



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Chayei Sarah

22 Cheshvan 5774

October 26, 2013

Candlelighting: 5:45 PM
Mincha: 5:55 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 10:01 AM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur: 4:45 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 5:35 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Yitzchok Lieblich
Maariv: 6:45 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon., Thurs. 6:25, 7:05, 8 AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:29 Mon. 6:32 Thurs
Tues., Wed., Fri. 6:27, 7:10, 8 AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin:
 6:30 Tue, 6:31 Wed, 6:33 Fri
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:45 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
Monday 9:10 PM, Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM
Wednesday Night Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM
DAF YOMI
 Shabbos – One hour before Mincha. Sunday –
 After 8 AM Shacharis. Monday-Thursday – After
 7:30 PM Maariv. Friday – After Maariv.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for November 9th, 23rd & 30th and December 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: mbarenh@yahoo.com. To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER

To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: www.ohrtorah.net

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com or mschneider19@yahoo.com.

TREE OF LIFE and/or YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby EitzChayim Tree, please contact Moish Nat by sending a detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 during work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@optonline.net.

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING

Please see the Ohr Torah website, www.ohrtorah.net, for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a RefuahShleimah for members of our shul and community.

FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS

For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

E-MAIL LIST

To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

MAZEL TOV

...to Aliza and Binyamin Goldstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Efraim. Mazel Tov to siblings Avigail, Nate and Chavi and to the entire extended Weisfogel and Goldstein families.

...to Raquel and David Dessau on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Shayna. Mazel Tov to grandparents Ralph and Rochelle Dessau and Herman and Henie Frances of Toronto, to siblings Aleeza and Benji and the entire Dessau, Frances, Allen, Bachrach, Citron and Gersten families.

...to Juliet and Ira Krumholtz on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Chani to Dovid Roll. Mazel Tov to the entire Krumholtz and Roll families.

...to Leah and Harvey Paretzky on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos of their children Adina and Nate Miller. Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Seth Miller of Lakewood, Adina's siblings Rabbi Mordechai and Ruthie Paretzky, Shoshana, and the extended Paretzky and Miller families.

...to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the Shabbos Sheva Brachos of their children Sarah and Dov Banner. Mazel Tov to the entire Allen, Banner, Dessau, Piekarcz and Gersten families.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this Shabbos is being sponsored by Aliza and Binyamin Goldstein in honor of Efraim's Bar Mitzvah

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Lorraine and Ira Spiler, in memory of the Yahrzeit of Ira's father, Abraham Spiler, Avraham ben Simcha, Z"L.

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences to Marcia Freedman on the loss of her father, Mr. Chaim Hartman. Shiva will be observed at 144-30 75th Ave. Kew Gardens Hills, NY until Wednesday morning.

Shacharis - 7:00, Mincha - 5:45
Sunday Shacharis - 8:00 AM

Marcia will sit shiva at her home, 7 Marshall Drive in Edison, Motzei Shabbat only.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Jerusalem.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Membership Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 12 at 8:30 PM. On the Agenda will be a discussion and a vote on the chazzan for Yamim Noraim. Please

make every effort to attend this most important meeting.

OHR TORAH YOUTH DEPT NEWS

On Motzei Shabbat November 9th starting at 6:45 PM until 8 PM at Cong Ohr Torah, the Youth Department will have a fun pre-Chanukah dance program for girls in grades 1 thru 5. For girls, Marla Rottenstreich will lead your girls in Zumba and Line Dancing with lively music and other surprises. In addition we will have a Make your own Ice Cream Sundae with many flavors of ice cream and toppings to choose from. The cost for all this fun is just \$12 per child in advance or \$15 at the door.

On Motzei Shabbat Nov 16th at 6:15PM sharp, Ohr Torah Youth are headed by school bus to the Arenas at Woodbridge (formerly United Skates of America) for a fun evening of roller skating. We will return to the Shul at 9:15 PM...cost is \$20 per child in advance or \$25 at the door. Price includes bus transportation to/from facility, 1 1/2 hour use of roller skating/blading rink, roller skate or blade rentals, 10 tokens per child for use at the arcade games in the arena and snacks/drinks at the facility.

