



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Jeff Klein- President**

**Rabbi Sarel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi**

*Parshas Re'e*

30 Av 5776

September 3, 2016

**Candlelighting: 7:09PM**  
**Mincha: 7:15 PM**  
**Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM**

*Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama*

**Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:41AM**  
**Kollel Mincha: 6:00 PM**

*Please note: Next Shabbos Parshas Shoftim 9/10 will be the last Kollel Mincha for the season*  
*Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 6:10PM*

**Mincha: 1:45 & 7:00PM**  
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Dr. David Luchins  
*Dr. Luchins speech will take place after Shalosh Seudos in the Shul*

**Maariv: 8:10PM**  
**Shabbos Ends: 8:16 PM**

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sun (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8 & 9AM**

**Mon., Thu 6:20, 7:05, 8AM**

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

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:05 PM**

**Late Maariv: 10:10 PM**

*Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Sauer resumes next week*

*Monday & Wednesday – Gemara Chaburah*

*with Rabbi Malitzky – 9:00- 10:10 PM*

*Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM*

*Weds. Night Kollel Night Seder: 8 -10:10 PM*

**Daf Yomi**

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 September 10th and October 1st.

**SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Toby and Michael Eleff to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Toby's mother, Sarah bas Eliezer, Z"L.

**SEATS FOR YOMIM NORAIM 5777**

The seat reservation forms for the Yomim Noraim are in the mail. Forms are also available in the Shul hallway. Whether your seats are in the Main or the Hashkama Minyanim, please **submit your forms before** September 5th to receive priority seating and discounted rates. After that date the rates will go up. Reservations can be mailed or dropped off in the Shul curbside mailbox on Edgemount Road. Please note that starting this year, the preferred vehicle is to use the shul website <http://www.ohrtorah.net> and select "Seat Reservations" in the right panel. As usual, payment for the 2016 seats must accompany this reservation in order to be processed. Also, the Shul Board requires that personal balances be paid up through the year 2015 by August 31st. If you have any question regarding your current Shul

balances, Contact Brian Allen at [kiddydent1@gmail.com](mailto:kiddydent1@gmail.com).

**MAZEL TOV**

...to Miriam and Larry Greenman on the marriage of their daughter Shuli to Nossion Thaler, son of Martin and Marcia Thaler. Mazel Tov to the Greenman siblings and to the grandmothers, Mrs. Gloria Greenman and Mrs. Esther Genuth.  
... to Debbie and Hesh Granek on the birth of a grandson to their children Menashe and Amanda Benedict of Bala Cynwyd, PA. Mazel Tov all the aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings.  
...to Miriam and Shmilu Weiss on the engagement of their daughter Malia to Zvi Reichmann. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Roslyn and Norton Nesis and Frida Weiss, to siblings Shaje and Mordechai and to aunt and uncle Ruchi and Yossi Stern.  
...to Janet and Fred Rivenson on the birth of a daughter Emunah Leah to their children Matla and Aryeh Schleider of Beit Shemesh. Mazel Tov to the entire Mishpacha.  
...to Debbie and Greg Botvinik on the engagement of their son, Jordan to Shani Kravitz of Flatbush. Mazel Tov to her parents, Rena and Jack, all her siblings and to the entire Botvinik, Kravitz, Cohen, Levine families.

**ANNUAL I. DAVID AND MIRIAM GOLDSTEIN TESHUVA DRASHA**

This year's annual I. David and Miriam Goldstein Teshuva Drasha will take place on Wednesday Sept 28 at 8pm at OT. World renowned speaker and author, Rabbi Yissocher Frand will present his Yomim Noraim thoughts in a lecture entitled, "Your Master in Your Pocket." All donations will benefit Yad eliezer in their mission to feed the hungry poor in Israel.

**ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE**

In Ashrei, concentrate on: *Chanun v'rachum Hashem, erech appaim u'gdal chassed*; "Gracious and merciful is Hashem, slow to anger and great in loving-kindness". Throughout the day, emulate Hashem by doing many great acts of loving-kindness as if you are happily giving out free gifts, even to those who might not be as deserving.

