



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Russell Adler- President

Parshas Acharei Mot - Kedoshim

13 Iyyar 5775

May 2, 2015

Pre-Plag Mincha	6:00 PM
Candlelighting:	7:35 PM
Mincha:	7:00 & 7:45 PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:25 AM
<i>Kollel Learning 4:00-6:00 PM</i>	
Kollel Mincha	6:00 PM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 6:40 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45 & 7:30 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Elihu Chomsky</i>	
Maariv:	8:40 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs.	6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tue, Wed. & Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	7:40PM
<i>R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur- Monday 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 AM Shacharis</i>	
<i>Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis</i>	
<i>Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM</i>	
<i>Kollel Learning: Wednesday 8-10:10 PM</i>	
<i>TNL – THURS. NIGHT LIVE: 9:00PM</i>	
Weekday Maariv	10:10 PM
Daf Yomi	
Monday - Thursday-after Z'man maariv	
Friday-after Kabolos Shabbos & Maariv	
Shabbos -One hour before Mincha	
Sunday -After 8 am shacharis	

For more info about this incredible journey contact: Nitza Adler at: [\(732\) 670 4649](tel:7326704649)

THE FRUIT TREE BRACHA

The annual blessing upon first seeing a flowering fruit tree can be recited at 401 North Eighth Ave. The bracha will be posted there as well.

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

May 8-9 Singles Shabbaton (Ages 25-35)

May 15-16 OU Community Shabbos with Rabbi Steven Weil

May 17 Lander College Yom Iyun

HAMAKOM YENACHEM

We regret to inform you that Mrs. Bessie Mauskopf, mother of Audrey Mondrow, has passed away. Shiva will be observed at 30 S. Adelaide Ave. #2K through Sunday morning. The family respectfully requests no visitation after 10 PM. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

MALCOLM HOENLEIN

We greatly appreciate the efforts of the organizers of last Sunday's presentation by Malcolm Hoenlein which was attended by over 350 community members. We especially wish to thank Moshe Sherman, Moshe and Susan Wiesel and Joel Paul for making this important event a great success. The shul is committed to organizing similar events in the future. To that end, we encourage shul members to support the important work of organizations such as the Conference of Presidents which Mr. Hoenlein had led for almost 30 years.

The Conference of Presidents Fund is in the vanguard of engaging America's leaders and the public to:

- advance the U.S.-Israel special relationship, bolster Israel's security and prosperity and promote prospects for true and lasting peace in the Middle East;
- reinforce links between Jews worldwide, aid endangered Jewish communities and fight anti-Semitism;
- combat terrorism at home and abroad, strengthen domestic security and safeguard American Jewish institutions;
- build support at the United Nations and end the anti-Israel bias;
- defend human rights of Jews and others and build ties to Arab and Muslim countries; build cooperation and coalitions with diverse ethnic, religious and civic groups and other sectors of American society;

-foster international cooperation and promote U.S. national interests. Please give any donations to Moshe Sherman for forwarding to the Conference.

LUNCH AND LEARN

The Ritchie Boys is the never before told tale of a handful of German nationals who used their language and cultural knowledge to wage psychological warfare against the Nazis and to liberate Europe. The film mixes newsreels with interviews to spin a saga of men whose chutzpah, ingenuity, and playful camaraderie had a lasting effect on world history. It will be shown Tuesday, May 12 at 12:00 noon at the shul. Mr. Gene Wasserman will deliver a D'var Torah and Dr. Max Wisotsky will give a short introduction. The program will include a light lunch, and is open to retirees in the community. There will be a charge of \$ 10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal. RSVP to Bella blemerl8@optonline.net or 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712 or Marcia 732 572-5998 ppheffer@verizon.net

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FROM PEACE OF MIND

Peace of Mind thanks the Edison/Highland Park/East Brunswick/New Brunswick Community – thanks for celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut with us and showing your support for Peace of Mind! We had a great turn out from the full range of our wonderfully diverse Jewish community, a lot of fun and it was a very successful fund-raiser for Peace of Mind. POM is an organization that helps IDF veterans transition back to civilian life. Our community is planning to once again host a unit of combat soldiers in 2016. We need your continued support to help us reach our fundraising goal in order to make this happen! Stay tuned for future events and parlor meetings.

