



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

*Parshas Pinchas*

14 Tammuz 5774

July 12, 2014

**Pre-Plag Mincha:** 6:00 PM  
**Candlelighting:** 8:11 PM  
**Mincha:** 7:00, 7:30 & 8:20 PM  
**Shacharis (Shabbos Achdus):** 8:45 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur Cancelled This Week*  
**Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:20 AM  
*Kollel Learning Seder 4-6pm*

**Kollel Mincha:** 6:00PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur 7:15 PM*

**Mincha:** 1:45, & 8:05 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Gerry Weisfogel & Israel Rivkin*

**Maariv:** 9:15 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun.** 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00AM

**Mon & Thurs.** 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9:00 AM

**Tues., Wed. & Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9:00 AM

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 8:15 PM  
*R. Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyuan Shiur – Sun. after 7:15 Shacharis*

*R. Billowitz' Halacha Shiur–Sun after 8AM Shacharis*  
*R. Luban's Shiur: Resumes after Succos*  
*Kollel Learning: Weds. 8-10:10 PM*

**Weekday Maariv** 10:10 PM

**Daf Yomi Schedule:**

Friday-after first Kabbolas Shabbos, Shabbos-one hour before Mincha, Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis Mon.-Thursday-7:30 and continuing after Maariv  
 The Daf Yomi is starting a new Masechta, Maseches Megillah, tomorrow Sunday July 13, This a short Masechta that can be completed in around one month. This is an ideal time to start Daf Yomi.

### KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available July 19th & 26th and August 2nd, 16th & 30th.. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto:mbarenh@yahoo.com).

To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

### OH TORAH NEWSLETTER

To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

### BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), [teenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:teenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com) or [mschneider19@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net).

### HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

### OH 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](http://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), [teenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:teenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

### E-MAIL LIST

To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com).

### 17 TAMUZ SCHEDULE

Tuesday July 15

Fast Starts: 4:28 AM  
 Shacharis: 6:10, 6:50 & 8 AM  
 Mincha: 7:55 PM  
 Fast Ends: 9:17 PM

### KIDDUSH

Shabbos Achdus Kiddush is sponsored by: *Russell & Nitza Adler, Joel & Rivka Adler Brian & Shoshana Allen, Barry & Maureen Arnow, Harvey & Charyn Atlas, Arthur & Debbie Atlas, David Callen, Zephyr Chomsky, Chavee Chomsky, Yehuda & Noa Elbaum, Michael & Toby Eleff, Michael & Rhona Eserner, Neer & Lynn Even-Hen, Charlie & Mimi Gershbaum, Heshy & Debbie Granek, Larry & Miriam Greenman, Srulee & Alisa Hercman, Allan & Lani Kaye Seymour & Rona Kessel, Allen & Barbara Kessel, Gershon & Deena Klavan, Jeff & Rena Klein, Arnie & Rosanne Koenigson, Robert & Riki Kreitman, Ari & Devorah Lockspeiser, David & Chani Moss, Israel & Rebecca Rivkin, Phil & Marcia Rosen, Shelley Schoenfeld & Matt Holland, Moshe & Glenda Sherman, Greg & Sari Sholom Lou & Hedy Smith, Jonas & Clara Waizer, Barry & Susie Wolf, Aryeh & Shelly Zinkin*

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Dr. Gerry and Judy Weisfogel in memory of Gerry's father, Rabbi Alex Weisfogel - HaRav Eliyahu ben Dov, z"l.

### WEEKLY TEHILLIM

The shul has a weekly tehillim from 9:50-10:10 PM each Tuesday evening in the Beit Medrash.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
 -Ira & Lorraine Spiller in honor of Israel & Rebecca Rivkin

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: "Step by Step – A Weekly Program for Self-improvement", an anthology. See the ACTT website, [www.actt613.org](http://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](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

### YU/BERGEN COUNTY COURSES OFFERED

YU is proud to announce a summer learning program in Bergen County, open to both men and women. Beginning on Monday, July 14 two exciting three-week classes will be offered during the daytime at Congregation Rinat Yisrael. The first course will be taught by Rabbi Jeremy Wieder, Rosh Yeshiva, Gwendolyn and Joseph Straus Chair in Talmud at RIETS, on the topic of "The Ten Martyrs in Liturgy" The second course, "Heroes and Villains in Tanach" will be taught by Mrs. Nechama Price, Judaic Studies Faculty at Stern College for Women.

We encourage you to let members of your congregation know about this unique opportunity to learn from and with our renowned Yeshiva University faculty.

For more info and to register for the courses, please visit [www.yu.edu/bergenlearn](http://www.yu.edu/bergenlearn).

### HIGHLAND PARK FIRST AID

#### CARDS FOR SALE:

The Highland Park First Aid discount cards are available for purchase. The cost is \$30.00 for two cards and \$40.00 for three cards. Cards may be purchased from any Highland Park squad member or Leah Paretzky at [732-985-0764](tel:732-985-0764).

### RPRY EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

RPRY is proud to announce its new Early Childhood Learning Center, with an expanded variety of programs designed to serve the community by meeting each child's and family's needs, and new, lower pricing. In addition to the Traditional Full-Day and Half-Day programs, there will be a new Extended Full-Day Program with hours as early as 7am and as late as 6pm, and a new Alternative Half-Day Program with hours from 8:45am to 2pm. Flexible hours are available to meet each family's needs. Complete details on the enhanced program are avail by contacting Mrs. Chaya Friedmann at the Yeshiva, 732-572-5052, ext. 205, [cfriedmann@rpry.org](mailto:cfriedmann@rpry.org)

### AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HERZOG HOSPITAL

Highland Park/Edison is raising funds to bring a troop of Israeli veteran soldiers to our community this coming November. These soldiers suffered from a traumatic experience during their service. They will come here for much needed therapy and respite through the Peace of Mind program (<http://www.peaceofmindictp.com/index.html>). Please show your support and Hakarat Hatov to soldiers who have risked their lives for Israel. RSVP to Barbara Strassman ([barbara.strassman@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.strassman@gmail.com) or 732/545-3931). If you would like to support the program, please send donations made out to American Friends of Herzog Hospital c/o Rosanne Koenigson at 221 Washington Ave. Edison, NJ 08817.

