



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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*Parshas Noach/Rosh Chodesh*

*1 Cheshvan 5775*

*October 25, 2014*

**Candlelighting:** 5:46 PM  
**Mincha:** 5:55 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur: cancelled this week*  
**Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 10:00 AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – CANCELLED this week*  
**Mincha:** 1:45, & 5:40PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Ira Smith*  
**Maariv:** 6:50 PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun.** 7:15, 8 & 9:00AM  
**Mon.** 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM  
**Thurs.** 6:23, 7:05 & 8 AM  
**(Earliest T&T Mon.-6:28, Thurs. 6:31)**  
**Tue, Wed. & Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM  
**(Earliest T&T Tues,6:29, Wed. 6:30,Fri. 6:32)**  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 5:45 PM  
*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Tyun Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis*  
*Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis*  
*Kollel Learning: Weds. 8-10:10 PM*  
**Weekday Maariv** 7:30 & 10:10 PM  
**Daf Yomi Schedule:**  
 Shabbos – One hour before Mincha. Sunday – After 8 AM Shacharis. Monday-Thursday – After 7:30 PM Maariv. Friday – After Maariv

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

**MAZEL TOV**  
 ... to Chani Roth and Russell Brandwein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary, this Shabbat. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mayer and Marian Brandwein and Philip and Diane Berger.  
 ...to Ricki and Moish Nat upon the Aufruf of their son Elan this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to Elan's siblings Ophie and Batya and family, Keren and Brian Weinberger and family, brother Eitan, Sara Kadry, Elan's Grandmother, Elan's Kallah Yoheved Rubenstein, her sister Shira, brothers Daniel and Orit and family and Jonathan and Samantha and family and to all the uncles and aunts of the chatan and kallah .  
 ...to Shanie and Alan Singer on the birth of a daughter to their children Racheli and Noam Singer. Mazel Tov to grandparents Barbara and Benny Gamss.  
 ...to Leah and David Kelman on the birth of a son. The Shalom Zachor will be at their home located at 10 Fairhill Rd. starting at 8:15 PM.  
 ...to Esther and Jonathan Rosenberg on the Aufruf and upcoming wedding of their son Avi.

**SEFORIM DONATIONS**  
 Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
 -Dr. Ira & Susan Sobel in memory of Susan's mother Fay Greenberg and grandmother Sarah Goldin Z"l  
 -Charles & Mimi Gershbaum in memory of Dena Lieblich's father David Greenbaum Z"l.  
 -Charles & Mimi Gershbaum in memory of Shimon Jakobovic's brother Moshe Jakobovic Z"l.

**LOST AND FOUND**  
 I lost a two tone gold mens wedding band in or around Shul parking lot Sunday AM . If anyone finds a ring , I'm at [732-406-6794](tel:732-406-6794) or [barrosak@aol.com](mailto:barrosak@aol.com) Thanks, Barry Katz  
**UPCOMING PROGRAMMING**

-October 31-November 1  
 Chai Lifeline Shabbaton with Eitan Katz. Eitan Katz will be davening with us Friday Night and Shabbos Morning for an inspiration shabbos with our Chail Lifeline Guests including a special shalosh Seudos.  
 -November 7-8  
 Scholar-in Residence program featuring Mr. Herb Keinon, Diplomatic Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post, who will be speaking Friday, Shabbos afternoon and Motzai Shabbat.  
 -December 19-20 (Shabbat Chanukah)  
 Scholar-in-Residence program featuring Rav Simcha Hochbaum, Director of Tourism for Hebron Fundand Rebbi, Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim for inspirational davening and speeches Friday night, Shabbos Morning and Motzai Shabbat with video presentation.  
**SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**  
 -On Nov. 7-8, Ohr Torah will be hosting, Mr. Herb Keinon, Diplomatic Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post. Mr. Keinon will be speaking Friday evening at 8:30 pm, Shabbat afternoon following Mincha, and Saturday evening Motzai Shabbat, jointly sponsored with the Orthodox Forum. To sponsor the scholar in residence program, please see Moshe Sherman.  
**YOUTH EVENTS**  
 -On Motzei Shabbat November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 PM until 7:45 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah, the youth department will have a fun 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 several flavors of smoothies to choose

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**  
 Kiddush sponsorship is available November 8th, 22nd & 29th and December 6th. 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**  
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**BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), [reenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:reenagreenspan@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), [reenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**  
 Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Ira Smith in memory of the Yahrzeit of his father, Z"TL, Aryeh Leib ben Chaim Yoseph.

**SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH**  
 Yasher Koach to the following who helped make our Simchat Torah Kiddush a great success:  
 Arthur Atlas, Zach Berlin, Asher Dworetzky, David Kornfeld, Marion Kornfeld, Janice Lustiger, David Moskovic, Jakey Ostrove, Gedalia Rabinowitz, Gedalia Reiss, Josh Rossman, Barry Siegel, Sara Siegel Kimmel, Yaakov Siegel, Yonasan Siegel Kimmel, Jonas Waizer, Jake Yerushalmi  
 Thank you to the following sponsors who did not make it onto the sponsor list:  
 -Brian and Shoshana Allen  
 -David Callen  
 -Avi and Estee Fogel  
 -Matthew Holland and Shelley Schoenfeld  
 -Keith and Rebecca Peckman  
 -Alex and Sara Scott  
 -Morris and Susan Wiesel

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillators are located on the wall in the upstairs hallway and on the wall in the downstairs entry hallway.**  
**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

from. The cost for all this fun is just \$12 per child in advance or \$15 at the door.

-On Motzei Shabbat November 22nd at 6:15 PM sharp, Ohr Torah youth in grades 4 thru 8 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.

- Save the date of Tuesday night December 23rd, the very last night of Chanukah, for Ohr Torah's Grand Zot Chanukah dinner and celebration. More details to follow as we get closer!

If you would like to sign up in advance for our November youth events please contact Mayer Berg via email

[marcberg@verizon.net](mailto:marcberg@verizon.net). You can drop off checks at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount Road in Edison or provided the night of the event. Any questions...contact Mayer Berg at [marcberg@verizon.net](mailto:marcberg@verizon.net).

#### **CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON**

Chai Lifeline Shabbaton with Eitan Katz. Eitan Katz will be Davening with us Friday Night and Shabbos Morning for an inspirational Shabbos with our Chail Lifeline Guests including a special Shalosh Seudos.

The Raritan Valley community will be hosting a Chai Lifeline "Friends & Fun" Shabbaton, bringing 30-35 children (7-18 yrs old) who have life-threatening illnesses to our neighborhood for a weekend of fun on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please help us make this an event to remember. Sponsor or contribute today (all contributions will be displayed on a recognition card):

- \$1,000- Sponsor Shabbat meal (Platinum)
- \$500- Sponsor Seudah Shlishit (Gold)
- \$360- Sponsor a child for the weekend (Silver)
- \$180- Sponsor Saturday night event (Sponsor)
- Up to \$180- Contributor

Please make checks out to "Chai Lifeline" and mail to David Waizer, 53 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Teens from Highland Park/Edison/East Brunswick are encouraged to volunteer; please contact Barbara Edery at [barbaraedery@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraedery@gmail.com). This event qualifies for *chesed* hours and a letter can be provided upon request.

We would welcome a few more sponsors for this event.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **BNEI AKIVAH**

-BNEI AKIVA Snif in Edison/HP is starting this week on Shabbat afternoon at 4:30pm in OT for

kids in grades 3 through 9. Please encourage your kids to attend. We look forward to an amazing year for everyone.

- There will be an oneg at the Allen home, 34 Leslie Street, Friday night at 8:30pm for all high school aged kids who are interested in being madrichim for Bnei Akiva Snif.

