



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**Parshat Ki Tisa/Parah**

**Adar 18 5786**

**March 7, 2026**

**Candlelighting:** 5:36 PM  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:** 5:45 PM (MS)  
**Shacharis:** 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)  
*Hashkama Speaker: Yosef Schreiber*  
*YFM Speaker:*  
 Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur*  
 4:40 PM

**Mincha (MS):** 1:45, 5:30 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker:* Rabbi Tzvi Hoff

**Maariv** 6:41 PM

**Shabbos Ends:** 6:46 PM

*Note daylight savings time starts Sunday morning*

**Weekday Shacharis:**

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

*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Iyun Shiur*

*After 7:15 Shacharis*

**Mon. Thu. 6:19 (Mo), 6:15 (Th), 7:05, 8 AM**

*Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:26 Mo, 6:22 Th*

**Tue, Wed. ,Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 .AM**

*There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every*

*Friday*

**Weekday Mincha/Maariv** 6:45 PM

**Early Mincha (Sun.)** 1:45 PM

**Maariv:** 10:10 PM

*Note end of 7:30 Maariv for season*

**DAF YOMI**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SCHEDULE**

Monday–Thurs after Zman Mincha-Maariv

Friday: after earliest Kabolas Shabbos

Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha

Sunday: after 8 AM Shacharis

**HASHKAMA KIDDUSH**

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Karen & Yoel Schwartz, in memory of Yoel's mother, Chana Naomi bas Elchanan, A"H, and to wish a Tzaischem L'shalom to Yoel's father, Irving Schwartz, who will be making Aliyah in the coming weeks.

**KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

-Honey and Max Wisotsky to commemorate the Yahrtzeit Of Honey's mother Rose, Rachel bas Moshe A"H,

-Susie and Barry Wolf To commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Barry's mother חיה ראכל בת משה ועליג. Rae Wolf A"H.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Faigie and Rabbi Luban to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Rabbi Luban's mother Penina, Chaya Perl bas Nachman A"H and Faigie's father, Eliyahu ben Shaul Yechezkal Z"L.

**747 SHIUR**

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

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Melissa and Leor Jerushalmy on the engagement of their son Jake to Jessica Alexander. Mazel Tov to Jessica's parents Andrea and Robert Alexander, to Jake's grandparents Etta and Edward Levine and Israel Jerushalmy and to Jake's brothers Avi and Noah.

...to Linda and Hillel Cohen on the engagement of their daughter Ariella to Avraham Treiger of Seattle.

...to Maggie and Fishel Brooks on the birth of a grandson to their children, Libbie and Rabbi Barak Bader. Mazel Tov to the entire family. The Shalom Zachor will be at the Brooks house at 345 N. 5th Ave from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

...to Lois Goldsmith and Mair and Yehudis Wolofsky on the birth of a granddaughter Sari, a daughter born to their children Sammy and Racheli Goldsmith. Mazel Tov to big sister Tammy and big brothers Zevi and Moshe, and to all of the aunts, uncles and cousins.

**PARSHA POWER**

This Shabbos is our last Parsha Power of the year! We thank all of the children for coming to Shul each Friday night and for making our Shul lively and energetic!

**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 Bchalav

**CHUMASH SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN**

**9 AM 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)

**CONDOLENCES**

We regret to inform you of the recent passing of Franklin Strauss, Shragai ben Yehuda. Franklin was the husband of Bella Strauss and father of Yehuda (and Esti), Yaakov (and Katia Porzecanski), Sheila, David (and Allie), Miriam (and Nir Ziegler), Daniel, Joshua (and Sapir), Deborah and Moshe.

In addition to his wife and 9 children he is survived by eight grandchildren: Eliana, Joseph, Na'ami, Rafael, Alessia, Chiara, Sofia and Celine.

Shiva will be observed until Monday morning, March 9 at 9:00 AM at the home of Yehuda and Esti Strauss, 905 Greenland Square Highland Park.

Davening times: Shacharis - 8AM

Mincha/Maariv - 6:45 PM Sunday

Visiting Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

and 6:30 PM-9:00 PM on Sunday.

*May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.*

**NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

A membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:30 PM.

The agenda will include voting on the 2026 budget and the Rabbinical Contract Renewal **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, March 8 (NOTE NEW DATE) 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+08821). 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 9am to 6:30 pm. Cost is \$35 per large bag. Payment in cash or by checks made out to Congregation Ohr Torah please.

**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**

## **OHR TORAH**

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

#### **HARRY AND DALYA CHEFITZ**

Harry and Dalya Chefitz have deep roots in the Highland Park/Edison community. Harry moved here in 1985 from Brookline, Massachusetts, while Dalya was born and raised locally and even davened as a child at the "branch" of Ahavas Achim that later became Ohr Torah. They first met at a kiddush at Ohav Emeth during Harry's very first Shabbos in town, and they joined Ohr Torah in the 1990's when the walk to Ahavas Achim became too difficult.

