



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**Parshat Terumah**

**Adar 5786**

**February 21, 2026**

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>5:20 PM</b>
<b>Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:</b>	<b>5:30 PM (MS)</b>
<b>Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)</b>	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Rav Rafi Kreitman</i>	
<i>YFM Speaker: Rav Rafi Kreitman</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	9:27 AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur</i>	
	4:25PM
<b>Mincha (MS):</b>	<b>1:45, 5:15 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rav Moshe Auslander</i>	
<b>Maariv</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
<b>Shabbos Ends:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:15, 8:00 &amp; 9:00 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur</i>	
<i>After 7:15 Shacharis</i>	
<b>Mon., Thu.</b>	<b>6:15, 7:05, 8 AM</b>
<b>Tue., Wed. Fri.</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, 8 AM</b>
<i>There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every Friday</i>	
<b>Weekday Mincha/Maariv</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Early Mincha (Sun.)</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>7:30 and 10:10 PM</b>
<i>No 7:30 Maariv on Sunday</i>	
<b><u>DAF YOMI SCHEDULE</u></b>	
Monday-Thursday: after 7:30 PM Maariv	
Friday night: after Kabolas Shabbos	
Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha	
Sunday: after 8 AM Shacharis	

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Ohr Torah in honor of our special Scholar in Residence Shabbos.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudot is sponsored by Charyn and Harvey Atlas to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Harvey's father, Morris Atlas, Moshe Yehudah ben Shalom A"H.

### SISTERHOOD COFFEE & CONNECTION

Open space for women is back this Shabbos! Stop in after davening; come alone, with a friend, or with a clingy child - for new and old members of all ages! Upstairs Conference Room 10:30 am - 12 pm

### 747 SHIUR

Our 747 Shiur will meet on Wednesday and Friday this coming week. Join us for 10 minutes of learning to enhance our davening.

### THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

All men and women are encouraged to join us for an interesting, engaging, and inspiring Thursday Night Live this Thursday (2/26). Get ready for Purim and gain a deep and meaningful appreciation for the role of the Purim Seudah! Please reach out to Rav Malitzky if you are interested in sponsoring this week's Thursday Night Live

### MAZEL TOV

...to Dalya Chefitz, MD, for receiving the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School's Department of Pediatrics inaugural Legacy Award at the department's 50th anniversary celebration. Dalya, professor and director of the Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine, received the award in recognition of her excellence as a physician, teacher, and mentor.

...Eileen Wagshul on the birth of a great-grandson a son born to her grandchildren Gavi & Shayna Sragow in Columbus, Ohio. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Linda & Murray Sragow & Shoshana & Ari Lerner and to the excited siblings, Dena, Yehudis & Leah & all the aunts, uncles & cousins.

### WELCOME YACHAD + RPRY

We are excited to be hosting the Annual RPRY 8th Grade Yachad Shabbaton for davening this Shabbos. Welcome to the RPRY faculty and visiting Administration, Rabbi Ribalt, Rabbi Kramer and their families joining us for Shabbos. Welcome to the Yachad members and their advisors and thank you once again for enhancing our Shabbos with your presence.

### WELCOME RAV MOSHE AUSLANDER

It's an honor to welcome Rav Moshe Auslander (and family), joining us and making this Shabbos "The Holiest Shabbos in the World". Rav Auslander is a 3rd grade Rebbe and a music teacher at ASHAR in Monsey. He is also part of the TYH music scene and has composed well known songs such as "The Holiest Yid in the World", "Rebbe I want to Learn" and "Baderech". Rav Auslander will be the Chazan for Kabolas Shabbos and Musaf in the Main Shul. He will also be speaking (and maybe even singing!) at Shalosh Seudos.

### TEEN/HIGH SCHOOL ONEG FRIDAY NIGHT WITH RABBI MALITZKY, RAV AUSLANDER AND RAV RAFI

Calling all Teen Minyan Chevra (and friends!) to kickoff the first Shabbos of Adar with an awesome Oneg. From 8:00 - 10:00, please join us for Divrei Torah, food, Ruach and a great time.

Hosted by Shmuel Kurtz and Family at the Granek home, 495 Harrison Avenue (next door to RPRY on the Highland Park side). Thank You Heshy & Mimi for hosting!

