin is before

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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Chatzos. In fact, it is even advisable to limit the distribution of Mishloach Manos in order to start the meal before Chatzos. If the meal begins before 1:07 p.m., it may be continued even past that time. However, if the seudah did not begin before Chatzos, it is still permissible to be started at any point during the day.

Regardless of when the meal starts, care should be taken to end in enough time to prepare for Shabbos, and to replenish the appetite in order to properly enjoy the Friday night seudah.

Preparing for Shabbos

One is permitted to do laundry, cut fingernails, take a haircut, and shave Lekavod Shabbos (in honor of Shabbos).

Shushan Purim

Generally, something special is eaten in honor of Shushan Purim. This year, because Shushan Purim falls on Shabbos, that extra item should be incorporated into the Shabbos day meal.

OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD

Ohr Torah Sisterhood is excited to present Mishloach Manot to all members of our congregation after the morning Megillah reading.

Please join us after the Megillah reading for a celebration fit for a Queen.

LAPEL PINS FOR THE BIBAS FAMILY

Brought to you by the OT Sisterhood This is an HONOR SYSTEM. Please leave \$2 in the box or Venmo the sisterhood. All proceeds will go to plant trees in Israel in memory of Shiri, Ariel and Kfir Bibas The Bibas Family pins are available in the upstairs lobby outside the rear doors of the sanctuary.

OT TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Ohr Torah is now live on EasyShul!

Members should have received an emailed invitation to login to the Members Portal.

We strongly urge every member to login promptly and ensure that all their family and yahrzeit information is accurate. For more information, please visit the EasyShul menu on the Ohr Torah web site. Email tech@ohrtorah.net with any questions.

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS GENE AND ALIYANA WASSERMAN

Gene and Aliyana Wasserman have been part of the Ohr Torah community for nearly three decades. They joined the shul after a chance encounter with Rabbi Luban while davening in the RPRY gym!

Originally from the Bronx, Gene has had a long career in technology, working for major companies like the Bell System, Lehman Brothers, and Credit Suisse. He is now the technical director of a service that provides cloud software products, including yahrzeit reminder systems for synagogues and institutions. Aliyana, originally from Waterbury, CT, has lived in multiple states and has recently retired trom a successful corporate career

The Wassermans love learning and giving back to the community. Gene is on his fourth

round of Daf Yomi, and Aliyana is an active participant in many of the women's shiurim in town. She also teaches Mahjong, and she has assisted in the formation of several new groups in the area. She also is a talented artist who paints, draws, and creates mosaics. Gene has played a key role in shul operations, serving as the volunteer webmaster for ten years, managing audio/visual setups, and assisting with OT's security efforts. He has also helped many members navigate new technology.

Together, Gene and Aliyana enjoy organizing the shul's Lunch & Learn programs.

Their love for adventure took them on a fiveweek road trip across the country, exploring several national parks and historic sites-but for them, no destination compares to Israel! - REACH OUT:

Gene:

732-397-0130, <u>genew@compugene.com</u> Aliyana:

732-310-3410

aliyana.wasserman@gmail.com

SHAMOS DRIVE

There will be a community Shamos drive at Congregation Ohr Torah Sunday March 16th, 9am-5:15pm. The cost is \$30 per large bag. Payment in cash or by checks made out to Cong Ohr Torah please. Thank you.

ISRAELI DANCE

Israeli dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's social hall on alternating Wed nights from 8-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach and anyone can request dances they know. Upcoming sessions 3/12, 3/26. For more info, email naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS 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 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. Help us make a difference once again!

Buses will 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

TOMCHEI SHABBOS PRE PURIM BENEFIT CONCERT!!!

Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County Presents The Solomon Brothers (featured on The Voice -Israel) and Pumpidisa Live in Concert Motzei Shabbos, Mar 08, at Chabad of Rutgers (170 College Ave, New Brunswick. Doors open 8PM. To Purchase Tickets go to www.tomcheimc.org. For info email tomcheimc.@qmail.com. Please support Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County and give the gift of Shabbos!!

MATONOS L'EVYONIM - PURIM 5785

Rabbi Brudny and Rabbi Sauer will IY"H be raising funds for Matonos L'evyonim as they have done in the past. Matanos L'Evyonim will be distributed on Friday, Purim Day. Since Purim is Erev Shabbos, time is of the essence.

