



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Vayera

15 Cheshvan 5774

October 19, 2013

**Candlelighting:** 5:54 PM  
**Mincha:** 6:00 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur cancelled this week*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:57 AM  
**Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur:** 4:55 PM  
**Mincha:** 1:45 & 5:45 PM

**Chai Lifeline Shalosh Seudos**  
**Maariv:** 6:55 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sunday** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

**Mon., Thurs.** 6:17, 7:05, 8 AM

**Earliest Talis and Tefillin:** 6:22 Mon. 6:25 Thurs

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

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 5:50 PM

**Weekday Maariv** 7:30 & 10:10 PM

*Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:*

*Monday 9:10 PM, Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM*

*Wednesday Night Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM*

**DAF YOMI**

Shabbos – One hour before Mincha. Sunday –

After 8 AM Shacharis. Monday-Thursday – After

7:30 PM Maariv. Friday – After Maariv.

The Daf Yomi is starting, Maseches Shekalim

tomorrow Sunday, Oct 20. This is a short

Masechta that can be completed in exactly 3

weeks. It is an ideal time to start Daf Yomi

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

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the birth of a daughter to their grandchildren Daniella and Amit Nistonpover of Haifa, Israel.

...to Leah and Harvey Paretzky on the marriage of their daughter Adina to Nate Miller this Sunday.

...to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the marriage of their daughter Sarah to Dov Banner this Sunday. Mazel Tov to the entire Allen, Banner, Dessau, Piekarz and Gersten families.

...to Esther and Yechiel Posen on the birth of a son to their children Chana Sara and Menachem.

... to Leslie and Jeff Silber upon the forthcoming marriage in Israel of their daughter Ariel to Yedidya Rothner, son of Adina and Yehuda Rothner of Alon Shvut. Mazel Tov to the extended Silber, Horwitz, Rothner and Leibtag families.

...to Fran & Shmully Leitman on the birth of a son to their children Danielle and Yoni Leitman of Fair Lawn, NJ.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

The children, counselors, and staff of Chai Lifeline will be joining us in a community wide Shalosh Seudos, featuring one of the Chai Lifeline kids as the speaker. The Shalosh Seudos has been sponsored by members of the community in honor of our Chai Lifeline guests.

**CHAI LIFELINE**

We would like to welcome all of our guests from Chai Lifeline and look forward to spending a wonderful Shabbos with them. They will be joining us for an inspirational Kabbalat Shabbos, and will be davening Shacharis with the teen minyan

**SHABBOS ACROSS AMERICA**

For the first time, our Shul will be hosting a program on Friday night, March 7, 2014 as part of the Nationwide Shabbos Across America Program. We thank Larry Greenman in advance for agreeing to Chair this most important event. If you would like to work on this program, please contact Larry at your earliest convenience.

**HOME ROBBERIES**

In the past few weeks there have been three robberies in homes near RPRY. Edison police have made this situation a priority and are asking for our help. 2 robberies were certainly in the AM and may be the work of two WHITE MALES ages 14-18. Please, if you see anybody that does not

seem to belong to our neighborhood CALL 911. Try to get a description of a car and license plate number. Let the police decide if your call was warranted, your task is to call. Also, PLEASE KEEP GARAGE DOORS AND HOUSE DOORS LOCKED, TURN ON ALARM WHEN YOU ARE NOT HOME AM OR PM.

**SEFORIM**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Dr. Ira & Susan Sobel in memory of Susan's mother Fay Greenberg and and grandmother Sarah Goldin Z"L

-Melvin and Eileen Wagshul in memory of Mel's parents Ada & Louis Wagshul Z"L

-Larry and Miriam Greenman in memory of their fathers Z"L

**MEI GARDEN**

The supervision of Mei Garden on Raritan Avenue has been re-instated, and this establishment is now certified kosher by the Vaad of Raritan Valley.