Lastly, on Wednesday night Nov 27th, the very first night of Chanukah, Ohr Torah will have a Grand Chanukah dinner and celebration. A dinner of Baked Ziti, Potato Latkes and Sufganiyot will be served and we will be entertained by music from the Jeff Wilks Orchestra together with many interactive games such as a "spin the dreidel" contest and so much more. There will be a children's chinese auction where we will be raffling off lots of toys for kids and other larger games will be available to play with such as electronic basketball with scoring, foosball and more. And, even those games will be raffled off at the end of the evening as well! This is sure to be a fun evening for families...children, parents and grandparents are all invited to usher in Chanukah, the Ohr Torah way. Cost is \$10 per person or \$36 per family which includes one raffle ticket for each family member. In addition, sponsorships of \$50 and \$100 are available as well.

If you would like to be a sponsor for our Chanukah program please contact Mayer Berg via email marcberg@verizon.net <mailto:marcberg@verizon.net>. You can pay via Paypal using youth@ohrtorah.net <mailto:youth@ohrtorah.net> or checks can be dropped off at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway.
 PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

Road in Edison. Any questions...contact Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net <mailto:marcberg@verizon.net>. Thank you!

MEI GARDEN

Recently, an effort was made to reopen Mei Garden as a Kosher restaurant. Unfortunately, the effort has failed, and the owner has made a decision to discontinue Kosher certification.

Rabbi Yaakov Luban

SHABBOS ACROSS AMERICA

For the first time, our Shul will be hosting a program on Friday night, March 7, 2014 as part of the Nationwide Shabbos Across America Program. We thank Larry Greenman in advance for agreeing to Chair this most important event. If you would like to work on this program, please contact Larry at your earliest convenience.

CHAI LIFELINE THANK YOU

Special thanks to David Waizer and the dozens of families who coordinated the Chai Lifeline Shabbaton, hosted Chai Lifeline guests and advisors and donated funds to subsidize the event. Thanks also to Ami Avraham for including Chai Lifeline in the Teen Minyan. It was a remarkable and inspiring Shabbos that we at Ohr Torah should be very proud to have had the opportunity to host. Kol hakavod to one and all.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM STARTS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 8:00

Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

VOTE – TUESDAY NOV 5TH

An Important Announcement from the Orthodox Union Advocacy Center

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day in New Jersey. Every seat in Trenton from the Governor through the Legislator is up for grabs. This is our opportunity to have our voices heard. Especially in regard to Educational Affordability. Please VOTE. Everyone must vote in order for our community to be heard! For more info please call our New Jersey office at [201-416-7740](tel:201-416-7740). This is your chance to make the statement that our community is involved. Please don't waste this opportunity.

SPIRITUALITY: DEALING WITH LIFE'S MOST SERIOUS CHALLENGES ON 11/9

The Orthodox Forum presents Rabbi Cary Friedman describing how he consults with the FBI and law enforcement community to proactively provide law enforcement officers with spiritual fortification and comfort to counter their daily involvement with heart-wrenching situations. In addition, he will talk about how these lessons are relevant to us, and how we can make a meaningful contribution to and have a powerful impact on the communities in which we live. Rabbi Friedman will speak at Congregation Etz Ahaim on November 9, at 8:00. The program is

free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more information and a copy of the event flier visit our new website orthodoxjewishforum.org.

MRS. MARY LAMANIS RETIRES

Dessert Reception the Jewish Educational Center will be holding on Motsai Shabbos, Nov 9th at 8 PM in honor of Mrs. Mary Lamanis, our dedicated staff member, who is retiring after over 45 years of dedicated service to the community. RSVP to 908-355-4850ext6211 or email to Maryretires@thejec.org. You can also email your memories (before Nov1st) to be included in a memory keepsake book for Mary.

