



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Acharei Mot/Mevorchim

29 Nisan 5776

May 7, 2016

Plag Mincha: 6:00 PM
Candlelighting: 7:41 PM
Mincha: 7 & 7:50 PM
Note start of 7:30 Fri Night minyan next week
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:21 AM
Kollel Mincha: 6:00 PM
Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 6:45 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 7:35 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Tzvi Hoff
Maariv: 8:45 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. (Rosh Chodesh) 6:10, 6:55, & 8 AM
Tues., Weds. Fri. 6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM
Thurs. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:50 PM
Late Maariv: 10:10 PM
Rabbi Akiva Sauer Daf Yomi Iyun shiur – after 7:15 Shacharis on Sunday
R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur- Mon. 9:10 PM
Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM
Kollel Learning: Wednesday 8-10:10 PM
Daf Yomi
 Summer Daf yomi schedule:
 Mon-thurs 7:30pm & after Maariv
 Friday nite –after First minyan
 Shabbos-One hour before Mincha
 Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 21st and for June 11th, June 13th (the second day of Shavuot) & June 18th.

YFM KIDDUSH

This week's YFM Kiddush is sponsored by Erez and Aviva Shimoni in memory of Erez's mother, Miriam Rivka Bas Mordechai Dov Hakohen.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Audrey and Daniel Mondrow in memory of the 5th Yahrtzeit of Danny's mother Sima Yenta bas Avrohom Shmuel Halevi A"H.

THE RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN

Presents: The Lost Jews of Kaifeng, China. Hear the fascinating history of Jewish life in Kaifeng, China. Beginning during the Northern Sung Dynasty (960-1127) when the Jews of Persia and India traveled the Silk Road to Kaifeng, the community thrived for many years but eventually died out in 1860. Shi Lei, the lecturer, is a descendent from one of the original Jewish families in Kaifeng, China. He is a graduate of Henan University in China. Henry Lerner will introduce the film and present follow up comments. The Retiree D'var Torah will be presented by Mike Samel. In keeping with this month's theme Jerusalem Pizza will cater a Chinese type

luncheon. The program is open to all retirees in the community and will offer a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. There will be a charge of \$10 pp to help defray the cost of the meal. Date: Tues May 17th Time: 12 noon Location: Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ RSVP Please reply at least 2 days prior to program. Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rifky and Jack Atkin on the birth of a baby girl to their children Steven and Sharona (Atkin) Bresler. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Hanna and Alan Bresler, and to the great-grandmother Mrs. Ethel Roth. ...to Chaya Gurkov on the forthcoming wedding this Sunday of her grand-daughter, Shira Newman to Avi Hirsch. Mazel tov to Shira's parents Rabbi Dovid and Faigie Newman and to Avi's parents Ira and Chavi Hirsch and the entire Newman and Hirsch families.

PEREK ON THE LAWN

The first Perek on the Lawn of the season will be this Shabbos at 5:30 PM at the home of Noa and Judah Elbaum, 301 Harrison Ave. The speaker will be Rabbi Josh Rapps.

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

When saying, in the 3rd paragraph of Shema, "asher hotzeisi eschem mei'erezt Mitzraim" (Who has taken you from the land of Egypt), concentrate on fulfilling the positive mitzvah to remember the Exodus from Egypt. May we all merit a complete salvation from all of our troubles and by being included in the final redemption, speedily and in our days!

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

May 13-14

Rabbi Yeshaya Steinberger
Maggid Shiur, Yeshivat Hakotel; District Rabbi, Jerusalem
~ Program ~
Shabbat morning Derasha Hashkama and main Minyan 5:30 p.m.
Perek on the Lawn
Rambam's Source for Transmission of Oral Law:
A Paradigm of Faith
Lecture following Mincha/Shalosh Seudos Theodor Herzl: Vision and Fulfillment

SHABBAT YOM HA'ATZMAUT – COMING SOON!

Celebrate Shabbat Yom Ha'atzmaut with OT, next Shabbos, May 14! Enjoy our Scholar in Residence Rabbi Yeshaya Steinberger, and participate in our sumptuous Yom Ha'atzmaut Kiddush. Send a picture of your family, from recent days or days gone by, spending time in Israel, and we'll display them at the Kiddush. Sponsorship for the Kiddush is \$36.00. We are also looking for volunteers to help decorate the shul next Friday. Send pictures and offer your sponsorship and assistance to Susie Wolf, susiewolf@gmail.com, 908-906-9499.