##### **ACTT**

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The current source book is: "Living Emunah – Achieving a Life of Serenity through Faith". For more info, see the ACTT web-site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

##### **RABBI TO DISCUSS BOOK AND FILM ON THE HOLOCAUST**

Rabbi Dr. Bernhard H. Rosenberg will speak on his new book, "The Holocaust as Seen Through Film," at 7 pm Oct. 29 at the Edison Library, 340 Plainfield Ave. The book was written as a tool to educate students, educators and the community about the Holocaust.

##### **ANNUAL IDF TRIBUTE DINNER**

As a tribute to the **Lone Soldiers** of the Israel Defense Forces, please show your support and join us for the Friends of the IDF 10<sup>th</sup> Annual IDF Tribute Dinner on Saturday – Nov 8 – at the Hilton Meadowlands, East Rutherford, New Jersey at 7:30 pm. For more info, or any questions, please contact David Moskovic at [732-572-1007](tel:732-572-1007) or [dmoskovic@aol.com](mailto:dmoskovic@aol.com)

##### **IDF COLONEL**

##### **BENTZI GRUBER PRESENTATION**

Please join RPRY at a community wide breakfast on Sunday, Oct 26, 9:30-11am at RPRY - 2 Harrison St., Edison, featuring a fascinating presentation by IDF (res) Colonel Bentzi Gruber, about the day to day ethical operations of the IDF. Children over 10 encouraged to attend. Light breakfast will be served. No charge for this event, which you won't want to miss. Please RSVP to [cgross@rpry.org](mailto:cgross@rpry.org). For more info about Colonel Gruber, see [www.ethicsinthefield.com](http://www.ethicsinthefield.com)

##### **AA SHEMOT COLLECTION**

The Shemot Collection at Ahavas Achim will take place this Sunday Oct 26th between 9AM and 1PM. The cost is \$20.00 for a bag, not to exceed 50lbs.

##### **PEACE OF MIND**

Peace of Mind Greater Middlesex County invites the entire Jewish community to Shabbat dinner with an Air Force unit of the Israel Defense Forces. This inter-denominational/multi-generational Shabbat dinner promises to be unique, memorable and inspirational! We are united by our love for Israel and the soldiers that defend her. Friday, Nov 14, 6 pm at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, 2 Harrison St in Edison. Friday night services at RPRY begin 4:30 pm. Cost is \$36 pp; max \$100 per family. All reservations must be accompanied by payment. Checks should be made out to Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva and mailed to Sharon Hirt, 10 Olden Rd Edison, NJ 08817. Sponsorships at all levels are encouraged and appreciated. To sponsor, please contact Sharon Hirt at [732-777-0462](tel:732-777-0462).

The Highland Park Minyan is excited to invite you, your family and your friends to come bowling with our local Jewish community and a group of Israeli soldiers who are coming to Highland Park/Edison next month with Peace of Mind. Come show these soldiers your support! Monday, Nov 10th, 8-10

pm at Brunswick Zones/Carolier Lanes. Bowling is free, conversation will be plentiful, and parve snacks will be provided. Please reply to Julia Storch [storch@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:storch@aesop.rutgers.edu) or to Devora Schiff [schiffds@gmail.com](mailto:schiffds@gmail.com) by Nov 5.

##### **NEW SHIURIM AT AY**

-BREAKFAST WITH THE BIBLE: Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10AM starting Sunday, Oct 26th, for a special series that will provide an in-depth view on a different Biblical figure each week given by the Steinsaltz Ambassadors! The first week will cover Avraham Avinu titled "Abraham: Journey into the Unknown." Mark your calendars for the next classes: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, and 11/23, with a flyer to be released the week before. -NEW MONDAY EVENING SHIUR: Monday evenings after the 8:30PM Ma'ariv, starting Monday, 10/27 (next Monday). This will be a Bava Kama chabura with Rabbi B. Field of the Highland Park Kollel. Please speak to Rabbi Jaffe for more details.