HP/EDISON WELCOMING

COMMITTEE MELAVE MALKA FOR WOMEN-

Thanks to our overwhelmingly successful pre-Sukkos women's get-together we are following it up with a (women only please) Melave Malka on Motzai Shabbos, Nov 9th at 7:30 pm at the home of Zev and Rachele Stern, 474 Lincoln Ave, HP. If you are new to town or have been here for a while but want to play a part in helping the welcoming committee embrace newcomers to our town and come up with and implement ways to make their transition easier, then please RSVP by calling Rikki Samel at [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116) or emailing Rachelle_Stern@yahoo.com. Potluck dessert /salad buffet planned but please don't feel obligated to contribute.

ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF THE HIGHLANDPARK EDISONCONNECTS INFO-SHARING FORUM-

The Highland Park/Edison Welcoming Committee has created an official Yahoo group--called HighlandParkEdisonConnects -- for the purpose of facilitating the easy exchange of information between the various facets of our community and help spread the word about local events, shuirim, and more for the benefit of newcomers and old-timers alike! To subscribe or post a message please email highlandparkedisonconnects-subscribe@yahoo.com

BLOOD DRIVE

The Rosens and YA'AD are hosting another blood drive on Sunday, Nov 24. The drive will run from 9 AM until 3 PM at Cong Ahavas Achim, 216 S. First Ave. in HP. Babysitting and snacks (no, they are not directly related) will be available.

Please contact the Rosens at [732-393-1018](tel:732-393-1018) or ira_rosen@yahoo.com for further info or to reserve a donation slot (walk-ins, as always, are also welcome).

RPRY 7TH GRADE BAR MITZVAH PROJECT

Come join the All Star Basketball Extravaganza – A morning of fun basketball contests and games. Sunday Oct 27th from 10-11:30 am @ the RPRY GYM, for boys, grades 3-5. \$15/person in advance...\$20 at door (price includes tshirt). For more info please call Didi Deitcher at [732-921-7736](tel:732-921-7736) or Leslie Ostrin at [848-248-2884](tel:848-248-2884). This event is first in a series of a RPRY 7th Grade Bar Mitzvah Project: raising funds to bring over an Israeli Army Troop, through a program called Peace of Mind (POM). POM is an organization that helps Israeli soldiers who have served for 3 or more years in a high risk combat unit in the IDF, and are being helped in their transition back into civilian life.

EAT OUT FOR JEWISH EDUCATION - NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Cast your vote for Jewish K-8 Day School Education by eating out at participating kosher restaurants in Highland Park, New Jersey, that will donate a percentage of profits made between 5:00 p.m. and closing time on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 5th, to CNJKIDS.

BNEI AKIVA IN EDISON

Bnei Akiva of Edison is starting this week at OT. It will be at 4:30 (1 hr before mincha) Shabbat afternoon for grades 3-9. Please encourage your children to participate. For more information please contact Mayer Berg, Neer Even-Hen or David Callen.

HATZOLAH OF EDISON

HATZOLAH OF EDISON is almost here!! Hatzolah is actively recruiting members to respond to medical calls, and to dispatch. If you are interested in joining, please go to www.hatzolahet.org and submit an application.

EMT training & certification is being offered to those who are not already medically trained.

Membership preference will be given to those who are already certified to the level of EMT or above (nurse, PA, MD, paramedic).

CHUMASH MESORAS HARAV BOOK LAUNCH

The *Chumash Mesoras HaRav*, edited by Arnie Lustiger, presents the profound insights of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik in the form of a commentary on the same page as the Biblical text. A book launch is scheduled for Sunday October 27, at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Ave Teaneck NJ. at 8:00 PM. Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, renowned Biblical scholar, will speak on the topic of *"The Rav Learns Chumash: History and Hashkafa."*

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

THE FOUR NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH

with Rabbi Daniel Feldman

Tuesdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ahavas Achim Beit Midrash

Prepare for Chanukah with an intense study of the Talmudic sugyot on Chanukah and the words of the Rishonim and Achronim. This is a special opportunity to learn four weeks in a row with a distinguished YU Rosh Yeshiva and gain exposure to more advanced texts. Each session will begin with small-group study of a specific portion of the Gemara. Rabbi Feldman will then guide us through later sources and derivation of contemporary practice. Rabbi Feldman is the spiritual leader of Ohr Saadya of Teaneck, NJ, where he resides with his wife, Leah, and their children.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS DINNER

Congregation Etz Ahaim, 230 Denison St., Highland Park Friday, November 1, 2013 Approximately 7pm (following the conclusion of Kabbalat Shabbat services)

We will be serving a buffet Chinese meal catered by Lin's. The event is BYOB. All wine should be mevushal (the label on the bottle will contain the word "mevushal" or "מבושל".)