**OT NIGHT SEDER PROGRAM**

Reclaim the glory of your Yeshiva days! Never felt the magic of Gemara learning? It's not too late. Ohr Torah is excited to launch a new night Seder program. Experience the joy and fulfillment of Gemara learning with chavrusa learning under the direction of Rabbi Malitzky on Monday and Wednesday

nights from 9:00-10:10pm. There will be a weekly shiur delivered by a rotation consisting of members of the Chabura and Rabbi Malitzky. Please contact Rabbi Malitzky at [Sarel.Malitzky@gmail.com](mailto:Sarel.Malitzky@gmail.com) with any questions or for help finding a chavrusa.

**CONDOLENCES**

We regret to inform you of the passing of our member, Mr. William Bogner, the husband of Gail Bogner, the father of Deena Heiss, Ezra Bogner, Elana Zachter and Aliza Hakalir. Shiva will be observed through Monday morning, Sept 5 at the Bogner home, 481 Harrison Avenue, Highland Park, NJ. Minyanim as follows:  
Shacharis: Sunday, Monday, 8:00 AM  
Mincha/Maariv: Sunday 7:10 PM  
The family respectfully requests no visitation after 10 PM.  
May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM**

-The Ohr Torah Youth Program has several open positions that we are looking to fill starting on Shabbat Sept 10th. All teenagers (entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade and up) who are interested in working in our youth program and whose families are Full or Assoc. members of the Shul are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at our Shul website [ohrtorah.net](http://ohrtorah.net) by selecting Services and Youth Dept.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER**

The safety of RPRY students is of paramount importance and we must be especially vigilant about traffic during arrival (7:30-8:15 AM) and dismissal (3:15 to 4:15PM) times. To ensure the safety of our students, and in consultation with the Edison Police and Yeshiva's Security Committee, please note the following:

- Please drive **slowly**, do not use a cell phone while driving, and be very aware of children walking to and from their cars and the school.
  - Please do not back up or make a K-Turn or U-turn during arrival or dismissal.
  - During arrival and dismissal, the carpool lane on Edgemount Road must remain completely clear. Please do not park there.
  - Please do not park in front of the Yeshiva at any time, on either side of Harrison Street. Rather, please use a legal parking spot.
- Thank you for your help in protecting our children.*

**ACTT**

"Kiddush Hashem 1" module has started with ArtScroll source book, "Living Kiddush Hashem" by Rabbi Shraga Freedman. It is available at a discount from the Judaica Gallery. See ACTT website for the Learning Schedule. Sun, 9/18/2016 at 7:30PM at

**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

AA, Rav Dovid Goldwasser, renowned community leader, international lecturer, author, educator and daily radio commentator will speak about "A Powerful Segulah for the Yom Hadin". For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org), see [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), or contact Phil Rosen.

### **RPRY MORAH MIRI MEMORIAL COLOR RUN**

We are excited to present the 2nd annual RPRY Morah Miri Memorial Color Run, to take place on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM at Papaian Park in Edison, NJ. To participate in fundraising, please create a FirstGiving fundraising page, at [www.firstgiving.com/RPRY/morah-miri-2nd-annual-color-run](http://www.firstgiving.com/RPRY/morah-miri-2nd-annual-color-run). To set up a fundraising page, you need to click the Join Now tab on the page, rather than the Donate tab. For more info, please contact Ida Scheiner at [imscheiner@aol.com](mailto:imscheiner@aol.com) or Jennie Fine at [jenniefine1@gmail.com](mailto:jenniefine1@gmail.com)

### **HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

Hatzolah of Middlesex County is thrilled to announce its 1st annual Carnival fundraiser. The event will take place on Sunday, Sept 11th from 1pm – 5pm at 71 West Ethel Rd in Piscataway. Attractions include a petting zoo, face painting, rides, games, raffles, prizes, and delicious BBQ! Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon while supporting your local Hatzolah organization! For more info, email [Carnival@HatzolahMC.org](mailto:Carnival@HatzolahMC.org), or call [732-993-8645](tel:732-993-8645).