### FOR WOMEN

-New Jewish Library: Karmiel, in Northern Israel, is starting a gemach for Jewish novels. Karmiel has a small but growing American community that needs English novels, especially for the teenage

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and child population. The library is leileu nishmas Menashe ben Raizel. All donated books can be dropped off at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd. Sponsors are also welcome to purchase new books / defray shipping costs. For more info, [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)

-Collecting Sheitels: Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. All the money raised at the sale goes towards a hachnasas kallah fund which helps needy brides in Eretz Yisrael. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)

-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.

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-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet THIS Motzai Shabbos, July 12 at 10:15 PM PROMPT at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown: "Bayis Ne'eman: Secrets to Finding Happiness in Your Home". Speakers: Mrs. Debbie Selengut and Mrs. Shani Mendlowitz. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference series: "TAKE and GIVE; How to give to yourself so you can give to others"; Speaker: Mrs. Rebbetzin Yitty Neustadt. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen will not be giving Parsha class on Monday, July 14.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, July 13 at 10AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, July 14 at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com)

**PARK MIKVAH**

-Edison/Highland Park Mikvah Hours  
The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm.  
SATURDAY NIGHTS through the month of July, Saturday night hours are 10:00-

11:30pm. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made by the day before. You must arrive and leave during regular hours. To schedule an appt, 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 Mivyan hours. However, the Mikvah will be closed immediately upon the end of the Mivyan as the Shul needs to be closed. Please leave the area clean and neat.

**LOCAL ERUV**

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

<b>Parshas Matos</b>	
Candlelighting	8:07PM
Mincha	8:15 PM

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**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

Ben Zion Eisenstadt (1873-1951) Part One

The presentation of Jewish history, including biography and autobiography, played an increasingly important role in the written works of Orthodox rabbis and talmud scholars, during the late 19th and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Much of this Orthodox historical writing was in response to the scientific studies of Western European Jewish scholars. The discovery of new manuscripts, literary documents, and archeological excavations, and the opening to Jews of libraries and archives, shed new light on, and stimulated research of the Jewish past. But many Orthodox writers objected to the historical representation of these scientific studies, and sought to present their interpretation of the Jewish past. In addition, the development of Yiddish culture and Zionism impacted on historical interpretation. Troubled by the historical representation of Yiddishists and secular Zionists, a growing number of Orthodox rabbis sought to present an alternative analysis of the Jewish experience.

In 1907, Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, one of the indefatigable leaders of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Lithuanian Orthodoxy, expressed the alarm shared by many Orthodox talmud scholars, at the spread of Western scientific historical research to the centers of Jewish life in Eastern Europe. He emphasized the need to respond to what he regarded as a profoundly problematic secular treatment and interpretation of Jewish history. He wrote, that "it is incumbent on those who are capable to set the facts straight and make precious in the eyes of the generation the wisdom of Israel and its great men, so that those who did not see and know them, will at least learn second-hand that we possessed sages who were exceptional people."

One rabbinic scholar, who addressed this issue, and whose works of biography, particularly of American rabbinic personalities, remains useful to this day, was Rabbi Ben Zion Eisenstadt. Born in Kletzk, Belorus in 1873, Eisenstadt was a descendant of the famed Rabbi Meir Eisenstadt (1670-1744) of Hungary. After studying at the local Kletsk yeshiva, he continued his talmud study under the esteemed rabbinic scholar, R. Yoseph Grodzinski.

Eisenstadt had broad interests which extended beyond Talmud scholarship, and he commenced a long and successful career as an author of Jewish history, in particular biographies of eminent rabbinic figures. At the age of eighteen, Eisenstadt engaged in correspondence with several maskilic scholars, including the Galician scholar and editor Solomon Buber, the prolific Polish Jewish author, Jacob Reifmann, and the Hebrew language popular science writer, Hayyim Selig Slonimsky. Largely self-taught in secular studies, he took great interest in the development of modern Hebrew literature. As a young man, Eisenstadt wrote *Ziyoni*, (Warsaw, 1895), a collection of Hebrew poems. The centrepiece of *Ziyoni* was a poem in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merchant, and eminent philanthropist, Kalonymous Zev Wissotsky (1824-1904), who became an important trader in tea, opening branches of his tea company in New York and London. Eisenstadt also published numerous essays in various European Torah and scholarly journals, including *Ha-Maggid*, *Ha-Melitz*, *Ha-Zephira*, *Talpiot* and *Knesset ha-Gedolah*.

During the 1890s, Eisenstadt traveled to many communities throughout Lithuania, Belorussia and Russia collecting material for what would become a multi-volume work, *Dor Rabbonav ve-Sofrav*. The first part of *Dor Rabbonav ve-Sofrav*, published in Warsaw in 1895, was a fifty-four page collection of profiles of mostly contemporary rabbis and writers.

In 1903, Eisenstadt immigrated to America, settling in Brooklyn, New York, where he remained until his death in 1951. Next week, in part 2 of this brief biography, I will discuss further, Eisenstadt's accomplishments in America.