UPDATED NORPAC MISSION INFO

NORPAC Mission Training/Orientation Sat. night May 9th- 9:45PM-11PM Cong. Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Rd. Edison NJ
Mission Day: MAY 13th-Edison / Highland Park Buses leave for Washington at 6:30am from OT, AA,OE and YIEB. There will be briefings on each bus. Shacharit davening will be at 5:45AM in Ohr Torah, Ahavas Achim, Ohav Emeth and YIEB. There will be a minyan for Mincha and Maariv . Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Watch your email for bus departure site, group assignments, congressional appointments and talking points. Because of limited parking in the parking lots and streets, if you are able, please try to walk or carpool .

HOLOCAUST BOOK COMPILATION

Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg is preparing a new holocaust book for publication and is seeking written contributions. This is your opportunity to keep the memory of your parents alive in print... and to share a message with your children and grandchildren. Please send material

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Nitza and Russell Adler to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Russell's father, Milton Adler, Mordechai Ben Hachaver Yehuda, A"H.

Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 16th & 23rd, and June 13th, 20th & 27th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:

-Rivka Adler in memory of the Yahrtzeit of her father, Moshe ben Eliyahu A"H

-The Chomsky family in memory of the Yahrtzeit of their mother, Leah bas Arye Mordechai Chaim and Henya Devorah Chaya A"H.

THE 2ND ANNUAL RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY POLAND PILGRIMAGE

DEADLINE APPROACHING! Don't miss this great opportunity!

Join us this July 12-20, 2015 with Rabbi Shraga Gross for an uplifting, inspiring and unforgettable journey through hundreds of years of Jewish history and heritage. We will visit the cities of Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz and Lublin as well as the Chassidic centers of Gur and Lezajsk. We will also tell the story of the Shoah visiting Auschwitz, Majdanek, Belzec, and other moving and significant sites.

We wish to preserve the intimacy of this experience and so space will be limited. There will also be an opportunity to personalize the itinerary if requests are received early enough.

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillators are located on the wall in the upstairs hallway and on the wall in the downstairs entry hallway. HATZOLAH OF EDISON: 732-640-5545

including: poems, art work, essays, belief in G-d, philosophy regarding the Shoah, Yiddish expressions, language you spoke as a child, characteristics you learned from your parents, did your parents speak about the Shoah, what profession were your parents, what profession did you enter. I especially would like contributions by 2g and 3g RABBIS.... Include your picture and a brief bio. Send the info to myrabibook2015@gmail.com

YESHIVA SHAAREI TZION DINNER- DEADLINE EXTENDED

Please join us at 5:30pm on May 10, 2015 at the Renaissance Hotel in Woodbridge, NJ as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion and pay tribute to founders Yossi and Ruchi Stern. To make a reservation and submit an ad for the dinner journal, please go to www.ystdinner.com. Ads must be received by Sunday, May 3 to guarantee placement in the journal. Any questions can be submitted to info@ystdinner.com.

RJJ YESHIVA ANNUAL DINNER

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glinn as' Parents of the Year. Sunday evening, May 17th at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel For info or to place an ad, please call office at 732-985-6533.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE FUNDRAISING EFFORT

In mid-May, Rachel Wolf is planning to go on a three day womens' backpacking trip into the Grand Canyon to raise money for the Friendship Circle.