### **CHAI LIFELINE CHESED OPPORTUNITY**

There is a 9-year-old boy that's staying in a hospital in Somerset, NJ. He would love to have a local boy visit him on a regular basis. Additional volunteer opportunities for local girls as well. For more info, please call Rabbi Aharon Koslowitz from Chai Lifeline at 848-525-5542.

### **HP/EDISON CONNECTS**

-Highland Park/Edison Connects invites the women of our community to our Annual September "Kick-Off the (school) Year" Potluck Melava Malka, taking place on Motzai Shabbos, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm. Whether you have recently moved in and are looking to meet people, or whether you have been here a while and want to reconnect with old friends (and make new ones while welcoming everyone who has recently moved into our town!) we encourage you to come and bring a dish! This year's kick-off Melave Malka will be taking place at the home of Chaim and Faygie Lobel 4 Fairhill Rd, Edison, RSVP by emailing [Rachelle\\_Stern@Yahoo.com](mailto:Rachelle_Stern@Yahoo.com) so we know how many to setup for. If you do choose to bring a dish or a dessert (which will be much appreciated!) please attach a label with your name and what your dish is (salad/pasta/desserts all welcome!) and how it was made (pareve or dairy) and tape it to the serving platter. All serving platters and utensils will be returned at the end of the evening. -Rikki Samel and Rachelle Stern

### **BIKUR CHOLIM:**

-New hospitality room at RWJ Univ Hospital! It is located on the main floor. Go through the main entrance and bear left towards the gift shop. Turn right through the double doors. Follow hall and turn right. The room is located opposite the surgical intensive care unit. You will find it fully stocked with food and any items that you might need. There is a microwave, urn, sink, table & chairs, as well as two reclining chairs. For inquiries, please call the helpline at 732-572-7181.

- MOTHER'S HELPERS: Bikur Cholim is looking for Mother's Helpers to help with a special need's five year old girl. Volunteers are needed for any time, Monday through Friday. We are looking for girls tenth grade and up. If you can help, even for a few hours, please call Mrs. Rivka Teresh directly at [347-598-9448](tel:347-598-9448).

- 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](mailto: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](http://bikurcholimrv.com)

- WEBSITE: [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com). The website provides info 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. -Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): A complimentary service for maternity situations whereby volunteers will come to stay with your kids during the night. For more info on receiving this service or becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116). Thank you.

### **HOLIDAY ART EXHIBIT**

Holiday Art Exhibit at USC Hillel, "Dimensions of Spirituality: Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot\*", features the latest Mitzvah Kotel\*\* piece, "To Hear the Sound of the Shofar", by artist Dorene Schwartz-Weitz. Until- Nov.21th, Mon - Fri 9AM-5PM Reception: Sept. 21st, 7PM-9PM \*Organized by the Jewish Art Salon & Jewish Artists Initiative, curated by R. McBee & A.Rubenstein. \*\*mitzvahkotel.org - view attached

### **FRIENDS OF THE IDF NJ CHAPTER PRESENT: NOAM GERSHONY: MODERN ISRAELI HERO**

In 2006 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lebanon war, Noam, apache helicopter pilot was critically injured in a collision over Israel's northern border. After months of grueling rehab he triumphed and discovered his love for tennis. He went on to win Israel's first gold medal in the 2012 London Paralympics Games in quad singles wheelchair tennis. He will share his inspiring journey locally at three events: Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Union County; Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Bergen County; Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Morris County. For more info and to RSVP visit [www.FIDF.org/NoamGershonyNJ](http://www.FIDF.org/NoamGershonyNJ) or 646-274-9646. All contributions from the evening go directly to help support programs for the IDF soldiers.

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

Annual Community Yom Iyuv  
Sun Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Men and women welcome  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Shoshana Pouppko  
New Dean of Students at Ma'ayanot  
"Revisiting the Days of Awe as the Daze of Ah"  
The Keynote address is generously sponsored by the Staiman Family in commemoration of the yearzeit of Mr. Staiman's father, Shalom Tzvi ben Aharon, Sholom Staiman  
Additional shiurim by members of our distinguished faculty, including:  
Mrs. Rivka Kahan - Could Shaul Have Succeeded? Predestination and Human Potential in Shaul's Life  
Mrs. Gabrielle Berger - The Strength of Impermanence: The Chanukah-Sukkot Connection  
Rabbi Donny Besser - Why is Rosh Hashana a Yom Teshuva?

