



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parashat Tzav / Shabbos HaGadol/Pesach

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April 12, 2025

PESACH SCHEDULE 5785/ 2025

Shabbos Hagadol/Erev Pesach (Fri-Shabbos April 11-12)

- Pre-Plag Mincha Only: 5:45 PM
- Candle Lighting: 7:14 PM
- Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:45 (SH) & 7:20 (MS) PM
- Shacharis: 7:15 AM (Main), 7:45 AM (SH)
- Last Time to eat Chametz 10:22AM
- Bitul Chametz before: 11:40 AM
- Mincha: 1:45 & 7:05 PM
- *Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky*
- Maariv: 8:00 PM

*Candle Lighting & all Seder preparations not before: 8:24 PM
(recite: "Baruch HaMavdil Bein Kodesh L'Kodesh" prior to lighting and all other preparations)*

Chatzos: 12:59 AM

First Day Pesach (Sunday April 13)

- Shacharis: 8:15(SH) & 9:15 AM (Main & Teen)
- *Hashkama Speaker: R. Yehuda Levy*
- Mincha: 7:20 PM
- *Speaker: R. Asher Dvoretzky: The Freedom Mindset*
- Maariv: 8:00 PM

Candle Lighting & all Seder preparations not before: 8:25 PM

- Chatzos: 12:58 AM

Second Day Pesach (Monday April 14)

- Shacharis: 8:15 (SH) & 9:15 AM (Main & Teen)
- *Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Cypess*
- Mincha: 7:20 PM
- *Speaker: Nachi Scheiner: The Journey of Chametz: From the Mikdash to Your House*

- Maariv: 8:21 PM
- Yom Tov ends: 8:26PM

(Havdalah is only Borei P'ri HaGafen)

Chol Hamoed Pesach (Tues-Fri, Apr.15-18)

Weekday Shacharis:

6:10 AM & 8:00 AM (Main Shul), 6:50 AM & 9:00AM (Social Hall).

Slow Shacharis: 9:00 AM (YFM)

Mincha/Maariv:

7:25 PM (Tues-Thurs)

Late Maariv: 10:10 PM (Tues-Thurs)

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR PESACH:

Friday - after first Kabbolas Shabbos,
Shabbos, Sun, Mon - 45 minutes before Mincha

SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM

The Semichas Chaver Program is beginning a new topic after Pesach! Join us as we delve into the Halachos of Brachos and discover new insights into all of our favorite foods- granola bars, soups with croutons, ice cream sandwiches, and many more foods whose brachos are way more complicated than we've ever imagined. The shiur will be Monday nights at 9pm in the YFM room, beginning Mon. April 28. Please reach out to R' Yoni Goldberg, 516-491-4982, with any questions

OT YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Come see the OT youth art exhibit on display in the group's rooms! Created earlier this week by the young artists of OT!

LUNCH & LEARN

REGISTER TODAY - LUNCH & LEARN
Wed, April 30th - Cong Ohr Torah 12PM-2PM
FEATURING THE NEW DOCUMENTARY:
CARVALHO'S JOURNEY - A Real Life
19th Century American Western Adventure about Charleston born Sephardic daguerreotypist Solomon Nunes Carvalho. Through His photography and drawings we will see a rare look at the American Far West. His harrowing Wagon Train journey takes us right along with him as he encountered the untouched nature in the American Far West, where along the way he met Native Americans, Mountain Men and Mormons Full Buffet Lunch \$20pp (Aides eat free) Only Prepaid Reservations will be honored at the door. Socialize, Enjoy a Delicious Lunch Buffet + D'Var Torah. Space is limited, RSVP and register no later than April 28th MUST REGISTER:
<https://ohrtorah.net/lunch-learn>

Payment can be made at registration by credit card at checkout, at the end of the registration process

-or- Zelle: payohrtorah@gmail.com

-or- check made out to Cong. Ohr Torah, or by cash mailed or placed in the shul mailbox at 48 Edgemount Road, Edison NJ 08817

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact: LandL@ohrtorah.net

SAVE THE DATE-OT DINNER

SUNDAY EVENING, June 8th, Annual Ohr Torah Dinner. Chabad House, NB. Details to follow. - OT Dinner Committee

SAVE THE DATE – NAMING CEREMONY

On Sunday, April 27th at 10AM there will be a ceremony renaming the newly refurbished tennis, pickleball and basketball courts on North 8th Ave in Memory of Rabbi Dr. Israel Rivkin z'l. The community at large is invited to attend this meaningful event, together with the participation of the Rivkin family.

