



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Bamidbar / Shavuuos

5 Sivan 5778

May 19, 2018

**Plag Mincha:** 6:00 PM  
**Candlelighting:** 7:52 PM  
**Mincha:** 7, 7:30 & 8:00PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM

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

**Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):** 9:16AM  
**Kollel Mincha:** 6:00 PM

*Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 6:55 PM*  
*Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur – 7:15 PM*

**Mincha:** 1:45 & 7:45 PM

No Shalosh Seudos in Shul this week  
Remember to eat Shalosh Seudos, preferably before 4:34 PM

Speaker: *Rabbi Sam Ash- "The Status of Genetically Engineered Beef in Halachah"*

**Maariv:** approximately 8:50 PM or when speaker ends

**First Day Shavuos**

**Candlelighting not before:** 9:01 PM

**Tikun Leyl Shavuos:** see schedule

**Shacharis:** 4:55 and 9 AM

**Mincha:** 7:55 PM

Speaker: *Raffi Landau*

**Maariv:** approximately 8:25 PM or when speaker ends

**Maariv**

**Second Day Shavuos**

**Candlelighting not before:** 9:02 PM

**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM

*Yizkor NOT BEFORE 9:00 and 10:30 AM*

**Mincha:** 7:55 PM

Speaker: *Rabbi Malitzky - "Dogs and Flags in Shul: Kavod Beis Haknesses and Conflicting Values"*

**Maariv:** 9:00 PM

**Yom Tov Ends:** 9:03 PM

**Weekday Shacharis:**

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

**Thur** 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 8:00 PM

**Late Maariv:** 10:10 PM

**Daf Yomi**

Daf Yomi schedule for Shavuos:

Friday no Daf

Shabbos-one hour before Mincha

Motzei Shabbos no Daf

Sunday [first day Shavuos]-6:55 pm

Monday [second day Shavuos]-6:55 pm

Tuesday-Thursday- after z'man Maariv

### YFM

No YFM on the first day of Shavuos (Sunday). There will be a YFM on Shabbos and on the 2nd day of Shavuos

### SHIURIM

- Rabbi Malitzky's Chafetz Chaim Shiur – cancelled this week

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush Shabbos is cosponsored by:

-Shoshana and Ted Diskind Lezecher

Nishmas Shoshana's mother Malka Bas Aryeh Dov A"H

-Susan and Leibe Haller LeZecher Nishmas Leibe's mother Tziporah Malka Bas Shaul

A"H and Susan's father Avraham Shmuel Ben Zev A"H.

-Audrey and Danny Mondrow LeZecher Nishmas Danny's father Alter Michael Ben Mordechai David A"H.

-Rebecca and Keith Peckman LeZecher Nishmas Keith's father Eliezer Ben Zeleg A"H. Kiddush Sponsorship is available for June 9.

### TIKUN LEYL SHAUVOS

**12 AM – Rabbi Kaufman:** *Lost in Translation; it's all Greek To Me.*

**1 AM – Rabbi Lewis:** *Torah and Transmission: from Sinai to 2018*

**2 AM – Rabbi Bassous:** *Do the Dead Know What is Going on in This World? Are We Allowed to Communicate With Them?*

**3 AM – Rabbi Feldman:** *Mitzvas Talmud Torah: All of Torah, something every day and night, or Krias Shema?*

**4 AM – Rabbi Luban:** *Profanity and Vulgarity: A Jewish Perspective*

**4:55 AM – Shacharis**

**5:36 AM – Shemoneh Esrei**

### YOUTH TIKUN LEYL SHAUVOS

#### Boys

Shavuos Learning Program will take place in Social Hall

**12:00 – 12:30-** Father & Son Chavrusa learning

**12:30 – 1:15-** R' Noach Sauber 1:30 - 2:00 Elie Hirt (MS)/Jake Stern (HS)

**2:00 – 2:40** R' Ezra Stone (MS)/Chabura - Jakey Borck & Jonathan Nebenhouse (HS)

**3:00 – 3:45** Jake Stern (MS)/Elie Hirt (HS)

**4:15 – 4:40** R' Dovid Simcha Greene  
Boys Program, refreshments sponsored by the Haller Family to commemorate the Yahrzeits of their parents and grandparents: Avrohom Shmuel ben Zev A"H, Zipporah Malka bas Shaul A"H