The Friendship Circle pairs up teenagers with special-needs children to develop amazing friendships. The special volunteers who took the children to the park, played games with them, and provided their parents with much needed respite for an hour or more every Sunday. To contribute to this incredible cause, you can visit Rachel's Team Friendship page at:

<https://hike.teamfriendship.org/rachelwolf>

TORAH KIDS LEAGUES

TorahKid Leagues is back again for its 6th exciting season! Sunday morning sports fun for area children at the local Highland Park High School field. There are separate programs for boys (ages 4-13 with 3 divisions; 11:00-12:30) and girls (ages 5-13, all-female staff; 9:30-10:45). Skill-building instruction, with an emphasis on middos development in a Torah-friendly environment.

Competitive play in different sports. New shirts/caps this year, so register early!! Spring and Summer Sessions -- Opening Day is May 31. For more info, please contact Rabbi Lasar at TKLsports@aol.com or at (732) 985-1050.

ACTT SAYS THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT April 19th event with Mr. Charlie Harary, Esq., so successful and meaningful! You can now download or listen to "Gratitude: The Secret of Jewish Success" from the Audio page of the ACTT web site at: www.actt613.org/6.html. The current ACTT module is "Hakaras Hatov - Gratitude". Source book: Let There Be Rain - making Gratitude a part of our lives by [Rabbi Shimon Finkelman](#) and [Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein](#) - ArtScroll publisher. For more info on ACTT, email info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

CNJKIDS RUN IN THE PARK

Join TEAM CNJKIDS and run in the HIGHLAND PARK 5k on Sunday, 5/3/15. To sign up, go to <http://runinthepark.org/register/> and register for

the race. Then e-mail cnjkids@gmail.com with your name, t-shirt size, that you wish to be a member of TEAM CNJKIDS, and that you will commit to raising \$50 for CNJKIDS.

RJX 1¢ Ice Cream Scoop Sale

Join members of the Rutgers Jewish Xperience on Sunday May 3, from 2-5 pm at Dunkin Donuts in Highland Park. All flavors of ice cream are just 1¢ per scoop, and a portion of all proceeds will benefit RJX.

EMUNAH MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER

By ordering a Mother's Day gift basket (usually around \$60) for someone (in the continental US) you want to delight, you can both brighten someone's day (and if it's your mom, you can add that to your *kibbud em* efforts) as well as send much needed *tzedakah* to EMUNAH, which supports senior and day care centers in Eretz Yisrael. EMUNAH is a particularly worthy *tzedakah* because it keeps its overhead low with a cadre of committed volunteers. If you would like to participate in this wonderful chesed, send an inquiry to Barbara Kessel at mayd149@aol.com or call Pauline Mykoff at [732 572 0457](tel:732-572-0457). Nizkeh lemitzvot!

JFS NEWS AND EVENTS

-JRecovery-a free support group to help Jews and their families and friends with addiction and recovery issues meets every Monday at the JFS Milltown office, 32 Ford Ave., 2nd Fl, 7:30-8:30PM

ATTN SINGLES: Registration is now open!

A Weekend Bash(eirt): a modern orthodox singles shabbaton is ready to accept your registration for a wonderful Shabbos here in Edison/Highland Park. Find your basheirt in a relaxed, fun environment without having to travel far. Shabbos #1: May 8-9th singles ages 25-35 Shabbos #2: June 12-13th singles ages 35-50 Shabbos #3: Sept 11-12th singles ages 50 + Please visit our website to register and learn about the event: aweekendbasheirt.com.

Questions? Lea at aweekendbasheirt@gmail.com.

AA UNIV. GUEST AUTHOR & LECTURES

The Book of Daniel with Dr. Michelle Levine Join AA Univ and master educator Dr. Michelle Levine as we unravel one of the most cryptic, yet powerful books in Tanakh. Lecture begins at 7:30 pm.; Mincha at 7:20pm. (*Regular Mincha/Maariv will be in the Main Sanctuary.*) Dr. Michelle Levine is a tenured associate professor of Bible in the Rebecca Ivy Department of Jewish Studies at Stern College for Women. She holds a BA (Summa cum Laude with honors) from Brooklyn College, an MS in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, and a PhD in medieval biblical exegesis from New York University. Dr. Levine lectures widely across the tri-state area on topics on Tanakh and biblical exegesis, including at Yeshiva University's Midreshet Yom Rishon. She has also been teaching a weekly adult lecture series on Tanakh and biblical exegesis in Queens, NY, for the past 15yrs May 5: The Challenges of Exile and Assimilation May 12: Dreams, Prophecies, & the World's Destiny May 19: *Kiddush Hashem* in the Book of Daniel

