



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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### Parshas Matos

**Pre-Plag Mincha:** 6:00 PM  
**Candlelighting:** 8:07 PM  
**Mincha:** 7:00, 7:30 & 8:15 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama*  
**Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:23 AM  
*Kollel Learning Seder 4-6pm*  
**Kollel Mincha:** 6:00PM  
*Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur 7:10PM*  
**Mincha:** 1:45, & 8:00 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Aryeh Erlanger (HP Kollel)*  
**Maariv:** 9:10 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun.** 7:15, 8 & 9:00AM  
**Mon & Thurs.** 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM  
**Tues., Wed. & Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 8:10 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

### KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available 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.

### OHR 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.

### 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](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

### 21Tammuz 5774

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

### MAZEL TOV

...to Jerry & Barbara Belsh on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Yitz and Melissa Belsh.

... to Shoshana and Ted Diskind on the birth of a son to their children Chani and Mitchell Gilson. Mazel tov to the grandparents Cynthia and Noah Gilson and to the entire Diskind, Hecht, Gilson and Tutnauer families. *Shalom zachar tonight at 9 PM at the Diskind home at 5 Opatut Court in Edison.*

...to Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Rozenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yaakov. The Rozenbergs invite everyone to kiddush in their house after davening at the Agudah at 189 Highland Ave in Edison. ... to Rabbi and Mrs. Shraga Silberberg on the birth of their daughter Miriam. The Silberbergs will be hosting a kiddush this Shabbos in her honor at their home, 328 N. 8th Avenue.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Nechama and Mike Samel in memory of the yahrtzeit of Mike's father Menachem Manali ben Zev Dov A"H.

### WEEKLY TEHILLIM

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

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

### 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..

### 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.

### 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 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 Congregation Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other Cholim in the community.

-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on Sefer Jonah on Sunday, July 20 at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, Highland Park 10-11 AM.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, August 2 at 10PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also

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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 I'nishmas Malka bas Shalom. -Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, July 20 at 10 AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, July 21 at 8:00 PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel: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 Minyan hours. However, the Mikvah will be closed immediately upon the end of the Minyan 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.

**Parshas Mas'ei**

Candlelighting	8:01PM
Mincha	8:10PM

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**Sof Davar**

**by Moshe Sherman**

***Ben Zion Eisenstadt (1873-1951) - Part Two***

Last week, I introduced you to Rabbi Ben Zion Eisenstadt, a talmud chacham with broad interest in Jewish history. Before moving to America, Eisenstadt began publishing what would become a multi-volume work, *Dor Rabbonav ve-Sofrav*, a collection of profiles of mostly contemporary rabbis and scholars. Included in these succinct accounts was a list of the publications of each person and references to their work in progress.

In 1898, he published a history of the rabbis of Minsk entitled *Rabbanei Minsk ve-Chakhameha*. The work surveyed the history of the Minsk rabbinate with specific profiles of those who had served as rabbinic leaders, and a list of their published works. Eisenstadt spent several weeks at the Minsk cemetery painstakingly copying information from its tombstones. A full transcription of the epitaph of each rabbi buried in the Minsk cemetery was printed in this work. These transcriptions are particularly significant since all of the Jewish cemeteries in Minsk were destroyed during the Holocaust, or later, under subsequent Communist rule.

In 1903, Eisenstadt immigrated to America, settling in Brooklyn, New York, where he remained until his death in 1951. Eisenstadt's publications were a labor of love, not a means of support. He earned his livelihood as a pulpit rabbi. At first, he became spiritual leader of a small group of former Kletzk residents on the Lower East Side. A few years later, he accepted an invitation to become pulpit rabbi in Brooklyn, where he served a few congregations, including, Cong. Tipheret Zion, and Chevra Tehillim Kiever Homler.

An ardent supporter of religious Zionism, Eisenstadt was a member of Mizrachi, the Religious Zionist Organization, and worked for the benefit of several charities in Palestine. He served as President of Ezrat Nashim ha-Klalit, a Jerusalem based charity, and was co-Chair, together with Rabbi Phillip Hillel Klein, of Hammei Teverya, another organization to benefit the Jews of the yishuv.

In 1903, the year that Eisenstadt came to America, he published the fifth volume of *Dor Rabbonav ve-Sofrav* with a new leading sub-title, *Hakhmei Yisrael be-America*. One hundred and ninety-eight biographical sketches of American rabbis, communal leaders, writers and philanthropists were presented in this book, together with an important addendum of forty-eight priceless photographs. Included among the rare photographs were Rabbi Jacob Joseph, Solomon Schechter, Alexander Harkavy, Kasriel Sarasohn; a youthful, Rabbi Bernard Dov Levinthal; the eminent, Rabbi Moshe Zevulun Margolies; the preacher, Zvi Hirsch Maslianski; and a young, R. Judah David Eisenstein.

Eisenstadt's well-received presentation of photographs appended to *Hakhmei Yisrael be-America*, prompted him to publish *Ozar ha-Temunoth: One Hundred and Fifty Portraits of Famous Orthodox Rabbis of Israel* (New York, 1909), a collection of extraordinary pictures of contemporary rabbis and scholars. Six years later, an additional montage of priceless photographs was completed under a somewhat similar title, *Ozar Temunoth shel Gaonai Yisrael* (New York, 1915). Included among the 141 portraits are photographs of such eminent European rabbis as, R. Baruch ha-Levi Epstein, a young R. Avraham Isaac Kook, R. Eliyahu Klatzkin, R. Shmuel Salant, R. Eliyahu David Rabinowitz-Teomim, and leading American rabbis, R. Bernard Drachman, R. Shalom Elchanan Jaffe, R. Hillel Klein, R. Gavriel Zev Margolis, and R. Moshe Weinberger. Rare and priceless photographs of maskilim were also included, among them the Hebrew novelist, Avraham Mapu, Zionist pioneer of Hebrew language education, David Yellin, and Hebrew and Yiddish journalist, Shmuel Leib Zitron. It is worthy to note that Eisenstadt, who included biographies and pictures of maskilim and non-observant communal leaders together with talmud scholars did **not**, to my knowledge, meet with the ire of Orthodox rabbis. His books received *haskamot* and letters of support from leading European and American rabbis, including Rabbi Yaakov David Willowsky, and Rabbi Yitzchak Danzig, rav in St. Petersburg, and son of R. Avraham Danzig, author of the *Chayei Adam*.

In 1933, Eisenstadt began publishing yet another collection of American biographies but with a slightly different scope and style. *Anshei Hashem b'Arzeis ha-Bris* is similar to a Who's Who in American Jewish life. The work consists of succinct information on doctors, lawyers, educators and rabbis listed in alphabetical order by their Hebrew first name rather than their surname.

In 1936, at the age of sixty-three, Eisenstadt retired from the rabbinate, in order to devote his full attention to research and writing. On August 31, 1951, he died in Brooklyn at the age of seventy-eight, survived by a widow, three sons and a daughter.