#### Girls

Shavuos Learning Program will place in RPRY Beis Medrash

**11:30 – 12:15** Shana Kaplan (MS)/Shuli Fuchs (HS)

**12:30 – 1:00** Marla Rottenstreich

**1:00 – 1:40** Rabbi Elie Kurtz

**2:00 – 2:40** Rabbi Daniel Loew

**3:00 – 4:00** Chabura - Ally Orgel, Dani Berlin, Sara Lefkowitz & Eliana Moss

**4:15 – 4:40** Q and A with Rabbi Malitzky  
Girls Program, refreshments sponsored by Lisa & Barry Schanzer in loving memory of Edith Glaser Z'L, Itah bat Natan Leib.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to join their children in what promises to be a great

night! It is already a beautiful event since many of this years' speakers grew up in our very own Shul.

### SHAUVOS FLOWERS

The flower arrangements for Shavuos are being donated by Eva Weisz and Lori & Leslie Ney, commemorating the Yahrzeit of Eva's and Leslie's mother, Margit Ney, Pearl bas Yitzchok, Z"L.

### OT GRADUATION KIDDUSH

We will once again be honoring our graduates, from pre-school through graduate school, with a celebratory Kiddush to be held Shabbos, June 16! To sponsor a graduate for \$25 (each additional graduate in family is \$18), please contact Rena Klein at [RenalG@aol.com](mailto:RenalG@aol.com).

### CONDOLENCES

-It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our dear member, Janice Staller, wife of Leonard and mother of Arie, Branden and Leead.

-Congregation Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences on the death of Elaine Bookman of Edison. She is survived by her husband Stanley Bookman. Her children Chavie Taranda, Jeff Bookman, Judy Szydlo and Jack Bookman and granddaughters Erin Cohen, Ahuva Morris, Nikki Taranda, and Emily Grinblatt.  
May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the kind words and good wishes which were bestowed upon me in the dinner journal of Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion. Your friendship and support of YST are very dear to me, and I hope we will continue to share good news for many years to come.  
Rivka Adler

### OHR TORAH YOUTH DEPARTMENT

-Congratulations to Barry Siegel (1), Mark Epstein (2) and Neer Even-Hen (3) on winning the Ohr Torah Youth Raffle prizes. Thank you to the raffle ticket sellers and to our ever helpful Brian Allen for handling the Shul billing. The Ohr Torah Youth Department thanks all of you for your support!

-There will be a youth program on Shabbat May 19th and Monday May 21st (Day 2 of Shavuot) starting at 10:00 AM and continuing until the conclusion of davening at the Main Minyan. We are unable to have a Youth Program on Sunday May 20th as the entire youth staff will be up all night for Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

**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 732-456-6666

## **FLOWER SPONSORSHIP**

Ohr Torah will once again plant flowers into the concrete planters in front of the building in an effort to beautify the exterior of our Shul. We are looking for \$50 sponsors per planter to help defray the cost of the flowers. If you would like to sponsor a planter, please contact Jeff Klein (jeffreyklein@yahoo.com) or Leslie Ney (lesney@att.net).

## **SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Janice Stoller Z"l

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SAFETY NOTICE - RPRY**

The safety of RPRY students is of paramount importance and we must be especially vigilant about traffic during arrival (7:30-8:15AM) 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:

- The carpool lane on Edgemount Road, including in front of the playground and trailer, must remain completely clear. Please do not park there.
  - 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 on Edgemount or Harrison.
  - Please do not park in front of the Yeshiva during school hours, on either side of Harrison Street. Rather, please use a legal parking spot.
- Thank you for your help in protecting our children.

### **OHAV EMETH AND CHABAD HOUSE OF RUTGERS SHAVUOT ICE CREAM & CHEESECAKE PARTY**

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30PM

Jewish Children's Torah Rally  
All HP/Edison residents welcome to join us to hear the Ten Commandments and enjoy cheesecake and Ice cream. All Free, Dairy and Pareve Ice Cream. Torah Jugglers! Jewish Holiday Stories and Songs for all ages. Held at Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave, HP.