Ready for "The Holiest Shabbos in the World", this week Parshas Terumah,

February 20-21. In conjunction with the annual RPRY-Yachad Shabbaton, R' Moshe Auslander, (of TYH fame), will be joining us as a Chazan in Residence. This will be an epic Ruach filled Shabbos, we hope you join us as we usher in Chodesh Adar B'Simcha! B'Simcha!

### CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends sincere condolences to Ophira Gottlieb and Shaul Ringler on the loss of their mother, Miriam Ringler, z"l.

Shiva is being held through Wednesday morning in Israel at Shaul's home, 6 Shivil Hazahav Ra'anana.

They can be reached on their phones Shaul. 972-52-9664880 or 305-788-7707

Ophira 732-887-3802

*May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LEARNING

High school boys' weekly Friday night learning 8:00 in OT's Beis Midrash.

### NIGHT SEDER

Join us between 9-10:10PM and learn Berachos with a Chavrusa. Hear a Chabura on a topic on that week's Daf every Thursday night!

### SHIUR FOR WOMEN

All women of every age and background are invited to join us at 10 AM Wednesday in the Beis Medrash for a Shiur with Rabbi Malitzky.

### SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM

Join us weekly Motzei Shabbos at 8pm, when we discuss Hilchos Bassar Bchalah

### CHUMASH SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN 9AM ON TUESDAYS

All men and women are encouraged to join us on Tuesday mornings for "Parsha Explorations: An in-depth analysis" with Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

Ohr Torah is seeking a professional, detail-oriented, and personable individual to serve as our Shul admin assistant. This part-time role is essential to supporting the day-to-day operations of the shul, ensuring efficient communication, event coordination, and administrative organization. If interested, please email [OTpresident2024@gmail.com](mailto:OTpresident2024@gmail.com)

### RABBI MALITZKY IS BRINGING THE OT ENERGY TO ORCHARD GARDENS!

Rabbi Malitzky will be running an oneg for young families in Orchard Gardens next

**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**

Friday night (2/27). The oneg will take place at 8:00 pm at the apartment of Zvi and Rivka Goldstein (OT members), 314 Crowells Rd, Apt A.

Please let family and friends know about this wonderful opportunity as we join together for great food, leibidik tunes, and inspiring Torah.

### **OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS FOR PURIM**

#### **-Purim Chocolate Factory.**

Sunday, March 1st. 12:00pm-1pm. For 5th - 8th grade. Registration Required. Early Bird - \$12 per child. After February 21st - \$15

**-Purim Night Circus Show.** Purim Night during Megillah Reading. 6:30pm - 7:15pm. With Pizza for Break-fast. Also Kids Costume Fashion Show

### **MATANOS L'EVYONIM**

Do you want to experience real joy this Purim?

Researchers from Harvard Business School conducted a controlled study in which participants were given money and instructed either to spend it on themselves or on someone else. Those who spent the money on others consistently reported greater happiness than those who used it for personal purchases, regardless of income level. In a separate large International survey, researchers analyzed data from over 200,000 people across 136 countries and found that individuals who gave to charity were measurably happier than those who did not.

The relationship held true across cultures, wealth levels, and continents, suggesting that generosity itself contributes to human well being

Well before these studies were conducted, the Rambam taught this to us. The Rambam writes, "It is preferable for a person to increase gifts to the poor rather than expand the Purim feast or increase Mishloach Manos to friends, for there is no greater and more glorious joy than bringing joy to the hearts of the poor, the orphans, the widows, and the converts" (Hilchos Megillah 2:17). Many in our own community are struggling immensely. For them, Purim is a date on the calendar filled with hope, hope for a bit of help and relief.

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Please give generously. Do it for them and do it for yourself.

Please give more than you have given in the past. Make this Purim the happiest one you have ever experienced by doing something meaningful for the struggling families in our midst.

How to Give:

1. Check made out to Ohr Torah Rabbi's Tzedakah Fund, with Matanos L'Evyonim noted in the memo. You can hand it to me in shul, drop it off in the shul mailbox, or leave

it in the mailbox at our home: 612 South Park Ave, Highland Park.

2. Zelle sent to [payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com), noting Matanos L'Evyonim in the memo.

3. Credit card : <https://ohrtorah.net/matanos-laevyonim>  
Tizku L'mitzvos!

With much admiration and appreciation,  
Rabbi Sarel Malitzky

### **OT SISTERHOOD MISHLOACH MANOT**

For all members following the morning of Megilla reading.

