



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements



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Parshat Tzav/Hagadol

Nisan 10, 5786

March 28, 2026

Candlelighting:	6:59 PM
Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos:	7:05 PM (MS)
Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS), 9:15 (YFM)	
<i>Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Rapps</i>	
Sof Zman Krias Shma:	9:55 AM
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur cancelled this week</i>	
Mincha (MS):	1:45, 6:25 PM
Followed by Shabbos Hagadol Drasha	
<i>No Shalosh Seudos in Shul</i>	
Maariv	8:03 PM
Shabbos Ends:	8:08 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Be'Yun Shiur</i>	
<i>Cancelled until after Yom Tov</i>	
Mon,	6:15, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Tue	6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Wed.	6:30, 7:10, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
followed by Siyum after each minyan	
<i>Last Time to eat Chametz: 10:30 AM</i>	
<i>Bitul Chametz before: 11:48 AM</i>	
<i>Candle Lighting: 7:04 PM (don't forget Eruv Tavshilin)</i>	
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv	7:10 PM
Late Maariv:	10:10 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE	
Monday–Thurs after Zman Mincha-Maariv	
Friday: after earliest Kabbolas Shabbos	
Shabbos: 45 minutes before Mincha	
Sunday: after 8 AM Shacharis	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Bella and Henry Lerner to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Henry's mother, Ahuva Liba bat Matisyahu HaCohen and Bella's mother, Peninah Peral bat Shlomo.

SIYUM

We are looking for someone to make a Siyum after the first Minyan on Wednesday. Please reach out to the Gabbaim if you are able to make a Siyum for the Shul.

YOUTH GROUPS

- Get ready for Seder Night with OT's Annual Passoverlympics March 29 1:00-3:00pm for 1st-5th graders. Lunch Included. Reach out to Shaina & Tzvi Berke with any questions

-There will be NO Youth Groups during the first days of Pesach. Youth Groups will resume for Chol Hamoed and the last days of Pesach.

747 SHIUR

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

CHUMASH SHIUR

Cancelled this week.

MAZEL TOV

...to Penina and Asaf Shmuel on the engagement of their daughter Tamar to Daniel Dresdner from Teaneck New Jersey. Mazel Tov to Daniels parents, Shoshana & Mark Dresdner, to the great grandparents Sherry & Bernie Perlowitz, Michal & Avner Shmuel and the entire Dresdner and Shmuel family.

...to Susie and Moshe Wiesel on the engagement of their granddaughter Riki Posner to Daniel Becker of Teaneck. Mazel Tov to Riki's parents, Tzippi and Josh Posner of Woodmere, and to all of her siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

...to Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents are Rachel and Yisrael Feld of Ramot, Yerushalyim and the baby's siblings are Yakira, Orly, Eyli, and Amitai.

... Elie and Awi Salomon on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Adela. Mazel Tov to Adela's siblings Jack, Gabie and Natie, grandparents Haren and Mel Haller and Rachel and Benny Salomon and to the entire family.

SHABBOS HAGADOL DRASHA

I am excited to invite you to join me for my annual Shabbos HaGadol drasha, which will take place after Mincha this Shabbos afternoon. The topic is *A Night of Song: The Secret of Hallel at the Seder*, and I am very much looking forward to learning together.

MECHIRAS CHAMETZ

I will be selling Chametz after the various Minyanim (Shacharis and Mincha/Maariv during the week). Forms will be available in the bins in the back of the shul and can also be accessed here: https://www.ohrtorah.net/downloads/documents/MechirasChametz_form_2026.pdf. If you prefer a different time, please do not hesitate to reach out.

YOM HASHOA 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 or Neer Even-Hen.

