



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements



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**PESACH 5786/Parshat Shemini**

**Nisan 14 -24, 5786**

**April 1 - 11, 2026**

### PESACH SCHEDULE 5786/ 2026

#### **Wednesday April 1/Erev Pesach**

**Shacharis: 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 & 9AM**

followed by Siyum after each Minyan

*Last Time to eat Chametz: 10:30 AM*

*Bitul Chametz before: 11:48 AM*

**Candle Lighting: 7:04 PM (don't forget Eruv Tavshilin)**

**Mincha: 7:10 PM**

*Shiur: Rav Malitzky*

**Maariv: 7:50 PM**

**Begin Seder not before: 8:12 PM**

**Chatzos: 1:02 AM**

#### **First Day Pesach (Thursday April 2)**

**Shacharis: 8:15 (SH) & 9:15 AM (Main & Teen)**

*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Josh Cypess*

*Shiur for Bachurim in YFM-*

*6:30 PM by R.Netanel Kramer*

**Mincha: 7:05 PM**

*Shiur: Rav Rafi Kreitman*

**Maariv: 7:50 PM**

**Candle Lighting & all Seder preparations not before: 8:13 PM**

**Chatzos: 1:01 AM**

#### **Second Day Pesach (Friday April 3)**

**Shacharis: 8:15 (SH) & 9:15 AM (Main & Teen)**

*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Yosef Kasorla*

*(Assistant Rav Boca Raton Synagogue)*

**Early Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:30 PM (Social Hall)**

**Candle Lighting: 7:06 PM**

**Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos: 7:10 PM (Main Shul)**

#### **Shabbos Chol Hamoed Pesach (April 4)**

**Shacharis: 7:45 AM (SH), 9:00 AM (MS) & 9:15 AM (YFM & Teen Minyan),**

*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky*

**Early Mincha: 1:45 AM**

*-Eat Shalosh Seudos at home*

*-Shiur for men and women- 6:15 PM by Rav Malitzky- When the Wicked Fall: May We Rejoice?*

*From Mitzrayim and Amalek to Nasrallah and Khamenei*

*-Shiur for Bachurim in YFM- 6:20 PM by Rav Rafi Kreitman*

**Mincha: 7:00 PM**

*Shiur: R. Yair Caplan*

**Maariv: 8:10 PM**

**Shabbos Ends: 8:15 PM**

*Havdalah is a full/regular Havdalah*

#### **Chol Hamoed Pesach (Sun-Tues, Apr.5-7)**

**Shacharis: Sunday 7:00 AM (Main Shul),**

**8:00 AM (Social Hall) & 9:00AM (Main Shul)**

**Shacharis: Mon-Tues 6:10 AM & 8:00 AM**

**(Main Shul), 6:50 AM &**

**9:00 AM (Social Hall)**

**Slow Shacharis: 9:00 AM (YFM) (Sun-Tues)**

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

**Mincha/Maariv: 7:15 PM (Sun-Mon)**

**Late Maariv: 10:10 PM (Sun-Mon)**

#### **Seventh Day Pesach (Tues-Wed. Apr 7-8)**

**Candlelighting: 7:10 PM**

**Mincha: 7:15 PM**

*Shiur: Rabbi Joel Bloom*

**Maariv: 7:50 PM**

**Shacharis: 7:45 AM (SH), 9:00 AM (MS) & 9:15 AM (YFM and Teen)**

*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Yehuda Levy*

**Mincha: 7:15 PM**

*Shiur: Rav Shmuel Belsh*

**Maariv: 7:50 PM**

**Candle Lighting Not Before: 8:20PM**

#### **Eighth Day Pesach (Thurs Apr 9)**

**Shacharis: 7:45 AM (SH), 9:00 AM (MS) & 9:15 AM (YFM and Teen Minyan)**

*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky*

*Yizkor not before 8:30AM, 10:30AM*

*Shiur for Bachurim 6:25 PM in YFM –*

*R. Jo Kaufman*

**Mincha: 7:05 PM**

**Neilas Hachag (Social Hall) (Divrei Torah, Nigunim and Good Food!)**

**Maariv: 8:16 PM**

**Yom Tov ends: 8:21 PM**

*Havdalah is only Borei P'ri HaGafen and Hamavdil*

*Do not use sold chametz before: 9:45 PM*

#### **Isru Chag/ Shabbos (Friday – Shabbos Apr 10-11)**

**Shacharis: 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 & 9 AM**

### NE'ILAS HACHAG

For the first time, we will be hosting a Ne'ilas HaChag between Mincha and Maariv on the last day of Pesach.

Many have a tradition to mark the conclusion of each of the Shalosh Regalim with a Ne'ilas HaChag, a gathering with food, drink, singing, and shared divrei Torah.