Rabbi Yaakov Luban

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM STARTS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT**

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 8:00  
 Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

**DOVID RAPPS RUNNING FOR YACHAD**

Last year I was successful in raising over \$3,000 for Yachad/NJCD and I owe a great deal of gratitude to many of you for helping me get to that milestone. This upcoming February 2, 2014, IY"Y, I will again be running a half marathon as part of Team Yachad in the Miami marathon. I am again looking to raise \$3,000 for Yachad. Yachad is an amazing organization that promotes inclusion within the Jewish community and provides individuals with disabilities with vocational opportunities. Please help me support Yachad by donating to this very worthy cause. Checks can be mailed to Team Yachad 11 Broadway, 13th Floor New York, NY 10004. Please specify in the memo: Dovid Rapps. Or, if you prefer, you can arrange for me to pick it up from your house or they can be dropped off at 11 Edgemount rd. Edison, NJ 08817. Tizku l'mitzvos!

**SPIRITUALITY: DEALING WITH LIFE'S MOST SERIOUS CHALLENGES ON 11/9**

The Orthodox Forum presents Rabbi Cary Friedman describing how he consults with the FBI and law enforcement community to proactively provide law enforcement officers with spiritual fortification and comfort to counter their daily involvement with heart-wrenching situations. In addition, he will talk about how these lessons are relevant to us, and how we can make a meaningful contribution to and have a powerful impact on the communities in which we live.

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**

Kiddush sponsorship is available for November 9th, 23rd & 30th and December 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. 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), [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)

**E-MAIL LIST**

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

Rabbi Friedman will speak at Congregation Etz Ahaim on November 9, at 8:00. The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more information and a copy of the event flier visit our new website [orthodoxjewishforum.org](http://orthodoxjewishforum.org).

#### **HP/EDISON WELCOMING COMMITTEE MELAVE MALKA FOR WOMEN-**

Thanks to our overwhelmingly successful pre-Sukkos women's get-together we are following it up with a (women only please) Melave Malka on Motzai Shabbos, Nov 9th at 7:30 pm at the home of Zev and Rachelle Stern, 474 Lincoln Ave, HP. If you are new to town or have been here for a while but want to play a part in helping the welcoming committee embrace newcomers to our town and come up with and implement ways to make their transition easier, then please RSVP by calling Rikki Samel at [\(732\) 249-5116](tel:732-249-5116) or emailing [Rachelle\\_Stern@yahoo.com](mailto:Rachelle_Stern@yahoo.com). Potluck dessert /salad buffet planned but please don't feel obligated to contribute.

#### **ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF THE HIGHLANDPARK EDISONCONNECTS INFO-SHARING FORUM-**

The Highland Park/Edison Welcoming Committee has created an official Yahoo group--called HighlandParkEdisonConnects -- for the purpose of facilitating the easy exchange of information between the various facets of our community and help spread the word about local events, shuirim, and more for the benefit of newcomers and old-timers alike! To subscribe or post a message please email [highlandparkedisonconnects-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:highlandparkedisonconnects-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

#### **RPRY 7TH GRADE BAR MITZVAH PROJECT**

Come join the All Star Basketball Extravaganza – A morning of fun basketball contests and games. Sunday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 am @ the RPRY GYM, for boys, grades 3-5. \$15/person in advance...\$20 at door (price includes tshirt). For more info please call Didi Deitcher at [\(732\) 921-7736](tel:732-921-7736) or Leslie Ostrin at [\(848\) 248-2884](tel:848-248-2884). This event is first in a series of a RPRY 7th Grade Bar Mitzvah Project: raising funds to bring over an Israeli Army Troop, through a program called Peace of Mind (POM). POM is an organization that helps Israeli soldiers who have served for 3 or more years in a high risk combat unit in the IDF, and are being helped in their transition back into civilian life.

#### **EAT OUT FOR JEWISH EDUCATION - NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

Cast your vote for Jewish K-8 Day School Education by eating out at participating kosher restaurants in Highland Park, New Jersey, that will donate a percentage of profits made between 5:00 p.m. and closing time on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 5th, to CNJKIDS.