CONDOLENCE

We regret to inform you of the passing of the father of Harry Chefitz. The Shiva is at the home of Bernice Chefitz 123 South Adelaide, Apt 3H. The last Minyan is Sunday May 8, 2016 at 7:45 AM. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS NORPAC WASHINGTON MISSION

May 15

NORPAC mission Training/Orientation Sunday night May 15th 9:00 PM. Cong. Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd., Edison NJ

MISSION DAY – MAY 18

MAY 18 - Edison / Highland Park Buses leave for Washington at 6:30AM from OT, AA and YIEB. There will be briefings on each bus. Shacharit davening will be at 5:45AM in Ohr Torah, Ahavas Achim 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 OT/RPRY lot those leaving from OT please try to walk or carpool

VISITING SOFER

The Sofer will be available to check your Mezzuzot and Tefillin this Sunday, May 8th, from 10AM at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. If possible, please call ahead for an appt. For questions or to make an appt, call 732-828-7722.

ACADEMY AWARD WINNING FILM AT OT

The latest production of Moriah Films and the Simon Wiesenthal Center is titled *It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl*. Narrated by Academy Award winner Sir Ben Kingsley and Christopher Waltz as the voice of Theodor Herzl, the film examines how Herzl organized and led a worldwide movement that led to the establishment of the State of Israel. In celebration of Yom ha-Atzma'ut, the 90 minute film will be shown at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday evening, May 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM. No admission charge.

ORTHODOX FORUM

Orthodox Forum of Highland Park and Edison presents: Dr. Avraham Nequise Former Ethiopian Shepherd, Israel Knesset Member and Chairman of the Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs. Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.

CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-640-5545

Affairs Committee. A Discussion of Successful Immigration and Integration in Israel Today Sunday, May 15th at 9:30 am Cong Ahavas Achim. Dr. Neugise will share his perspectives on the current situation in Israel and answer questions from those in attendance.

ELEM/YOUTH IN DISTRESS MISSION TO ISRAEL

ELEM/Youth in Distress in Israel is sponsoring a Mission to Israel March 19-27, 2017! Join us on a journey of a lifetime. Led by Rabbi Dr. Eric M. Lankin, from Highland Park, ELEM Exec Dir, this trip will engage both adults and teenagers, delight foodies, culture and art lovers. You'll gain fascinating insights into Israeli society through interactions with Israelis from all walks of life and by extraordinary access to significant political and community leaders. Price: Land Only \$2390 (double occupancy) Early Bird Discount: \$100 per person by Sept 15th. More info <http://www.elem.org/#!march-2017-mission/ca1n> or call [212-787-3337](tel:212-787-3337)

LAG B'OMER EVENT

Celebrate Lag Ba'Omer at the community wide happening, coordinated by the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program, on Thursday, May 26, 6:00-8:30PM at Grove 1 in Donaldson Park. Free admission! Music and entertainment provided by Jeff Wilks! Activities for kids, learning sessions for adults and food and drinks for sale! Contact Rabbi Shmulie Greene for more info and sponsorship opportunities at rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org or [973-214-8577](tel:973-214-8577)

RPRY ANNUAL DINNER

Please join us at the RPRY Annual Dinner event, Sunday, May 22nd, at 6pm, where we will be celebrating our Guests of Honor - Susan and Hillel Raymon, our Community Leadership Awardees - Melissa and Leor Jerushalmy, and Distinguished Alumna Awardee - Ariella Noveck, as well as the RPRY Class of 1986. Thank you for making your reservation and placing an ad at www.rpry.adjournal.com. For questions, email dinner@rpry.org.

RJJ YESHIVA ANNUAL DINNER

Honoring Dr. and Mrs. Ira Krumholtz, Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Leifer - Alumnus/Harbotzas Torah Award Sunday evening, June 5th at the Doubletree by Hilton, Newark Airport. For info or to place an ad or call office at 732-985-6533

1ST ANNUAL HP JEWISH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join the first annual Highland Park Jewish Women's Conference, presented by Cong Ohav Emeth. It will be a day of inspiration, during which we will discuss "Idealism vs. Realism: Striving for greatness while accepting our imperfections." Featuring Keynote Speaker, Mrs. Yael Kaisman. Sunday, May 15th from 11 AM to 2 PM at Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Avenue \$25 Women, \$15 Students. RSVP hpjwconference@gmail.com. Partial sponsorship by Covered Girl Clothing.