Ms. Sarah Gordon - When Good Kings Go Bad: The Cautionary Tale of Shlomo HaMelekh  
Mrs. Leah Herzog - What Does it Mean to Love G-d? A Deeper Look at Shema  
Mrs. Chava Lerner - Where Hallel and Tachanun Intersect: Insights into Avinu Malkeinu  
Rabbi Zev Prince - For the sin of a Confounded Heart: Al Chet She'Chatanu Lifanecha B'timhon Leivav  
Mrs. Shifra Schapiro - Universal Themes in Tishrei Holidays  
For more info, please contact Pam Ennis, [ennisp@maayanot.org](mailto:ennisp@maayanot.org).

### **TEAM AY BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN MITZVAH**

Team AY will be running the Navy Half Marathon and 5 Miler Sun Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> in Wash, DC. Please join Bruce Jacobi and Coach Zev Rosenberg and all of Team AY as we show our support for the US Armed Forces. This year we are dedicating our building fund campaign in memory of Ms. Yaffa Ariel, a 13 year old girl, who unfortunately was not the only one killed by Terrorists this summer. A percentage of the funds raised will be donated to the IDF Lone Soldier Center where many of our American teens who volunteer for Army service in Israel go and use the facilities. Please use this URL to donate to Team AY or any specific runner and make this event a true Kiddish Hashem: <https://www.firstgiving.com/410959/team-ay>

### **ISRAEL MISSION 2017**

AA invites you to join the Goldberg family on our 15th annual Israel Mission, from Jan 18-Jan 30, 2017. Mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al from Newark, 8 nights at Leonardo Plaza Hotel, 2 nights at Carlton Tel Aviv, 3 day touring excursion with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, two dinners in Tel Aviv Fri night and Shabbat lunch on both Shabbatot, tips, transfers, and handling. Cost pp (based on double occupancy) is \$2379 plus \$685. Reg. avail. on first come, first served basis deposit of \$150 by Thur, Sept 29. To register, visit website [www.arieltours.com/aamission](http://www.arieltours.com/aamission). Questions to [aamission@arieltours.com](mailto:aamission@arieltours.com).

### **A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH: HOW TO MAKE YOUR SHIDDUCH PROFILE SHINE!**

ATTN SINGLES AGES 25-50: A Weekend Bash(eirt) is hosting a singles event: "A Diamond Profile: Make your Shidduch profile stand out as a diamond in the rough" on Sunday Sept 11th from 6-9pm in the OE social hall. Get your profile photo taken by a local professional photographer. For more info/to register, please visit [aweekendbasheirt.com](http://aweekendbasheirt.com).

### **CLASSES FOR WOMEN**

-Calling all women who understand Hebrew! Come to Etz Ahaim this Shabbat at 4:30pm for a special women's shiur with a visiting Rebbetzin from Israel. Please note: the shiur will be presented in Hebrew. Rebbetzin Tzipora Har-Sinai began teaching 12 years ago at Neve Tirza women's prison in Israel. Upon being ordained as a Rebbetzin, she accepted an official position with the prison's Rabbinical Office, where she worked for several years until her retirement. While she continues teaching the inmates twice a week, Rebbetzin Tzipora also now travels around Israel speaking about various topics, such as the weekly parsha, women of the Tanach, and the Torah of Rebbe Nachman. With soft words and a spark of humor, Rebbetzin Tzipora spreads her messages of faith and touches the hearts of many. This week, she will be helping us bring in the new month with a special shiur on Elul, and what HaShem wants from all of us.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Mon, Sept 5th. Contact Aviva at

[siegmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegmom@optonline.net) on motzai Shabbos for status of class on Sun, Sept 4th.

-Sunday 10AM: Rabbi Bassous Class based upon the book "100 Brachos, Counting your Blessings 100 Times a Day" by Rabbi Moshe Goldberger.