#### **BNEI AKIVA IN EDISON**

BNEI AKIVA will be starting an afternoon groups program in OT starting October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm downstairs in OT. It will be for grades 3-9 and run every other week. Details to follow. Please contact Neer Even-Hen if you have any questions

#### **HATZOLAH OF EDISON**

HATZOLAH OF EDISON is almost here!! Hatzolah is actively recruiting members to respond to medical calls, and to dispatch. If you are interested in joining, please go to [www.hatzolahet.org](http://www.hatzolahet.org) and submit an application.

EMT training & certification is being offered to those who are not already medically trained. Membership preference will be given to those who are already certified to the level of EMT or above (nurse, PA, MD, paramedic).

#### **AAU PRESENTS THE FOUR NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH WITH RABBI DANIEL FELDMAN**

Tuesdays, Oct 29, Nov 5, 12, 19 at 8pm. in the Ahavas Achim Beit Midrash: Prepare for Chanukah with an intense study of the Talmudic sugyot on Chanukah and the words of the Rishonim and Achronim. This is a special opportunity to learn four weeks in a row with a distinguished YU Rosh Yeshiva and gain exposure to more advanced texts. Each session will begin with small-group study of a specific portion of the Gemara. Rabbi Feldman will then guide us through later sources and derivation of contemporary practice.

#### **CHUMASH MESORAS HARAV BOOK LAUNCH**

The *Chumash Mesoras HaRav*, edited by Arnie Lustiger, presents the profound insights of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik in the form of a commentary on the same page as the Biblical text. A book launch is scheduled for Sunday October 27, at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Ave Teaneck NJ. at 8:00 PM. Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, renowned Biblical scholar, will speak on the topic of *"The Rav Learns Chumash: History and Hashkafa."*

#### **CAMP MESORAH'S NA'ALEH PROGRAM IN ISRAEL**

**Camp Mesorah's Na'aleh Program in Israel**  
To all parents with sons in 10th grade who are interested in an all boys Israel summer program. Camp Mesorah's Na'aleh program is back for a third year. We have the most unique, out of the box hikes, tiyulim, water hikes, political activism, daily learning, chess opportunities, basketball leagues, multiple rappelling trips, survival workshops, leadership training and extended overnights up North and down South. We even have our own gourmet chef! Join us for an interactive parlor meeting at the Schanzer home: 25 Perry Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817 at 9:00 P.M. October 19th. Rabbi Dr. Noam Weinberg Director- Na'aleh

#### **CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

Congregation Ahavas Yisrael of Edison will be having a clothing giveaway on Sunday October 20 from 10:30- 2:00. All sizes of clothing in new and gently worn condition. Donations to the Shul will be accepted but are not required. For more info please contact Chaya Davis [\(917-518-2464\)](tel:917-518-2464) or Rivka Jaffe [\(732-762-0490\)](tel:732-762-0490).

#### **MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER 5K WALK**

The annual American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer 5K walk will be held on Sunday, Oct 27, 2013 at the NJ Expo Center. Registration starts at 7:30 AM; Walk starts at 10AM. Checks can be made out to the American Cancer Society. One can register on-line [www.makingstrideswalk.org/edison](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/edison). If interested in participating, and/or sponsoring, please call Bobbi [\(732\) 819-7842](tel:732-819-7842).

#### **ACTT**

(Achieving Change Through Torah) program, now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: Step by Step compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. See the

ACTT web-site, [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](tel:732-572-8762).

#### **CHAI LIFELINE CHNAUKAH TOY DRIVE**

Chai Lifeline is having its annual toy drive, in time for Chanukah. Please drop off toys at RPRY and Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion from 10/23 – 11/20/2013. All toys must be NEW. Please DO NOT WRAP GIFTS. Toys are needed for children of all ages, from newborn to teenagers. Age appropriate gifts for children ages 13 and up are especially needed. For more info, please call Bobby Engel at [732-819-7842](tel:732-819-7842).

#### **FOR WOMEN**

-Special Video: The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Worldwide Event for the Yahrzeit of Rochel Imeinu presents a video of inspiration: "Where Am I Headed? Connecting to our Spiritual GPS" with shiurim by Rebbitzin Tehilla Jaeger and Rebbitzin Tziporah Heller on Motzai Shabbos, Oct 19, 8:30 PM at the Orani residence, 292 North 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Highland Park. For women only. Sponsorships welcome. All proceeds will go to Aniyel Eretz Yisrael. For more info, please call Miri Cohen [908-208-7144](tel:908-208-7144).