The cost to send to the entire Shul is \$180. Please submit payment via Venmo:

@OTSisterhood

Kindly provide your name as you would like it to appear on the name scroll. Or mail a check to: Ohr Torah Sisterhood

Liz Kemeny 17 Harrison Ave Highland Park, NJ 08904

### **MAHJ NIGHT OUT FOR PEACE OF MIND**

Peace of Mind works with groups 15-20 IDF veterans who served together in a high-risk combat unit. For a week, they are hosted by a Jewish community where, led by two therapists, they process their combat experiences. This event will be hosted this Sunday, Feb. 22th 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Grill House [120 Raritan Ave. Highland Park](https://www.google.com/maps/place/120+Raritan+Ave,+Highland+Park,+NJ+08904/@40.7111111,-74.3833333,15z). To attend and participate its \$50 per player with payment options when you RSVP. Please RSVP at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/587c55st>

PRIZES FOR GAME WINNERS! Sponsorships available! \$250, \$360 and \$500. For info, contact Rosanne Koenigson

[rkoenigson@gmail.com](mailto:rkoenigson@gmail.com) or 732-735-8196

### **COMMUNITY SHAMOS DRIVE**

There will be a community Shamos drive at Congregation Ohr Torah Sunday, March 8, from am to 6:30 pm. Cost is \$35 per large bag. Payment in cash or by checks made out to Congregation Ohr Torah please.

### **GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS**

#### **NITZA AND RUSSELL ADLER**

Russell and Nitza Adler have been proud members of the Ohr Torah community since moving to Edison in 1989. Russell, originally from Cherry Hill, is a partner in Faegre Drinker's Private Client department, where he practices Trusts and Estates and Elder Law. His clients include individuals, families, and even the Administrator General of the State of Israel. Nitza, who grew up in Brooklyn, is a beloved Limudei Kodesh teacher at RPRY, teaching Upper Elementary and Middle School girls.

They joined Ohr Torah shortly after arriving in town, and their deep involvement has grown alongside their growing family. Their daughter Shoshana teaches at RPRY, and is married to Jordan Kaplan, Chief of Staff to the CFO at S&P. Their son Rafi serves as Executive Director of the Rabbinical Seminary of America and is married to Sarah, a fourth-grade boys' teacher at Yeshiva Darchei Torah in Far Rockaway.

Their son Ariel is an associate at Cleary

Gottlieb specializing in Executive Compensation, and is married to Ratzel, a registered dietitian at Flushing Hospital. Their son Yair learns in Kollel and is married to Rivka, a clinical social worker for Ohel and Hamaspiik. Their youngest, Adina, is a Limudei Kodesh teacher and lives in Yerushalayim with her husband Ovadia Yaish, who is learning at the Mir during their Shana Rishona.

Russell and Nitza are passionate about Torah, travel, and time with family. Russell is an avid Daf Yomi learner (currently in his third cycle), working toward his seventh Semichas Chaver certificate, and is known for his Type A vacation itineraries, which he gladly shares with others. He also enjoys playing and watching sports—though he's still working on lowering his "passionate kavanah" during the games. Nitza enjoys reading, cooking, and studying languages, and recently completed her second Nach Yomi cycle. She's also quite experienced in managing her husband's sports enthusiasm. Together, they bring warmth, passion, and a love of learning to the Ohr Torah family.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BIKUR CHOLIM MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY**

A well know man from the community is looking for visitors at the Regency in Somerset. If you can help and visit him please reach out to Cindy Baruch for more details at 908-309-8818.

#### **OE PURIM COSTUME GEMACH**

The 19th Annual OE Purim Costume Gemach will continue Sunday Feb 22nd 10am - 4pm. \$5 suggested donation per costume borrowed. All proceeds benefit the OE Youth Dept activities. For info email [oeostumegemach@gmail.com](mailto:oeostumegemach@gmail.com)

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

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 request cards, contact Lani Eisner at 732.572.1087, Shoshana Diskind at 732.572.7755, or Tova Josefovitz at 732.801.6526 or e-mail your request to [thekinderfund@gmail.com](mailto:thekinderfund@gmail.com).

### **EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY LECTURE**

#### **MARCH 15**

Exclusive Community Lecture – March 15 at The Young Israel of East Brunswick!

Join us for a powerful and eye-opening evening featuring Lt. Col. (Res.) "Abu Daoud," an Israeli intelligence commander with over 20 years of experience in Israel's most secretive defense organizations, including the IDF and Shin Bet (Shabak).