Reservations are \$18 per person

Payment for the event can be made on the Etz Ahaim website by following the following link: http://etzahaim.org/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&page=shop.browse&category_id=7&Itemid=60

or emailing Nati Har-Sinay at NHarsinay@gmail.com

Please have all reservations/payments in by Tuesday, October 29th.

Following dinner, please stay to enjoy the next gathering of the Highland Park Oneg Group! We look forward to spending a wonderful evening with all of you!

ACTT

(Achieving Change Through Torah) program, now in its 8th year, helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: Step by Step compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. See the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, for the current Learning Schedule (Modules page) and for all the event audio presentations. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

CHAI LIFELINE CHNAUKAH TOY DRIVE

Chai Lifeline is having its annual toy drive, in time for Chanukah. Please drop off toys at RPRY and Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion from 10/23 – 11/20/2013. All toys must be NEW. Please DO NOT WRAP GIFTS. Toys are needed for children of all ages, from newborn to teenagers. Age appropriate gifts for children ages 13 and up are especially needed. Donations gladly welcome. Make checks payable to Chai Lifeline and in memo indicate "toy fund". Send checks to Chai Lifeline, 106 Clifton Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, attention Rochel Medlowitz. For more info, please call Bobbi at [732-819-7842](tel:732-819-7842).

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER 5K WALK

The annual American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer 5K walk will be held on Sunday, Oct 27, 2013 at the NJ Expo Center. Registration starts at 7:30 AM; Walk starts at 10AM. Checks can be made out to the American Cancer Society. One can register on-line www.makingstrideswalk.org/edison. If interested in participating, and/or sponsoring, please call Bobbi ([732-819-7842](tel:732-819-7842)).

FOR WOMEN

Following classes are part of Women's Learning Initiative. To initiate a class in your home, please call [908-208-7144](tel:908-208-7144)

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls on Wednesday, October 30 at 9:00 PM at the Aguda, upstairs classroom. For more info, please call [908-420-0253](tel:908-420-0253).

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday night, Oct. 28 from 7:30 to 8:15 PM at the home of Gloria Deutsch, 56 Lawrence Ave, Highland Park. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Monday, October 28 at 9:00 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison Street, Highland Park.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes: Tefillah class on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 10:00 AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, October 28 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) rickistern@yahoo.com

-Join women of all ages from the Highland Park/Edison community and beyond as we learn together at Rabbi Bassous's Sunday morning classes. We meet at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison Street, Highland Park 10-11 AM. We are now learning from the book "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz. Join us at

the class and start the year in a spiritually-charged way!

-Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley: Bikur Cholim has received a donation of an adult powered wheelchair. We are looking for someone who can use it. If you are interested or know someone in need of a power wheelchair, please contact Sharon Glaser at sharonnglaser@gmail.com
-We invite the ladies of the community to come see a large selection of wigs at discounted prices - available for a limited time only - from Sunday, Nov 10 - Sunday, Nov 17 Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Children's Fund. For more info, please contact Rikki Samel @ [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116).

-NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING SHIUR FOR WOMEN Ahavas Achim University presents a new shiur for women by Rabbi Miodownik on "Exploring the Siddur." Each Wednesday from 10:30-11:15 am. in the Beit Midrash.

- The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other Cholim in the community -Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, November 16 at 9:15 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. For more information or to become a member, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider [732-572-4713](tel:732-572-4713). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom

NCSY NEWS

-Bible & BBQ every Tuesday from 7:30-9!! At Park Place Come enjoy a free dinner and learn awesome Torah!