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes: No class on Sunday, October 20; Parsha class on Monday, October 21 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) [sieqelmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieqelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com)

-Tefillah class for women by Mrs. Esther Posen: Tues night, Oct. 22 at 8:30 PM at the home of Leslie Ostrin, 221 Riverview Ave, Highland Park. For more info, please call [908-391-4645](tel:908-391-4645).

- SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls on Wednesday, October 23 at 9:00 PM at the Aguda, upstairs classroom. For more info, please call 908-420-0253..

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon night, Oct. 21 from 7:30 to 8:15 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class on Monday, October 21.

-We invite the ladies of the community to come see a large selection of wigs at discounted prices - available for a limited time only – from Sunday, Nov 10 – Sunday, Nov 17 Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Children's Fund. For more info, please contact Rikki Samel @ [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116).

-NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING SHIUR FOR WOMEN Ahavas Achim University presents a new shiur for women by Rabbi Miodownik on "Exploring the Siddur." Each Wednesday from 10:30-11:15 am. in the Beit Midrash, beginning Wed, Oct 9!

- 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 -Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, Nov 16 at 9:15 PM 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 available to Tiferes members. For more info or to

become a member, please contact Aviva [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net) or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig. - Join women of all ages from the Highland Park/Edison community and beyond as we learn together at Rabbi Bassous's Sunday morning classes. We meet at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison Street, Highland Park 10-11 AM. We are now learning from the book "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz. Join us at the class and start the year in a spiritually-charged way

#### **NC SY NEWS**

This week there will not be a Friday night one! See ya all next Shabbos, October 26th! Save the date: Nov 4th! Chanukah Party for JSU/ Public school ncsyers!! Winter Regional: Sign up for Winter Regional has opened! The Shabbaton runs from Dec 5-8 at the Coco Key Resort in Waterbury, CT. Sign up at [newjersey.ncsy.org](http://newjersey.ncsy.org) NOW for the early bird price of \$249. Can't wait to see y'all there!!!

#### **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 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 info to [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com)

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison / Highland Park Mikvah will be open every night from 9-11pm until we change the clocks. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For additional info or to schedule an appointment, please call 732-249-2411.

#### **CAMP MESORAH'S NA'ALEH PROGRAM IN ISRAEL**

To all parents with sons in 10th grade who are interested in an all boys Israel summer program. Look no further!!! Camp Mesorah's Na'aleh program is back for a third year. We have the most unique, out of the box hikes, tiyulim, water hikes, political activism, daily learning, chessed opportunities, basketball leagues, multiple rappelling trips, survival workshops, leadership training and extended

overnights up North and down South. We even have our own gourmet chef! So come see what all the buzz is about. Join us for an interactive parlor meeting at the Schanzer home: 25 Perry Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817 at 9:00 PM. October 19th.

#### **OPEN HOUSE FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS**

Yeshiva University High School for Boys (MTA) into your weekly announcements for the next few weeks. The Open House is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Oct 27th, at 9:30 AM (doors open at 9 a.m.), at our building at 2540 Amsterdam Ave on YU's Wilf Campus. More information, as well as the option to pre-register, can be found on our website, [www.yuhsb.org](http://www.yuhsb.org).

#### **RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

--RKYHS invites all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to our Open House on Sunday, Oct 27, 2013. Registration at 8:30 am; program begins at 9 am. To register go to [www.rkyhs.org/openhouse](http://www.rkyhs.org/openhouse).

#### **FRISCH OPEN HOUSE**

The Frisch School invites all 8th graders and their parents to our Open House on Sunday, Nov 10th at 9:00 AM. Frisch is located at 120 West Century Road in Paramus, NJ. You may pre-register at [openhouse.frisch.org](http://openhouse.frisch.org). For more info, please call (201)267-9100 x201, or [admissions@frisch.org](mailto:admissions@frisch.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **JEC'S BRURIAH AND RTMA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

Bruriah High School - A Division of the Jewish Educational Center - Open House - Sunday, Nov 3, 2013 9:30 AM - 12:45 PM 35 North Ave Elizabeth, NJ 07208 Pre-registration is appreciated at [www.Bruriah.theJEC.org](http://www.Bruriah.theJEC.org) but is not required. All are welcome! For questions or further info, please call 908-355-4850.