BIKUR CHOLIM

- VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Helen Zuberman at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane. We are also seeking visitors for Ms. Mollie Reuben and Ms. Esther Tucker, both also at the Regency. If you are able to help out, please call Rahel Baruh at

732-672-4673 or email rbaruh@yahoo.com. Tizku l'mitzvot!

-COORDINATORS AND DRIVERS NEEDED FOR BIKUR CHOLIM TRANSPORTATION: The Bikur Cholim Transportation Committee coordinates rides to and from medical appointments. The coordinator matches requesters with an available driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. This is a great way for somebody who doesn't drive to help the Transportation Committee. Of course, more drivers are always welcome as well. To volunteer, contact the Bikur Cholim hotline at (732) 572-7181 or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.org.

RABBI WEISS SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN

Rabbi Weiss will be giving a weekly shiur for men and women on the Parsha with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon on Wednesday nights at 9:15 PM at the home of Marsha Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Avenue, Highland Park.

FOR WOMEN

-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 information on receiving this service or to find out about becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at 732-249-5116. Thank you.

-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.

-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

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, meets Motzai Shabbos, May 9 at 9:45 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Title: "Lightning Bolts of Chizuk - Insights that illuminate the darkness of life's challenges". Speakers: Rabbi Yerachmiel Milstein and Mrs. Shaindy Simes. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current series: "Take 48 to be Great" with Mrs. Seryl Berman. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva 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, May 3 at 10AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, May 4 at 8PM at

Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Wed, May 6 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St HP. Please call [206-376-9027](tel:206-376-9027) on Tuesday evening to confirm that the shiur will take place.

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls - For more info on Wednesday night class, call [732-841-1885](tel:732-841-1885)

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, May 4 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 N Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787)

HIGHLAND PARK MIKVAH

The Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at siegelmom@optonline.net to obtain one.

If you are purchasing from Amazon, please consider signing up with www.amazon.com – a donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

The Highland Park Mikvah hours for daylight savings time: Sunday –Thursday evenings from 9PM – 11PM; Friday nights by appointment only. Saturday nights: May 2, 9, 16: 10:00 – 11:30 PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

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

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

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES Contact Moshe Schneider at [732-618-4702](tel:732-618-4702).

TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, please contact Moish Nat by sending a detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to [732-759-8558](tel:732-759-8558). For more info, call Moish at [732-759-8070](tel:732-759-8070) during work days or [732-572-4132](tel: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 ludjeeu@gmail.com or [732-572-5633](tel: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](tel: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](tel:732-828-5642)

(home) [732-678-8848](tel:732-678-8848) (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman [732-397-0130](tel:732-397-0130) or genew@compugene.com

YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please follow this link <http://www.tinyurl.com/ot613> or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV Please call [732-247-ERUV](tel:732-247-ERUV) for status of the Eruv

Parshas Emor	
Candlelighting -	7:42 PM
Mincha -	7:00 & 7:50 PM

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Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

R. Yaakov David Willowsky (1845-1913)

Most European rabbis who came to America a century ago spent the remainder of their lives here. But some individuals had difficulty in adjusting and returned to Europe. One outstanding talmud chacham who came to the United States but eventually returned to Europe was Rabbi Yaakov David Willowsky. From all accounts, Yaakov Willowsky was a child genius, who never attended any yeshiva but received his Torah knowledge from his father, private tutors and self-directed study. Born in 1845 in Kobrin, Belorus, Willowsky received his first rabbinical position at the age of 23, and published the first of many works, a Talmud commentary titled *Migdal David*.