ENRV

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 information to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

JEWISH GENEALOGY CLUB

The next meeting of the Genealogy Club of Central Jersey (GCCJ), sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey, will take place on Thursday, May 13, at 7pm at Cong Ahavas Achim, 216 S 1st Ave, Highland Park, NJ. Topic of the meeting will be Jewish Family Names -- The origins and meanings of Jewish family names often are not what they appear to be. Jewish family names reflect the customs and laws of the countries where they originated, and they frequently are modified by family migrations. This talk examines the rich heritage that is attached to the names that we bear and attempts to distinguish fact from fiction on this often-puzzling topic. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending this or other meetings of the GCCJ, feel free to invite them!

RABBI WEISS' SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur for men and women on the Parsha, with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon, has resumed. It is given on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 PM at the Shenkman's home, 26 Leslie, corner Leslie and Lexington, across from 92 Leslie.

BIKUR CHOLIM

-HOMEBOUND VISITATION: Seeking adults and 11th graders and older who would be interested in volunteering to visit homebound people in our community. For more info, please call Bikur Cholim at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181).

- NURSING HOME VISITATION: Seeking volunteers to visit at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane in Somerset. For more info, please call Rahel Baruh at [732-672-4673](tel:732-672-4673) or email rbaruh@yahoo.com

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appointments - match requesters with an available driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. To volunteer to coordinate or to drive, please call Bikur Cholim hotline at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.com

- NEW WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. The new website provides information regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, how to borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

FOR WOMEN

- We are pleased to announce the start of a weekly chabura for women as a part of the Ahavas Yisrael initiative. We meet to learn a lesson in Ahavas Yisrael, discuss ideas and also catch up! This Shabbos, Sara Roscher will i'yh host the chaburah at 5:15 pm in her home. Her address is 1509 Central Ave in the Triangle. For more information, please visit ayproject.com.

-Rabbi Bassous' Women's class: Sundays at 10AM at Etz Ahaim. Class will be based upon the book "100 Brachos, Counting your Blessings 100 Times a Day" by Rabbi Moshe Goldberger. -Tiferes DVD for women: Motzai Shabbos, May 14 at 10PM at the Siegelhouse. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. For more info, please contact Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class meets Thursday at 10AM sharp at Riki Samel's house.

SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls meets on Sunday evenings.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class Sunday, May 8 at 10AM at the Aguda shul; Parsha class Monday, May 9 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or orsieglmom@optonline.net

Women's beginning Israeli Dancing will resume after Lag B'Omer on Sunday, May 29

. For more info, contact Rachel at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or orrachel@weintraubworld.net

-Woman's Parsha discussion: Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzalel Strauss, will be conducting discussion based on the essays of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, every Monday at 1PM in the Ahavas Achim Beit Midrash. All interested women are invited. Contact Cynthia at cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com with any questions.

HP MIKVAH PRESENTS AUTHOR

The Highland Park Mikvah is sponsoring a lecture by Mrs. Chaya S. Newman, author, educator, matchmaker, and well-known speaker from Israel, this Tuesday evening, May 10 at 8:30 PM at Debbi Sabo's home, 153 Brookhill Ave., Edison. Please park in the John Marshall school parking lot. Title: "The Heart of the Jewish Family: The Role of the Woman". Admission is free. Lecture for women and post high school girls only. For more info, please contact Aviva at sieglmom@optonline.net or call Lynn at 732-777-0225 or Debbi at 347-743-9142.

PARK MIKVAH HOURS

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

-If you are purchasing from Amazon, please consider signing up with www.amazon Smile.com - a donation will be made to Park Mikvah. The Highland Park Mikvah hours for Daylight Savings Time: Sunday-Thursday evenings 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM; Friday nights by appointment only. All Motzai Shabbos in May: 10:00 - 11:30 PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. *In case of inclement weather, please call the mikvah at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or see www.parkmikvah.org for an updated status.* For more info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

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

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES
Contact Moshe Schneider at 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. 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

YAHREITZ DATABASE: To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv

Parshas Kedoshim:

Candlelighting: 7:48 PM
Mincha: 7:55 PM

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Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

R. Israel Rosenberg (1875-1956)

Among the many European born rabbis who immigrated to America at the turn of the 20th century, Rabbi Israel Rosenberg left a notable impact. His devotion to strengthening Orthodox Jewish life in America, and his energetic philanthropic activity on behalf of Jews, both within and outside the United States, earned him an important place in the history of the American Orthodox rabbinate.