-NEW PRE-MINCHA SHIUR ON SHABBOS AFTERNOONS: Rabbi Jaffe will be giving a new shiur 30 minutes before Shabbos Mincha on Ramban al HaTorah. All are invited to attend!

##### **CNJKIDS**

Central New Jersey Kehilot Investing in Day Schools, Inc. ("CNJKIDS") invites the entire Jewish community of Central New Jersey to attend its first annual breakfast. The guest of honor will be Abe Schwartzbard, who will be honored with CNJKIDS' inaugural "Pillar of Jewish Continuity" award. The Guest Speaker will be Alan Cooperman, author of *A Portrait of Jewish Americans* and Director of Religion Research at the Pew Research Center. Mr. Cooperman's topic is: "Findings from the Pew Research Center's Survey of U.S. Jews". The event will take place at Ohr Torah, Sunday, Nov 2, from 9:30-11am. There will be no covert. Please RSVP to [cnjkids@gmail.com](mailto:cnjkids@gmail.com).

##### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES NEWS**

Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is in desperate need of the following food items for the K kosher Food Pantry in Milltown: pasta, rice, cereal (hot and cold), juice, tuna, jelly, pasta sauce, canned vegetables. Please note that the pantry only takes non-perishable, unexpired food. Please bring donations to the Milltown office, 32 Ford Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Thank you for your support.

##### **MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites all 8th grade girls and their parents to our Open House on Sun, Oct 26th. Registration at 12:30 pm., program to begin at 1pm. You may pre-register on our website: [www.maayanot.org](http://www.maayanot.org). Please contact our Director of Adm, Mrs. Nina Bieler, at 201-833-4307, ext. 255 with any questions. Ma'ayanot is located at 1650 Palisade Ave in Teaneck, NJ.

##### **BRURIAH OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for Bruriah's Open House on Sun, Nov 2. The program will commence at 9:30 am and will be held at 35 North Ave, Elizabeth, NJ 07208 For more info and to pre-register online, please visit [Bruriah.TheJEC.org](http://Bruriah.TheJEC.org) tel 908-355-4850.

##### **RTMA OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for RTMA's Open House on Tues., Nov. 11. The program will commence at 7pm and will be held at 330 Elmora Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07208. For more info and to pre-register online, please visit [RTMA.TheJEC.org](http://RTMA.TheJEC.org) or call 908-355-4850.

### **BONEI OLAM**

On Oct 26th at 8pm, hosted at Cong Ahavas Achim, women of the community are invited to join together for an inspiring and touching evening to support Bonei Olam, an organization aiding thousands of families navigating the challenges of infertility. The event will include refreshments, Bonei Olam national Chinese Auction, inspiring speakers and exciting raffles sponsored by our own local vendors. For questions and info please call Ahuva Morris 908-227-3155.

### **FOR WOMEN**

-MIKVAH TEA: The Highland Park Mikvah would like to invite the community to its annual "virtual tea". Invitations have already been sent out. If you have not received an invitation or would like to be added to the mikvah mailing list, please contact Rena at [renalg@aol.com](mailto:renalg@aol.com) Thank you.  
-Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): If you are an expectant mother and don't have coverage with a family member or a friend to stay with your kids when it is time to go to the hospital, Bikur Cholim offers a complimentary service. Volunteers will come to stay with your kids during the night. Please note that this service is only provided for maternity situations. Please call at least 3 weeks before the due date, if not sooner, to be able to make the necessary arrangements. For more info on receiving this service or to find out about becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116). Thank you.