The publication of *Migdal David* enhanced his reputation as a formidable sage, and in 1881, Willowsky was appointed dayyan in the beit din of the great city Vilna, where he authored his first work of responsa, *Teshuvot ha-Ridvaz*. It was now evident to many that Willowsky was not only a great Talmudist, but a reputable posek. Most rabbis do not merit to be known by an acronym or by the title of one of their works. R. Yaakov Willowsky came to be known by colleagues and friends as the Ridvaz, taken from the title of his responsa.

With the approach of the *shemittah* year 5649 (1888-1889), Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spektor of Kovno, relying on the view that *shemittah today* is of rabbinic origin, sanctioned the nominal sale of the land to a non-Jew, and the employment of non-Jewish laborers during the *shemittah* year. This position met with opposition on the part of a number of rabbis, notably R. Yehoshua Leib Diskin and R. Shmuel Salant, both of Jerusalem. A staunch defender of R. Elchanan Spektor was Rabbi Avraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935), who wrote an entire work on this subject. He, too, was not without his opponents, of whom the most prominent was R. Yaakov David Willowsky, who wrote a treatise, *Kuntres ha-Shemittah* in opposition to Rav Kook.

In 1890, Willowsky was appointed Rav Av Beit din in Slutsk, Lithuania. He succeeded in having the kehillah leaders financially support a new yeshiva. Soliciting the help of the famed R. Nossan Zvi Finkel, mashgiach ruchani, (aka) the Alter of Slobodka, Willowsky welcomed fourteen Slobodka students to Slutsk, which formally opened in 1897. Willowsky then brought the esteemed R. Isser Zalman Meltzer to assume the helm of the yeshiva. The Slutsk yeshiva emerged as a great center of Talmud scholarship.

Willowsky had a lifelong interest in the study of Talmud Yerushalmi, the mastery of which was not common among European yeshiva students. After working for more than seventeen years on a commentary to the Yeshushalmi, Willowsky was eager to print a new edition incorporating his comments. He arranged with a printer to assume 60 per cent of the cost of publication, with Willowsky responsible for the 40 per cent balance of the publication cost. To this end, R. Willowsky came to America in 1900 to gain sponsors and patrons for the projected work. Not surprisingly, numerous congregations solicited his services and encouraged him to remain permanently in the United States. But Willowsky was intent on collecting money and returned to Europe. Upon his return, he dedicated the Nezikin order of his Talmud Yerushalmi edition to American patrons.

In 1903, Willowsky returned to America to continue financing the publication of the Yerushalmi commentary. This time he agreed to become rabbi of a consortium of Chicago synagogues. Willowsky's presence in Chicago meant that America now hosted one of the great Talmud scholars in the world. But Willowsky's appointment was marred with considerable controversy, as several local rabbis, ritual slaughterers and butchers resented his interference in their authority and livelihood. Attempting to ensure proper standards of kashruth, R. Willowsky potentially undermined the vested interests of others in the kashruth industry. His work, *Nimukei Ridvaz*, contains an important introduction pertaining to the history of kashruth supervision in Chicago, in which the author castigated the overseeing rabbis, as well as the overall state of Jewish practice and education in America. R. Zvi Shimon Album, one of the rabbis who was targeted by Willowsky's allegations issued his own polemical work in response, called *Divrei Emeth*, which sought to argue that the Ridvaz was himself guilty of the self-same charges of Kashruth

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supervision improprieties. Willowsky soon realized that he would not be successful in the American rabbinate, and in 1905, he departed for Safed. In Safed, he established a yeshiva, Torat Eretz Israel, and supported the development of the new and growing Zionist yishuv in Israel. Willowsky left an important legacy of published works including teshuvot, Talmud insights, and a sweeping new edition and commentary on the Talmud Yerushalmi. He died in Safed, on the first night of Rosh Hashanah, 1913.