



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei/Hachodesh/Mevarchim Adar 25 5786

March 14, 2026

Candlelighting:	6:44 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	6:50 PM (MS)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: R. Gershon Klavan</i>	
<i>YFM Speaker: Rav Yitzchak Amsel (Kollei)</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	10:08 AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur</i>	
<i>Cancelled this week</i>	
Mincha (MS):	1:45, 6:35 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Hillel Kaperstein</i>	
Maariv	7:48 PM
Shabbos Ends:	7:53 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur</i>	
<i>After 7:15 Shacharis</i>	
Mon	6:15, 7:05, 8 AM
Tue, Wed., Fri.	6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Thu. (Rosh Chodesh)	6:10, 6:50 & 8 AM
<i>Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:14 Mo, 6:09 Th</i>	
There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every Friday	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv	6:55 PM
Early Mincha (Sun.)	1:45 PM
Late Maariv:	10:10 PM

DAF YOMI 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 Tzippy and Josh Rapps and family to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of their sister, Tehila Rapps Guttman A'H. A brief Shiur will follow Kiddush L'Ilyu Nishmas Tzirel Tilla Bas HaRav Moshe A'H.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being co-sponsored by:
 - Hannah and Yacov Farkas in celebration of their daughter Emma's Bas Mitzvah.
 - Bracha and Mayer Berg in celebration of their son Eli's Aufruf.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is being sponsored by the grandparents of Eli Berg in honor of his Aufruf this Shabbos and forthcoming marriage to Rina Wolovitz

MUSICAL HAVDALAH

This Motzei Shabbos March 14th at approximately 8:00pm in the Main Sanctuary of Congregation Ohr Torah there will be a musical Havdalah led by Srulee Hercman, Judah Elbaum, Arnie Brown and Rabbi Avi Bodlander. This is in honor of the Aufruf of Eli Berg, the Bat Mitzvah of Emma Farkas and Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nisan.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy and Malka and Avi Deitsch on the birth of a grandson, a son born to their children Michal and Moshe Slepoy. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents, Bea Slepoy, Zahava Deitsch and Ira and Adela Berman, and all the aunts, uncles, great aunts & uncles and cousins.

...to Bracha and Mayer Berg on the Aufruf this Shabbos of their son Eli and his forthcoming marriage to Rina Wolovitz of Cleveland, OH. Mazel Tov to Eli's sister Shani and brothers Yoni and Eytan, to Rina's parents Dr. Brian and Gill Wolovitz and to Eli's grandparents Dr. Jeffrey and Evelyn Berg and Anna and Charles Plittman and to all the aunts, uncles and cousins and extended Berg, Plittman and Wolovitz families.

... to Naomi and Josh Caplan on the birth of a son to their children, Ariel and Ariella Caplan of Ariel, Israel. Mazel Tov to sisters Emunah, Tehillah and Shalhevet.

... to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Malka, born to their grandchildren Temima and Avromy Goldschmidt of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Eli and Adina Gersten of Passaic, to the big sister Kayla, and to all of her aunts, uncles and cousins.

....to Hannah and Yacov Farkas on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Emma, Mazel Tov to Emma's siblings Charlie and Naomi, grandparents Steven & Bonnie Farkas, Dr. Robert & Donna Moskowitz, Joseph & Jean Chornock, and to all of the aunts, uncles and cousins.

747 SHIUR

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

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!

MECHIRAS CHAMETZ

Starting Sunday morning, I will begin selling chametz after the various minyanim (Shacharis and Mincha/Maariv during the week), with the exception of nights when there are weddings, and Baruch Hashem there are quite a few coming up. Forms will be available in the bins in the back of the shul and can also be accessed here: <https://www.ohrtorah.net/downloads/d>

[ocuments/MechirasChametz form 2026.pdf](#) .

If you prefer a different time, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Avi and Mirav Hollander joined the Highland Park/Edison community last summer and became members of Congregation Ohr Torah this past fall. Avi grew up in Boston, and Mirav in Memphis, and they moved to the area from Columbus, Ohio as they began settling their young family in the community. Avi is a software engineer, and Mirav graduated from Ohio State with a degree in financial planning, and she is currently a stay at home mom. Avi enjoys playing frisbee, bowling, and anything that brings a bit of an adrenaline rush, including roller coasters and skiing, while Mirav enjoys discovering new coffee shops and reading thriller novels. They are the proud parents of Nava (5) and Mo (3), who attend YST, and Meira (1), who is at home. Avi and Mirav are excited to be part of the Ohr Torah community and look forward to getting to know everyone.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI REISMAN AT KHAL CHASIDIM

Rabbi Eli Reisman will be speaking for men and women on The Rabbi's Role In A Wedding. It will be on Shabbos day, March 14th, Parshas Vayakel-Pekudei, at 5:15 pm at Khal Chassidim, 46 N. 8th Avenue. Topics will include: Pre wedding checklists, Tricks of the trade, Who's really in charge, the Rabbi, the caterer, or the

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

photographer? For more information contact Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

TEACH NJ

MARCH 15TH 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

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!

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@yieb.org For questions, reach out to Rivka Sonts at 347-598-9448.

YOM HASHOAH 2026

Ohr Torah is honored to have Rabbi Steven Weil as our Yom Hashoah speaker this year on the topic of "The Destruction and Legacy of Europe's Largest Jewish Community"

Monday April 13, 8 pm

Rabbi Weil is a well known, knowledgeable and popular speaker. After many years as a pulpit rabbi, senior managing director of the OU and CEO of the FIDF organization he has returned to the OU as Senior Director and Ambassador . Become a sponsor \$18 /family. To be listed contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com.

OE SISTERHOOD PRESNETS

OE Nshei Sisterhood presents "Partnering with Hashem in Redemption". A shiur by popular lecturer and educator, Mrs. Amy Tropp. Sunday, March 15 – 8pm. Congregation Ohav Emeth main sanctuary. In memory of Tzipa bas Moshe. RSVP to nshei-oe@ohavemeth.org. For women and post-sem girls.

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 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! 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

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 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

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 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

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 for hours. Comments and questions, 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)

Questions 732 572 7181

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--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 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.

HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith luddeiu@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, 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_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

Parshat Vayikra

Candlelighting 6:51 PM

Mincha-Maariv 7:00 PM

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