Harry grew up in Newton and Brookline, MA, and worked at Bell Labs in the AI department long before anyone ever heard of artificial intelligence. He later pursued photography professionally, and he has since passed the business on to his daughter, Nava Tehila, who is now a professional photographer. Dalya is a pediatrician and pediatric hospital medicine specialist, serving as a professor and Director of the Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Their children Leora and Ezra Spero live in Cleveland, with their children Tova Malka, Natan Raphael, and Liat Bracha; Ezra and Sara Mann reside in Pittsburgh with their daughter Ayelet Carmel; and Nava and Adam Gluck live right here in Highland Park. Harry enjoys horology, studying photography, and shteiging with Reb Sruly Bornstein, and he can often be found at the Hashkama minyan hosting a kiddush to celebrate yet another Boston sports team championship. Dalya jokes that she works too hard to have a hobby, but she is open to suggestions upon her retirement.

Harry often says he owes his life to this community's Tehillim, which were said on his behalf when he underwent life saving brain surgery 32 years ago to remove a cavernous malformation in his brain stem. With great Chasdei Hashem, he continues to improve REACH OUT:

Harry: 732-819-4979 [Harry@chefitz.org](mailto:Harry@chefitz.org)

Dalya: 732-819-4979 [Harry@chefitz.org](mailto:Harry@chefitz.org)

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **TEACH NJ**

MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 8PM Doors open 7:15pm  
Yeshivat Frisch 120 West Century Rd Paramus NJ  
Don't miss No Laughing Matter - a night of comedy with Ami Kozak, Eli Lebowicz & Elon Altman supporting Jewish education AND our shuls in NJ. Good laughs, good food and for a good cause RSVP [teachcoalition.org/comedy](http://teachcoalition.org/comedy)

##### **RPRY PLUS RESIN CRAFT NIGHT**

Please join RPRY PLUS Sunday, March 22 at 8:30 PM, at RPRY to make a resin Seder Plate, Mezuzah Case and/or Bud Vase! Seder Plate: \$50  
Mezuzah Case: \$30 Bud Vase: \$38  
Bundles are also available! Deadline to order is Thursday 3/5 at 9PM, to ensure supplies are ready for the event To reserve your spot, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/RPRYPLUSResin26>

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **ADVANCING HAREDI INTEGRATION: THE WORK OF ISRAEL SCI-TECH SCHOOLS**

Join The Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley this Saturday night, March 7 at 8pm via Zoom, with Dar Nadler, Executive Dir, Friends of Israel Sci-Tech Schools, on the topic, "Advancing Haredi Integration: The Work of Israel Sci-Tech Schools".

Dar Nadler is Exec. Dir of Friends of Israel Sci-Tech Schools. Previously, Ms. Nadler was the Jewish National Fund's Israel Emissary in New England and the Capital District of NY. While in Israel, she was CEO of Blue White Future, a prominent Israeli political NGO, established and led by the former head of the Shin Bet. She also served as a senior advisor at the Israeli Ministry of Defense, during Prime Minister Ehud Barak's tenure.

Israel Sci-Tech Schools is Israel's largest educational network. A leader in science and technology education for decades, their mission is to provide equal opportunities for all Israeli youth, regardless of gender, religion, or socio-economic background. Through a comprehensive iSTEAM curriculum that integrates innovation, science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, students gain the values, skills, knowledge, and expertise needed to lead a resilient, inclusive, and economically strong Israeli society.

The talk can be viewed online using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/43bycadm>. For info about the Jewish Community Forum of Raritan Valley go to [www.jcforumrv.org](http://www.jcforumrv.org).

#### **EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY LECTURE MARCH 15**

Exclusive Community Lecture – March 15 at 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. Sun Night, March 15th at 7:30 PM Security will be provided. RSVP required to receive confirmation RSVP: [learninginstitute@vieb.org](mailto:learninginstitute@vieb.org) For questions, reach out to Rivka Sonts at 347-598-9448.

#### **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, free of charge. They have many different versions available—request yours today!

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Ahavas Achim Blood Drive this Sun, March 8 from 9AM to 3PM in the Downstairs Social Hall. Appointments recommended! Walk-ins are welcome if capacity permits. For appt, register at: [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/329464](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/329464). Please bring photo ID. Eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating blood!

#### **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 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 Wednesday, May 13, 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 Marc Hanfling, David Moskovic, Meyer Berg, Barry Wolf

#### **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.

#### **RPRY PLUS PAPER GOOD/TABLE SETTING SALE**

Just in time for Pesach, RPRY PLUS is so excited to partner with Yom Tov Settings for all your table setting and preparation needs! With our affiliate link you get 12% off your order and shipping is always free! Please feel free to share the link with your family and friends! To take advantage, please visit: <https://yomtovsettings.com/rpryplus>

#### **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.

#### **OHAV EMETH PRE PESACH BOUTIQUE**

Pre Pesach Pop Up Boutique - Monday March 9th, from 7pm - 9:30pm, Ohav Emeth will be having 2 special vendors : Hedy's Hats and The Cheese Guy. Come try and buy hats, berets, fascinators, scarves and more! The Cheese Guy will be offering a tasting and selling his Kosher for Passover specialty cheeses and Italian Balsamic Vinegar. He will also be bringing his new French Truffle Brie which isn't available in stores. Come & enjoy!

#### **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.

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

**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](http://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:**

--**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](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 [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeju@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\_erv 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 Vayakhel-Pekudei – Parshat HaChodesh**

Candlelighting	6:44 PM
Mincha-Maariv	6:50 PM

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