Checks can be mailed to Matanos L'Evyonim, 150 Washington Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817 and made payable to Toras Chesed.

Sent via Zelle: to matevyon@gmail.com.

Rabbi Sauer will be at home part of the day. He can be reached by phone at (323)877-2448 or by email: acssauer@gmail.com.

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

OU WOMEN'S INITIATIVE

Choosing to be Queen Esther: Video Presentation with Hadas Lowenstern, widow of Rabbi Elisha Lowenstern, HY"D killed in Gaza. Join communities across the globe in preparation for TA'ANIT ESTHER. Tehillim resources and video programming provided by the OU Women's Initiative. Location: Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave. Date: Monday 3/10 7:30PM

SHIUR BY BARBARA FRISCH

Women's shiur March 2nd on Tehillim and Emunah and thoughts of Purim. Shiur given on zoom and a zoom link can be sent out by emailing bungaresq@aol.com.

PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER FUND

Our local Tzedaka organization, The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, A"H, is selling newly designed 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 Lani Eisner at 732.572.1087 or Janice Lustiger at 732.718.0817 or e-mail your request to thekinderfund@gmail.com.

EVENING OF COMMUNITY FOR THE LEFKOVITZ FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

All women and teen girls of Edison/Highland Park/East Brunswick are invited to...

An Evening of community, to benefit the Lek

An Evening of community, to benefit the Lekovits Family Park Mikvah. Sun., March 9, 7:30-9:30 PM. Congregation Ohr Torah, Edison.

Featuring Mrs. Jackie Bitton speaking about "Staying Sane in an Insane World, with a Purim Simcha Twist" and a Delicious Dessert Buffet Visit ParkMikvah.org to register today.

REENAS BAIS YAAKOV PRESENTS ROOTS- DIGGING DEEPER, DISCOVERING OUR LEGACY

Explore a multi-media display portraying the roots of Klal Yisroel from our Avos through the Tanaim, Amoraim, Rishonim and Acharnim up to the present day. Trace the evolution of the Olam Hayeshivos, the Chasidic dynasties and the Bais Yaakov move.ment. Enjoy a performance highlighting the Nitzchiyus of Klal Yisroel through song and dance

Sun March 9th 10AM-12PM

Women & Girls performance 11AM YST Girls building 425 Cleveland Ave HP 12PM-2PM Family hours

2PM-4PM Women & Girls performance 3PM Cost; \$15 per person (\$75 Family Maximum)

SINGLES PURIM MIXER

Join the fun Thur March 13th 8:45PM-Midnight Passaic, NJ Singles ages 20s and 30s Delicious Falafel, Crispy Fries, Refreshing Drinks, Great Crowd. Costumes highly encouraged \$20pp RSVP: bit.ly/passaicpurim2025 Rafi (862) 252-1586

IMO ANOCHI, IN IT TOGETHER PRESENTS SINGLES NICHT 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 openminded singles ages 25-35. All singles will be prescreened. Admisson fee: \$50pp. Registration form required. Music by DJ_CP Partnering Organizations: ECP, Kesher, 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 Speigel. 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. Who Can Apply? Dedicated individuals who want to make a positive impact. No prior experience necessary just a willingness to help! Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Interested? 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

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 sharonglaser@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. **WOMEN'S WELLNESS PROGRAM**

This Sunday is the final day to register for the WOMEN'S WELLNESS PROGRAM. Sun, March 23rd, 10:30AM - 1:30PM. Congregations Ahavas Achim and Ohav Emeth invite all community women middle-aged and up to a Women's Wellness Retreat. Guest speakers are Rachel Hercman, LCSW, a psychotherapist specializing in

relationships, and Alexandra Tabakin, MD, a physician specializing in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery. Pre-registration by March 7th is required. \$40 registration includes a catered dairy lunch. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/aaoewomen

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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 Gemach has TWO homes now. 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 is partnering with Sharsheret to provide local support and resources including peer support, a gemach for surgical needs, kosher meal delivery and more. We are looking for volunteers! 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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mailmaster@ohrtorah.net

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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, <u>www.ohrtorah.net</u>, 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), <u>reenagreenspan@yahoo.com</u> 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_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

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