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: April 15, 29, May 6, 20, June 16, 24. For more info,

email naomi.caplan@gmail.com

PRE-PESACH WASTE DISPOSAL

For Edison Residents: Kehilla of Raritan Valley has B'H once again arranged for Biyur Chametz and Pesach Waste Disposal in Edison on Wednesday, April 1st. Garbage, recycle trucks and chametz burning will be available at the corner of North Eighth Avenue & Edgemount Road (Rivkin Courts) from 7:00-11:30 a.m. this Wednesday, April 1st. Please limit chametz burning to what is ritually necessary and note that, per the DPW, this accommodation is for Edison residents only. A Special Thank You to: - Edison Mayor, Sam Joshi - Edison Councilman, Asaf Shmuel - Edison Police Chief, Thomas Bryan - Edison Fire Chief, Andrew Toth - Edison Deputy Chief of Police, Robert J. Dudash Jr. - Tony Acosta, Director of Edison Department of Public Works

For Highland Park Residents: From the Borough: A Chometz disposal drop-off service is offered for any resident to drop off garbage and recycling materials before Passover (Wednesday, April 1st, 2026). Chometz disposal will be offered during the hours of 6:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. at the Department of Public Works building, 444 Valentine Street in Highland Park. For additional information, call: (732) 247-9379

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Matt Hale and Carrie Mitnick
Carrie Mitnick and Matt Hale recently became full members of Congregation Ohr Torah after beginning as associate members approximately two years ago. Carrie is a third generation Highland Parker, living just down the block from where she grew up, and even back to back with her parents. Matt, a relative newcomer, arrived in Highland Park in 2003 from Southern California. Carrie graduated from RPRY, while Matt grew up in Vermont and later in California. Carrie is an attorney for the Federal Reserve, specializing in employee benefits, and she previously worked for the New Jersey

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

Senate. Matt is a professor of political science at Seton Hall University, focusing on New Jersey politics. Their children are spread across the country: Eva is a First Lieutenant and logistician in the United States Army based in Colorado Springs, Zach is a junior majoring in engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, and David is a seventh grader at Kushner, where he was recently elected middle school treasurer.

Carrie and Matt both enjoy rooting for the University of Michigan, an alma mater shared by Carrie, her father Stuart, her brother Josh, her daughter Eva, and many other family members. They enjoy traveling, especially to the beach, and spending time with friends. Matt plays competitive baseball and tennis, while Carrie is a fierce player of Rummikub and Codenames.

Matt also serves the broader community as an elected Highland Park borough council member, and he chairs the economic development committee. He is also president of the board of Yeshivat Netivot Montessori in East Brunswick. Carrie and Matt will be honored at the Netivot Gala dinner this year on May 3rd.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE – WOMEN’S COMEDY NIGHT

Attention women of Edison/Highland Park! Join us for a fun and uplifting women’s-only comedy night featuring Zeya Comedy on Sunday, May 17 at 7:00 PM. Enjoy an evening of laughter while supporting the Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah. More details to follow!

RPRY PLUS RESIN CRAFT NIGHT

The Humble Toast and La Cucina are coming to Highland Park. Sunday 3/29 The Humble Toast (Deadline to order is 3/29 at 12PM). Monday 3/30 La Cucina (Deadline to order is 3/30 at 12PM) Pick up for both is at 901 South Park Ave, Highland Park, NJ from 5:00-5:30 PM. Pre-Order Online Only

1. go to www.thehumbletoast.com or www.LCDNAVA.com and click online ordering.
2. Select Pick up Tab and select Schedule for later and schedule date for 3/29 (Humble Toast) or 3/30 (La Cucina) and time 12PM
3. "Start Order"
4. Once Completed, please check out as a guest, and input "RPRY" as your first name and your own last name for the last name.

NETIVOT

Join us at "Cornerstones: Netivot's Gala" Dinner on Sunday, May 3, honoring Matt Hale and Carrie Mitnick, and Herman and Edith Itzkowitz. 6:00 p.m. cocktail hour, 7:00 p.m. dinner, 511 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ. Place your ad and book your tickets at mynetivot.com/gala.

KITTEL GEMACH

Kittel gemach available. If you – or someone you know -- needs to borrow a kittel, please call Lee Ann Schein at 732-208-1862. Four sizes are available. Kittel gemach is in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY LECTURE

Exclusive Community Lecture – Rescheduled to June 21st at 7pm due to the Iran war.

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.

Saturday Night, June 21st. Security will be provided. RSVP required to receive confirmation RSVP: learninginstitute@vieb.org

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! riteicher@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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KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net

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 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, 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 Shemini	
Candlelighting	7:13 PM
Mincha-Maariv	7:20 PM

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