### **RPRY HOLOCAUST PROGRAM**

RPRY cordially invites the entire community to our 4th annual Holocaust program: Names, Not Numbers©: A Movie in the Making. This inspiring program will be held at RPRY Thurs May 24th, at 7:30PM and features the stories of six Holocaust survivors, as filmed by RPRY eighth graders. Admission is free; we welcome sponsorships, which will be acknowledged at the event. For more info or to sponsor the program, please call the yeshiva at 732-572-5052.

### **YESHIVA TIFERES NAFTOLI ANNUAL DINNER**

Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli, the Chofetz Chaim affiliate in Manalapan will be holding their annual Dinner on Monday, June 4th. The honorees include Mr. and Mrs. Rafi Adler (children of Nitza and Russell Adler.) with a special memorial tribute to Mrs. Chaya Friedman A"H. Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Leiter, mora d'asra of Union Hill Cong. and a rebbe in the Yeshiva will be receiving the Rabbinical Leadership Award. For more info, please contact Russell Adler.

### **AHAVAS YISRAEL ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

Ahavas Yisrael cordially invites you to attend their 9th Annual Journal Breakfast honoring Rabbi Gedaliah & Rebbetzin Rivka Jaffe for over 10 years of service to Ahavas Yisrael and the Edison/HP Community. The breakfast will be held Sunday,

June 10 at Ohr Torah. Doors open at 9:30 am; program begins at 10am. Please make reservations and submit ads on website: www.ayedison.org. For more info, please contact Rabbi Dani Davis at 917-518-2459 or dyddavis@gmail.com or breakfast@ayedison.org

### **AA PRACTICAL HALACHA SERIES**

Weekly learning opportunity at Ahavas Achim Tues 8:45PM -9:30PM in the Beit Midrash on the Laws of Shabbat with focus on Amira L'Akum: The laws of instructing a non-Jew to perform Melaca on Shabbat. Instructor is Rabbi Yehoshua Lewis Dir of Mesorah NJ. This learning opportunity is sponsored in memory of Joel Cohen, z"l and is free and open to the community

### **2018 HP FIRST AID SQUAD DISCOUNT CARDS**

The new Highland Park First Aid Squad Discount Cards are now available. To purchase cards, please contact any squad member including: Josh Loewenstein, Joe Benedek, the Lewitter family and the White family. Cards are also sold at Jerusalem Pizza, Giddy's Pizzeria, Cyber Knight, Covered Girl Clothing, Judaica Gallery, by Leah Paretzky and from Rachel in the Ahavas Achim office. Same price as last year: 1 for \$25, 2 for \$40 or 3 for \$50.

### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE**

-Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is once again sponsoring a raffle to win a 7 day Celebrity Cruise for two to a destination of your choice. \$2,500 value. Tickets \$36 each or 3 for \$100 (winner responsible for all taxes & fees) Winning ticket will be drawn on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the JFS Gala. You do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets contact Murray Katz at 732-985-7348 or at [katzmurray@yahoo.com](mailto:katzmurray@yahoo.com). All proceeds will directly benefit the vital social service programs for the Jewish Community.

- Yomi Greenstein Z"l, one of the founders of Tomche Shabbos of Middlesex County, will be honored Sunday evening, June 24, at the Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) ONE Community Gala! This elegant event taking place at the new Rutgers Hillel will be catered by Main Event and will bring together local professionals, businesses, and supporters to celebrate the impactful work of JFS in our community. For more info or to put in a legacy ad in the journal for Yomi please call Rachelle Stern at 732-247-0766.

**RABBI YISROEL WEISS WEDNESDAY SHIUR**  
Rabbi Yisroel Weiss shiur, "Living with Tehillim", for men and women: Wed evenings 8:30PM at the Eiserman's home, 154 North 10th Ave, HP. Info, Marsha at 732-503-8675.