-The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, Wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. The Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can be arranged. For more info and/or to schedule an appt call Sara Scott at [516-526-0941](tel:516-526-0941).

-Tiferes DVD for women: Motzai Shabbos, Sept. 10 at 9PM, at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. For more info, please contact Aviva [siegmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegmom@optonline.net). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.-

**GLATT 27 REVISED HOURS OF OPERATION**  
Fridays 7-4:30pm, Sundays 8-6pm.

**PARK MIKVAH HOURS**

The HP Mikvah has Tzedakah boxes! Contact Aviva at [siegmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegmom@optonline.net) to obtain one.

If purchasing from Amazon, consider signing up with [www.amazonsmiles.com](http://www.amazonsmiles.com) – a donation will be made to Park Mikvah. The Highland Park Mikvah hours: Sunday –Thursday evenings 9PM – 11PM; Friday nights by appt only. Motzai Shabbos, Aug. 27: 9:30 – 11:30 PM; Sept 3: 9:15 – 11:15; Sept. 10, 17, 24: 9:00 – 11:00. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing

time. *We are excited to announce that Park Mikvah will be undergoing major renovations after the Yom Tovim! We are looking forward to our new "state of the art" mikvah!* For more info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com).

**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER:** To subscribe to these Announcements, go to [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)  
**E-MAIL LIST:** To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com) .

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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 732-759-807 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 [luddeju@gmail.com](mailto:luddeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

**OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS:**  
Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's

website "ohrtorah.net" or call 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

**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)

**YAHRZEIT DATABASE:** To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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 Shoftim**

Candlelighting:	6:57 PM
Mincha:	7:05 PM

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Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

**Binyomin Wilhelm (1886–1972)**

One of the important baalei batim, whose effort and commitment had a profound influence on the founding and growth of Mesivta Torah Vodaath, in Brooklyn, was Binyomin Wilhelm. Born in Lodz, in 1886, Wilhelm came from a family of Radoshitz chasidim. The Radoshitz dynasty had been founded by R. Yisochor Ber Baron (1765–1843), a disciple of the Chozeh (Seer) of Lublin. A deeply pious man, the Rebbe of Radoshitz was also known as the *Saba Kadisha*.

Binyamin Wilhelm was around eight years old when his mother died. He went to live with a cousin and then later with an elderly grandfather who died when Binyomin was about 17 years old. With no one to care for him, he accepted the advice of friends to leave for America. With little money to pay for transit, he took a job as a mashgiach on a boat headed to the United States. He arrived at Ellis Island in 1907. Like so many immigrants, Wilhelm began peddling with a pushcart on the streets of the Lower East Side. He earned enough money to rent a store selling houseware supplies, and in 1917, he moved to the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, which was then regarded as an upscale neighborhood.

There were few yeshivos at that time in the United States. The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Yeshiva, Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva and the Rabbi Shlomo Kluger Yeshiva were all located in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Despite the growing number of Jews moving to Brooklyn, there were no yeshivas in the larger New York City area other than those of the Lower East Side. To make matters more difficult, there were many families, even those who remained observant, who were content to have their children receive a public school education. In a diary entry, Binyomin Wilhelm recorded the following thought: "*Even in many homes that were officially shomer shabbos, after the chulent and kugel, the mothers gave their children some coins to buy tickets to the movies, saying, "They're still young, the children. Let them enjoy themselves a bit."*" Wilhelm was determined to establish a Brooklyn yeshiva, where the boys would study Torah in the morning and secular studies in the afternoon. With enormous energy and perseverance, he led a dedicated group of like-minded families to establish Mesivta Torah Vodaath in 1917. Two decades later in 1937, he was instrumental in establishing the first Bais Yaakov school for girls in Williamsburg.

Binyamin Wilhelm remained active at the Torah Vodaath Yeshiva through his 80's, when he moved to Israel in 1968. He died four years later in 1972. The Ribbono shel Olam rewarded Binyamin Wilhelm with an exceptional grandson. His daughter's son was Rabbi Yisroel Belsky zt"l, who became a rosh yeshiva at Torah Vodaath, a halachic authority for OU kosher certification, and an important posek in America.