-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.  
-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on Sunday, Oct 26 at 10AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Book to be studied: Battle Plan by Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller and Sara Yocheved Rigler.  
-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, Nov 8 at 8:30PM at the home of Avigayl Leff, 20 Brookfall Rd, 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 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.  
-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Oct 26 at 10AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, Oct 27 at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-4408](tel:732-4408) [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com)

-The Women's Learning Initiative presents the 12th Annual Yartzeit Rachel Imeinu Video - Worldwide Event. "In a Time of Open Miracles: What Can We Do?", with footage of miracles from Operation Protective Edge this past summer, will be shown on Tuesday, Nov 4 at 8:15 pm at the Orani home, 292 North Fifth Ave., Highland Park. With an introduction by HaRav Shmuel Kaminetsky, shlita, the featured speakers are Rebbetzin Tzipora Heller and Rebbetzin Tehila Jaeger and a special message from Rav Yitzhok David Grossman. This worldwide event will take place with showings of the video in communities around the globe. For women and girls only. All donations are welcome and proceeds go to Aniyei Eretz Yisroel (the poor and needy of Eretz Yisrael). For more info please call [908-420-0253](tel:908-420-0253).  
- SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls: For more info on Wednesday night class, please call [908-420-0253](tel:908-420-0253).

**CARLEBACH SHABBAT DINNER AT OE NOV 7**  
The Highland Park-Edison Community is cordially invited to a special Shabbat Dinner at OE (415 Raritan Ave in Highland Park) in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit of Rav Shlomo Carlebach, z"l, on Shabbat Parashat Vayeira, Friday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Tefilah will be in the Carlebach style. Mincha begins at 4:35PM with dinner following. Cost and additional details will follow. Please contact [732-247-3038](tel:732-247-3038) or [office@ohavemeth.org](mailto:office@ohavemeth.org) with any questions.

### **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at

[ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com). We post over 200 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 information to [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com).

### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm through Thursday, October 30th. Saturday nights, October 25th and November 1st, hours are 8:30-10:30pm. Hours for Daylight Savings Time to be determined. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made by the day before. Fee: \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular hours, or incur an additional \$20 additional fee. To schedule an appointment, or leave a message, 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](tel:732-247-ERUV) for status of the Eruv

### **Parshas Lech Lecha**

Candlelighting	5:37PM
Mincha	5:45PM

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](mailto:webmaster@ohrtorah.net). Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto: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

### **Zvi Hirsch Grodzinski (1858-1947)**

While many talmidei chachamim, who came to America more than 100 hundred years ago, settled in the New York area, some became distinguished rabbis in cities across the United States. One such Rav was R. Zvi Hirsch Grodzinski, who settled in Omaha, Nebraska in 1891, where he spent the duration of his life. He was an older cousin of the more well known R. Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, who for many years served as the illustrious communal leader of Vilna.

Zvi H. Grodzinski was born in 1858, and like so many immigrants, came to America to provide a better livelihood for his family. But unlike most immigrant rabbis, in settling in the mid-West, he became the only rabbi in Omaha. For more than 25 years, this offered him unrestricted authority in religious matters.

A prodigious scholar and writer, Grodzinski published Talmudic commentary, works of halacha and wrote numerous responsa, most of which remains unpublished. A select survey of his publications reveal how America, at the turn of the century was emerging as an important venue for the printing of rabbinic works. R. Grodzinski's writings include *Mikveh Israel* (Chicago, 1898); *Sefer Likutei Zvi* (St. Louis, 1916); *Mili d'Berachot al Masechet Berachot* vol. 1 (St. Louis, 1923); vol. 2 (St. Louis, 1945). And in 1936, he began printing a massive, three volume work, *Mikraei Kodesh*, (Brooklyn, NY) on the laws of Kriyat ha-Torah, which he completed in 1941.

Grodzinski maintained extensive correspondence with rabbonim and scholars both in the United States, Europe and Israel. Prior to his death, he donated many of his unpublished manuscripts to Machon Otzar ha-Poskim in Israel. One of those manuscripts was published a couple of years ago called *Beis Hayayin*, an important work on *Hilchos Yayin Nesech*. It includes a discussion of the way wine was made in the U.S. at that time. It appears that Rav Grodzinski offered kashrut certification for certain wines and traveled to wine companies in California, to investigate the manner in which wine was made. R. Grodzinski died on December 30, 1947.