Rav Teitz Mesivta Academy (RTMA) - A Division of the Jewish Educational Center - Open House - Tuesday, Nov 12, 2013 7:00 PM 330 Elmora Ave Elizabeth, NJ 07208 Pre-registration is appreciated at [www.RTMA.theJEC.org](http://www.RTMA.theJEC.org) but is not required. All are welcome! For questions or further info, please call 908-355-4850.

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

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites all 8th grade girls and their parents to our Open House on Sunday, Oct 20th. Registration at 12:30 pm program to begin at 1 pm. You may pre-

register on our website: [www.maayanot.org](http://www.maayanot.org). Please contact our Dir of Admissions, Mrs. Nina Bieler, at 201-833-4307 ext. 255 with any questions. Ma'ayanot is located at 1650 Palisade Ave in Teaneck, NJ.

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

Sunday Night November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday Night March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday-Thursday Evenings: 8:30PM-10:30PM  
*Friday Nights and Yom Tov* By Appointment Only.  
Call: 732-249-2411  
*Saturday Nights: 7:30PM-10:00PM*  
*You must arrive and leave during regular mikvah hours.* fee: \$20  
Out of hours: \$20 Additional fee  
For hygienic purposes, nail clippers, toe nail clippers, emery boards, nail sticks, tweezers, combs, brushes, nail filers are at the front desk. *All items are complimentary of Park Mikvah.*  
Please ask the shomeret.  
We welcome your comments!  
[hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com)  
Standard time hours end Saturday Night March 8.

#### **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. The Shul is locked (for security purposes) during non-Minyan hours. If you need special access, please speak to a Shul Gabbai. Please leave the area clean and neat.

#### **LOCAL ERUV**

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

<b>Parshas Chayei Sarah</b>	
Candlelighting	5:45 PM
Mincha	5:55 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 DOVAR**

*Several years ago, the late Rabbi Israel Poleyeff inaugurated a newsletter feature titled Sof Davar. While I am no match for Rabbi Poleyeff's erudition and wit, I am pleased to resurrect the Jewish history column, zecher zaddik le-vracha - may his memory be for blessing.* Moshe Sherman

#### **Abraham Joseph Rice (1802-1862)**

Until the mid 1800s, there were preachers and chazanim in America but no ordained rabbonim. This changed in 1840, when Rabbi Abraham Rice arrived in the United States. With several years of Torah learning in Furth, Germany and semicha from R. Abraham Bing of Wurzburg, Rice was unsuccessful in rejuvenating the historic Yeshuat Israel synagogue at Newport, Rhode Island, and moved to Baltimore to become Rabbi at Congregation Nidchei Israel (aka Baltimore Hebrew Congregation). Nidchei Israel, had been formed in 1829, and at the time, was the only shul in the State of Maryland. In 1845, a large and distinguished synagogue was built on Lloyd Street, and the shul, not surprisingly, became known as the Lloyd Street Synagogue. The synagogue basement housed a mikveh and an oven for baking matzah. The landmark building is the third oldest surviving synagogue in the United States, and following a major restoration in the 1960s, serves at present, as the home of the Jewish Museum of Maryland. As for Abraham Rice, he removed himself as rabbi of the shul in 1849 to pursue his livelihood as a merchant. But he formed a small congregation called Sherith Israel, where he served as rabbi without compensation, and continued to offer spiritual counsel and halachic guidance to Baltimore Jewry. Rice died in 1862 but his sermons and halachic pronouncements live on in the pages of *The Occident*, a monthly magazine which, at that time, promoted Jewish tradition in the face of a growing Reform Jewish movement. Thanks to the internet, you can read all about it at [www.theoccident.com](http://www.theoccident.com)