-Winter Regional this December 5-8th!! Catch the early bird special for only \$249! Sign up before this special ends at newjersey.ncsy.org For any questions, please feel free to contact Rifky at hpchapteroftheyear@gmail.com

- You are all invited for an awesome oneg Friday At The Sacks' House! 401 Montgomery St From 9-11pm! We look forward to seeing ya all!!
Shabbos day you are all invited for Seudah Shlishit Marriv to follow From 6-7!

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com. We post over 100 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com

-YIEB Seeks Office Manager

The Young Israel of East Brunswick, a rapidly growing Synagogue in Central NJ, is seeking an energetic, self-starter to assist the Rabbi and Lay Leaders as a part-time Office Manager. The position is 25 hours per week with some evening and weekend work required. Salary is

commensurate with experience. Please send cover letter and resume to jobs@yieb.org.
-The Jewish Educational Center of Elizabeth's Rav Teitz Mesivta Academy division seeks Part-time Hebrew language teacher for grades 9-10, Monday-Thursday between the hours of 3:00-5:30pm. Applicants must have appropriate educational training as well as past teaching experience. Please send resume and cover letter including salary expectations directly to phochbaum@thejec.org. No phone calls please.

OPEN HOUSE FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Yeshiva University High School for Boys (MTA) into your weekly announcements for the next few weeks. The Open House is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Oct 27th, at 9:30 AM (doors open at 9 a.m.), at our building at 2540 Amsterdam Ave on YU's Wilf Campus. More information, as well as the option to pre-register, can be found on our website, www.yuhsb.org.

MAOR YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Maor Yeshiva High School for Boys, located in Long Branch, NJ, invites the community to learn about the yeshiva and meet the administration, at a Parlor Meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 from 7:30 to 9:00pm, at the Benedek home, 211 Riverview Ave., Highland Park. For more information please call [732-545-7353](tel:732-545-7353).

TORAH ACADEMY OF BERGEN

Torah Academy of Bergen Academy invites all 8th grade boys and their parents to our Open House on Sunday, November 3, 2013.

Doors open at 9:15am and the program begins at 10am. You may pre-register on our website: www.tabc.org/admissions. For more information please contact Ms Donna Hoenig, our Director of Admissions, at admissions@tabc.org. TABC is located at 1600 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, NJ

RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

RKYHS invites all 8th graders and their parents to our Open House on Sunday, Oct 27, 2013. Registration at 8:30 am; program begins at 9am.

To register go to www.ikha.org/openhouse. Join us for an inspiring morning highlighting our academic excellence, educational initiatives and co-curricular opportunities.

FRISCH OPEN HOUSE

FRISCH OPEN HOUSE and PARLOR MEETING
The Frisch School invites all 8th graders and their parents to our Open House on Sunday, November 10th at 9:00 AM. Frisch is located at 120 West Century Road in Paramus, NJ. You may pre-register at openhouse.frisch.org. For more information, please call [201-267-9100](tel:201-267-9100) x201 or admissions@frisch.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Frisch School invites all 8th graders and their parents to a Parlor Meeting on Sunday, November 17th at 8:00 PM at the Rosenblatt home, 8 Harrison Ave. in Highland Park. We look forward to seeing you there too!

JEC's BRURIAH AND RTMA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Bruriah High School - A Division of the Jewish Educational Center - Open House - Sunday, Nov 3, 2013 9:30 AM - 12:45 PM 35 North Ave Elizabeth, NJ 07208 Pre-registration is appreciated at www.Bruriah.theJEC.org but is not required.

All are welcome! For questions or further info, please call [908-355-4850](tel:908-355-4850).
Rav Teitz Mesivta Academy (RTMA) - A Division of the Jewish Educational Center -Open House - Tuesday, Nov 12, 2013 7:00 PM
 330 Elmora Ave Elizabeth, NJ 07208
 Pre-registration is appreciated at www.RTMA.theJEC.org but is not required. All are welcome! For questions or further info, please call [908-355-4850](tel:908-355-4850).