Born in Lomza, Poland, in 1875, Israel Rosenberg attended the prestigious Lithuanian yeshiva at Slobodka, before joining a select group of scholars at the Novarodok yeshiva. In 1899, Rosenberg was ordained by the communal rabbi of Novarodok, R. Yechiel Michel Epstein, author of the famed halakhic work, *Aruch ha-Shulchan*. Due to the financial hardship of his father-in-law, a merchant, who could no longer support him, Rosenberg left Europe for the United States in 1902. His wife and two daughters followed a year later, joining him in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he had become a congregational rabbi.

Rosenberg would come to serve as pulpit rabbi in several communities, including Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 1902-1905; Bayonne, N.J., 1905-1910; Burlington, Vermont, 1910-1912; Paterson, N.J., 1912-1918; and finally, Jersey City, New Jersey, 1919-1920. But it was his leadership in addressing the material needs of Jews where he left his greatest contribution.

In 1914, under the auspices of the Agudath Ha-Rabbonim, Rosenberg helped organize the Central Relief Committee to assist European Jews who were coping with increased poverty and despair as a result of World War I. With particular concern for the needs of Europe's rabbinic scholars, Rosenberg, together with colleagues of the Agudath ha-Rabbonim, formed the Ezras Torah Fund in 1915 to collect money for indigent Torah scholars in Europe. For decades, Rosenberg would serve as President of Ezras Torah, an organization which still exists to this day.

Following World War I, Rosenberg served as chairman of the Talmud Publication Society of the Agudath Ha-Rabbonim, which published a new edition of *SHAS* to replace the many copies of Talmud destroyed in Europe during the war. In 1919, Rosenberg travelled to Europe with Rabbis Ephraim Epstein of Chicago and R. Meir Berlin, President of the religious Zionist Mizrahi Organization, to arrange relief for Jewish communities devastated by the fighting. While returning to America following a three-month trip to Lithuania, Poland and Germany, Rosenberg and his colleagues stopped in Danzig, where they discovered that one thousand Jewish refugees from Poland were in danger of expulsion by the Polish Senate. The municipal government in Danzig had agreed to the expulsion, claiming that it could no longer support the indigent refugees. The rabbinic delegation telegraphed the Joint Distribution Committee requesting \$10,000 to sustain the refugees for three months. The funds were raised and the expulsion decree was rescinded.

Like many European born rabbis who settled in America, Rosenberg supported the efforts of religious Zionism. He served as a American delegate of the Mizrahi Organization at the World Zionist Congress held in London in 1920 and in Zurich in 1929. In 1924, R. Rosenberg played a major role in bringing to America a delegation of distinguished rabbis, including Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, Rabbi Avraham Kahane Shapiro, rabbi of Kovno, and Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Epstein, to raise funds for Torah institutions in Europe and Palestine.

Believing that it was essential to produce American born Orthodox rabbis to compete with those ordained at, what he considered to be, the less traditional Jewish Theological Seminary, Rosenberg was active on behalf of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in New York, serving as its vice-president from 1910 to 1912, and as acting dean from 1922 to 1923, during a brief absence of Rabbi Dr. Bernard Revel.

On December 8, 1942, Rosenberg served as a committee member representing the leading American Jewish organizations who met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt regarding the Nazi persecution of Jews. Roosevelt indicated his awareness of the extermination of European Jewry and authorized the Jewish delegation to issue a statement in his name declaring that the Nazis would be held accountable for their crimes. Rosenberg also worked with the Vaad Hazalah in its efforts to rescue European Jews during and after the Holocaust.

A prolific writer, Rosenberg contributed numerous articles on Jewish law to various rabbinic journals, as well as essays on problems in Jewish life, which appeared in the Yiddish press. His speeches to the Agudath Ha-Rabbonim were often reprinted in the organization's journal, Ha-Pardes.

R. Israel Rosenberg died in Brooklyn on January 26, 1956 and was survived by a son and three daughters.