Join us as we sing niggunim, share words of Torah, and draw chizuk as we savor the final moments of Pesach and carry its inspiration with us beyond the Chag. This is also the final opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of eating matzah for the year, which the Gra considers a mitzvah throughout Pesach, and a time associated with the Baal Shem Tov's Seudas Moshich.

We hope you will join us for a beautiful and inspiring way to close what promises to be a very special Pesach in the shul.

We are looking for a few sponsors at \$54 each to help make this event meaningful and uplifting. Please reach out to Rabbi Malitzky if you are interested.

### YOUTH GROUPS

-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.

### SHABBOS PARSHAS SHEMINI

**Candlelighting: 7:13 PM**

**Pre-Plag Mincha 5:45 PM**

**Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos: 6:45(SH), 7:20(MS) PM**

**Shacharis: 7:45 (SH), 9:00 (MS) , 9:15 (YFM)**

*Hashkama Speaker: Harry Chefetz*

*YFM Speaker:*

*Sof Zman Krias Shma: 9:41 AM*

*Note: No Kiddush in Shul this Shabbos*

*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zarah Shiur*

*cancelled this week*

**Mincha (MS): 1:45, 7:05 PM**

*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Dr Michael Eleff*

**Maariv 8:18 PM**

**Shabbos Ends: 8:23 PM**

**Weekday Shacharis:**

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

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

*Cancelled this week*

**Mon, Thu 6:15 , 7:05, 8 AM**

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

*There is an additional 9 AM Shacharis every*

*Friday*

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv 7:00 PM**

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

**Late Maariv: 10:10 PM**

### DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR PESACH

Thursday- 6:20

Friday -TBD

Shabbos-5:30

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos for Shabbos Parshat Shemini is sponsored by Nechama and Michael Samel to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Michael's mother Esther Malka bas Shimon, A"H.

### SEMICHAS CHAVER

The Semichas Chaver program will be starting a new topic after Pesach! Join us on Monday nights at 9pm, starting April 13, as we delve into kashrus halachos such as sinks, dishwashers, Yayin Nnesech, and many more. Please reach out to R' Yoni Goldberg 516-491-4982 with any questions.

### NIGHT SEDER- STARTING A NEW PEREK- FINISH AN AMAZING PEREK IN

### 4.5 WEEKS

Join us from 9:00-10:10 PM as we embark on an exciting journey through a daf a week of Gemara Berachos. Be part of a lively chevra, all learning the same material, and enjoy a weekly shiur on Thursday nights at 9:30 PM with R' Yoni Goldberg and Rabbi

**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**

Malitzky. Come whenever you can, as often as you can. We begin the 4th Perek, a fascinating and practical Perek on Monday night April 13th—don't miss it!

### **WEDNESDAY SHIUR FOR WOMEN**

Our shiur will iy'h resume on Wednesday April 22

### **747SHIUR**

Our 747 Shiur learning Va'ani Tefilla of Rav Moshe Wolfson will resume on Tuesday April 21st,

### **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 of the Yom Hashoah program - \$18 / family. Payment to Cong OT To be listed contact Marc Hanfling By whats app or email [Docdad@aol.com](mailto: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 Wed nights 8-9PM. This is a free session for all dance enthusiasts where multiple participants teach old and new dances. Class dates are: April 15, 29, May 6, 20, June 16, 24. For info, email [naomi.caplan@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.caplan@gmail.com)

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **NCSY SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE**

NCSY Six Flags Great Adventure & Safari Chol Hamoad Pesach. Sunday April 5th and Monday April 6th 1 Six Flags Blvd, Jackson Township NJ Park hours: 10:30 am—8pm | Safari Hours 10:am-4pm. Early Bird price through April 4th —Theme Park \$52, Day of Theme Park: \$57, Safari \$25, Parking : \$30.

Prices include 15% discount from NCSY. Use Coupon code COE10 to get additional 10% discount Tickets can be purchased at the gate or at [tristate.ncsy.org/six-flags](http://tristate.ncsy.org/six-flags)

Questions call 201-862-0250 or email [sixflags.ncsy.org](mailto:sixflags.ncsy.org) Group pricing call 973-634-3314 Kosher for Pesach food available for purchase on premises. NO OUTSIDE food allowed. The park will be open to the general public. Tickets are non-refundable and valid until August 30, 2026

#### **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 Sunday, May 17 at 7PM. Enjoy an evening of laughter while supporting the Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah. Details to follow!

### **NETIVOT**

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

### **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](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 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Security will be provided. RSVP required to receive confirmation RSVP: [learninginstitute@yieb.org](mailto:learninginstitute@yieb.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](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!

[riteicher@sharsheret.org](mailto: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](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)

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**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 Tazria-Metzorah**

Candlelighting	7:20 PM
Mincha-Maariv	7:30 PM

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