MA'AYANOT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites all 8th grade girls and their parents to our Open House on Sunday, Oct 20th. Registration at 12:30 pm program to begin at 1 pm. You may pre-register on our website: www.maayanot.org. Please contact our Dir of Admissions, Mrs. Nina Bieler, at [201-833-4307 ext. 255](tel:201-833-4307) with any questions. Ma'ayanot is located at 1650 Palisade Ave in Teaneck, NJ.

EEMA AND ME

Come join us at our National Blue Ribbon School for "Erev Shabbat at RPRY - Eema and Me," an enjoyable, creative, meaningful Friday morning

program for infants/toddlers and their caregivers. Classes will meet from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on ten consecutive Fridays, beginning November 1, 2013, and ending January 10, 2014, at RPRY, 2 Harrison Street, Edison. Registration fee is only \$15 for all 10 sessions. To register, contact Morah Helene Lockspeiser at HLockspeiser@rpry.org or 732-572-5052 ext. 215. Space is limited, so register soon!

PARK MIKVAH

PARK MIKVAH – The Edison / Highland Park Mikvah will be open every night from 9-11pm until we change the clocks. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Beginning Sunday, November 3, hours are Sunday-Thursday 8:30-10:30pm, and Saturday night 7:30-10pm. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For additional info or to schedule an appointment, please call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411).

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

Ohr Torah Keylim Mikvah hours are, officially, 7:15 – 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Additionally, the Keylim Mikvah can be used when the Shul is

open during Minyan hours. The Shul is locked (for security purposes) during non-Minyan hours. If you need special access, please speak to a Shul Gabbai. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Toldot	
Candlelighting	5:36 PM
Mincha	5:45 PM

Ohr Torah can be found on the internet at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. You can join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Any ideas and comments about the site can be sent to webmaster@ohrtorah.net. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net. Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE: Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone # in case here is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Samuel Myer Isaacs (1804-1878)

Last week, I stated that until the arrival of Rabbi Abraham Rice in the 1840s, there were only preachers and chazanim in America. Among the most notable of these Orthodox ministers was Samuel Myer Isaacs. Born in Holland, and educated in London, Isaacs came to New York at the invitation of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, in 1839. B'nai Jeshurun had been formed in 1825 as New York's first Ashkenaz shul, a breakaway from, what was then the only synagogue in New York, the Sephardic Shearith Israel, Spanish and Portuguese congregation. B'nai Jeshurun had a building on Elm Street in Lower Manhattan, and Samuel Isaacs was invited to serve as their first religious leader. But unlike Europe, where for centuries Jewish life was controlled by one kehilla council, no central entity administered New York Jewish life. As such, America became the land of breakaway synagogues. And so it was at B'nai Jeshurun, itself a breakaway shul, where a group of mostly Anglo-Jewish immigrants, left in 1845 to form New York's second Ashkenaz congregation, Shaaray Tefilla. Isaacs agreed to become their religious leader, a position he held for more than three decades.

While Isaacs did not have semicha, he proved to be a capable preacher, teacher, chazzan and communal leader. He was one of the founders of Jews' Hospital (1852), later renamed Mt. Sinai Hospital, and assisted in the formation of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the Jewish Home for the Aged and United Hebrew Charities. During that same decade (1850s), when Reform congregations were emerging, Isaacs became a vocal opponent of religious change, establishing and editing a newspaper, *The Jewish Messenger* (1857), to promote the interests of Orthodox Judaism. Samuel Isaacs died in 1878 and is buried at the Cypress Hills Cemetery, New York.

One further note: both B'nai Jeshurun and Shaaray Tefila remain to this day. In 1865, B'nai Jeshurun moved to a new building on 34th Street and Seventh Ave. Yes folks ! that familiar parcel of land later became the site of Macy's flagship store. For more than 100 years, B'nai Jeshurun was a Conservative synagogue until it left the movement in the 1990s to become independent. As for Shaaray Tefila, the congregation joined the Reform movement in 1902, 25 years after the death of Samuel Isaacs.