EDISON/HP YOM HASHOA PROGRAM

2025 DR. RAFAEL MEDOFF

Dr. Rafael Medoff is the author of more than 20 books about the Holocaust, Zionism, and American Jewish history.

THEY SPOKE OUT:

Americans Who Challenged the Holocaust

At a time when most of the world was indifferent, a handful of Americans risked their careers, and sometimes their lives, to rescue Jews from the Nazis. Come hear the inspiring stories of these unsung heroes.

When: Wed April 23th at 8pm

Where: Ohr Torah

Yom Hashoah is the week after Pesach. We have organized an event that should be interesting, informative and appropriate for the day. Dr. Medoff is a well-known historian and scholar who has written 20 books and numerous articles on the Shoah.

We are looking to put together a list of event sponsors. The sponsors will get reserved seating, a free book of their choice (pending availability of that title) and mention as a program sponsor. Sponsorship is \$72.00

Sponsors in formation:

- Mel Barenholtz
- Rochelle & Jerry Blum
- Marni & Arkady Broder
- Lynn & Neer Even Chen
- Shoshana & Ted Diskind
- Lynn & Marc Hanfling
- Penny & Michael Kaplan
- Rona & Seymour Kessel
- Riki & Robert Kreitman
- Juliet & Ira Krumholtz
- Charlene & Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg
- Mary & Richard Schanler
- Michelle & Rob Schanzer
- Suzanne & Shai Simcha
- Susie & Moish Wiesel
- Honey & Max Wisotsky

Please email docdad@aol.com or tell Marc Hanfling if you would like to participate as a sponsor.

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

ISRAELI DANCE

Israeli dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's social hall on alternating Wednesday nights from 8PM-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach old and new dances. Class on hiatus until after Pesach. Upcoming sessions will be 4/30, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18. For more info, email naomi.caplan@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD –** **VOTE IN THE WZO ELECTIONS!**

Your vote in the World Zionist Organization (WZO) elections plays a crucial role in securing important funding and resources for our community and Jewish institutions worldwide. By participating, you help strengthen our collective voice and ensure support for the causes we care about. Don't miss this opportunity—every vote counts! Visit <https://azm.castiron.votem.net/election/037548cb-4cbb-4a94-aa9a-8aef017d4ddf> for more details and to cast your ballot. Until 5/4/25

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 to 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.

Buses 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

IMO ANOCHI. IN IT TOGETHER PRESENTS **SINGLES NIGHT 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 singles ages 25-35. All singles prescreened. Admission fee: \$50pp. Registration form required. Music by DJ_CP
Partnering Organizations: ECP, Keshet, 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

from 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, a volunteer organization that provides free roadside assistance and other non-medical emergency services to those in need. Applicants must be 18yrs and up. Apply today: <https://www.chaverimmc.org/volunteer-today>
Need of Assistance? Call 24-hour hotline 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 sharonnglaser@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

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.com for mikvah hours. All comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Bikur Cholim medical equipment 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 partnered with Sharsheret to provide local support and resources including peer support, surgical needs gemach, & kosher meal delivery and more. Volunteers wanted! 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

SUBSCRIBE TO Ohr Torah emails:

--OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER ONLY: Subscribe to Announcements at <https://www.ohrtorah.net>

--TO RECEIVE ALL OT EMAILS: Send your full name and email address to mailmaster@ohrtorah.net

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at 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. 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, www.ohrtorah.net, 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), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com 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

7th Day of Pesach

Candlelighting: 7:22 PM

Mincha-Maariv: 6:45 PM & 7:30 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.