This rare presentation, "The Hidden Side of the War: Inside Agent Recruitment & Terrorist Interrogation," will offer an inside look at how Israeli intelligence operations have saved countless lives and helped shape key battles in the Gaza Strip.

This is a unique opportunity to hear firsthand insights into the ongoing war on terror from someone who has lived it on the front lines. Sunday Night, March 15th at 7:30 PM Security will be provided.

RSVP required to receive confirmation

RSVP: [learninginstitute@yieb.org](mailto:learninginstitute@yieb.org)

For questions, please reach out to Rivka Sonts at 347-598-9448.

### **PRE-PESACH POP-UP**

Hat Sale and the Cheese Guy—Monday March 9th 7pm-10pm. Cong Ohav Emeth - 415 Raritan Avenue Get something new for Yom Tov with Hedy's Hats—Hats, Fascinators, Berets, Scarves ... and more

The Cheese guy will be offering a tasting and selling his Kosher for Passover specialty cheeses and Italian Balsamic Vinegar

### **LARGE PRINT HAGGADAHS AVAILABLE**

If you or someone you know needs a large print, braille, or audio format Haggadah this year, visit JBI's website at [www.JBILibrary.org/haggadah](http://www.JBILibrary.org/haggadah) or call JBI toll free at 1-800-999-6476 before March 18 and they will be happy to send you your Haggadah, completely free of charge. They have many different versions available—request yours today!

### **DR. PRESBY'S SHUR**

DR PRESBY Continues to give beautiful Shiurim. On Shabbos at 4 o'clock at his home on Lincoln Avenue, and Tuesday night at his home at 8 PM.

### **ISRAELI DANCE CLASS**

Israeli dance is open to all women of the community in Ohr Torah's social hall on alternating Wednesday nights from 8-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach old and new dances. Our next class dates are: March 4 and March 18. For more info, email [naomi.caplan@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.caplan@gmail.com)

### **NORPAC 2026 –**

### **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 Wednesday, May 13, 2026, as we travel to Washington, DC. On a single-day trip, you will be meeting with Members of Congress and their staff and share your concerns with them about Iran, antisemitism, security cooperation and more. Help us make a difference once again!

Buses will be leaving for Washington DC from our area 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 \$250. Full time Students - \$125 (must be over 12. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a Parent or a legal guardian) For more info, contact David Moskovic, Steve Stein

### **RABBI DR. BERNHARD ROSENBERG**

To view the updated *Rosenberg English Holocaust Haggadah*, please copy and paste the following link into your Browser's address bar: <https://holocausthaggadah.com/> Rosenberg English Holocaust Haggadah For Passover: Holocaust Poems and Essays to Supplement the Seder

*Rosenberg English Holocaust Haggadah for Passover* is an exceptional publication that offers an easy to follow format completely in English for you to share with your family and friends for the Passover seder night.

*Rosenberg English Holocaust Haggadah for Passover* is a great tribute to the holocaust survivors which offers a unique compilation of stories, essays, articles and poems from holocaust survivors and their children and grandchildren.

### **SH'NAINU SHIDDUCH**

Sh'nainu Shidduch Group of Edison & HP is a volunteer shidduch group that assists Orthodox Jewish singles, of all ages and hashkafot. We would like to get to know you Please reach out to us via email. Info/to submit your profile email: [shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com](mailto:shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com) Thank you.

### **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](mailto:womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com)

**Weekly Parsha shiur:** Mrs. Miri Cohen Tues mornings 9:15AM. 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 OT. Text Nechama 347-909-2755 to confirm.

**Emunah Chaburah:** monthly shiur by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe 1st Tues 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](http://mikvahcloud.com) for hours. Comments and questions, [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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) Questions 732 572 7181

### **SUBSCRIBE TO Ohr Torah emails:**

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

**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 Etz Chayim Tree, submit your order at <https://ohrtorah.net/tree-of-life> or <https://ohrtorah.net/yahrzeit-plaque>.

For more info, email [plaques@ohrtorah.net](mailto:plaques@ohrtorah.net).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith [ludjeeu@gmail.com](mailto:ludjeeu@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

**KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS :**Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7 AM-8 PM.

**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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto: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](mailto:hperuv+subscribe@groups.io).

**X:** This is our official notification channel. Follow @hp\_ervu 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](mailto:david@weintraub.name)

### **Parshat Tetzaveh / Parshat Zacho8**

Candlelighting	5:28 PM
Mincha-Maariv	5:35 PM

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