### **EXODUS FROM CUBA:**

#### **A HISTORICAL & PERSONAL ACCOUNT**

Etz Ahaim will host a lecture accompanied by a PowerPoint and slide show presented by Israel Maya on Wed, May 23 at 8PM. Mr. Maya was the former Pres of the Sephardic Jewish Center of Canarsie, Bklyn for 19 years. Recently retired after 36yrs in the Securities and Commodities industry, he's an active member of Union Hebraea Chevet Ahim, a burial society located in Woodbridge, NJ. His topic will include:

- History of Jewish Life in Cuba
- His family's personal stories
- Jewish immigration to Cuba
- Integration of Jews into Cuban Society
- Synagogues, Business, and Schools built by the Jewish Community in Cuba
- Events surrounding the St. Louis
- Cuban Jews going to Israel in 1948 and The Altalena
- Exodus from Cuba

## **JEWISH SEWING CIRCLE**

Etz Ahaim Jewish Sewing Circle for quilters, sewers, knitters and other hand crafters meets every Tues 7PM-9PM in the lower social hall of Etz Ahaim. Please bring your own project and any associated supplies. All levels welcome. Please note: this is not a class. For info Chana Bishburg at [kbishburg@aol.com](mailto:kbishburg@aol.com).

### **BIKUR CHOLIM:**

- DRIVERS NEEDED: With the influx of patients who are here for treatment at ProCure in Somerset, Bikur Cholim is in need of more volunteer drivers. If you are able to give one day a week (Mon thru Fri) or even one day a month to be accessible to help out with transportation for Bikur Cholim, call the Bikur Cholim Transportation hotline (732)672-9059.

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appts-match requesters with an avai driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. To volunteer to coordinate or drive, 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). 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.

### **FOR WOMEN**

-Rabbi Bassous Pirkei Avos Class for Women at Etz Ahaim every Sunday 10AM

-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, May 12th 9:45 PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting avail to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Feeling Great about Growing: Powerful guidance from Pirkei Avos for our everyday lives". Speaker: Mrs. Seryl Berman. For more info or to become a member, contact Aviva at [siegelmom@gmail.com](mailto:siegelmom@gmail.com). The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.  
-Tehillim group: The women's Tehillim group is meeting on a regular basis on Shabbos at 5PM at Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St, HP. Info call Etz Ahaim is 732-247-3839.

### **GEMACHS**

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email [diapergemach@gmail.com](mailto:diapergemach@gmail.com).  
-The Edison/HP Gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin Gemach Gowns for children thru adult. Donations of good condition gowns sought. Tax deduct given/pick up of gowns arranged. Info/appt Sara Scott 516-526-0941.

- New Kittel gemach available! If you – or someone you know--needs to borrow a kittel, please call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein at [732-545-9353](tel:732-545-9353). Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

-Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hats, tichels scarves, sheitels, accessories. Call to receive or donate. Gina Gittle Tonkonog 347-615-3294

### **YESHIVAT NETIVOT**

You are cordially invited to the Yeshivat Netivot gala dinner on June 3rd at the Rutgers Hillel in New Brunswick, honoring Aviva Wein and Erez Shimoni, Karen Bialik and Dr. Aly Mandel. The couvert is \$180 per ticket. You can sign up online at [mynetivot.com/gala2018](http://mynetivot.com/gala2018).

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

Looking for work? We can help. Email Bob Lansey at [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com) if you would like to receive our job postings and/or would like help with your resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the information to [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com).

## **PARK MIKVAH**

Amazon. Use the following link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953>. A

donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

- Hours: Sun-Thu hours 9PM-11PM. Fri night by appt only by leaving a message at 732-249-2411 or via website or call/text 732-221-8155. All Motzai Shabbos in May: 10-11:30; May 21 (motzai Shavous):10-11:30. Check updates [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org) or vm at 732-249-2411.

-Have you participated in this incredible mitzvah campaign yet? Go to [www.parkmikvah.org/donate](http://www.parkmikvah.org/donate) to help raise the remaining funds!

**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER:** To subscribe to Announcements, go to [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

**E-MAIL LIST:** To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com).

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at [reservations@ohrtorah.net](mailto:reservations@ohrtorah.net)

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

**BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

**TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES:** To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending 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@gmail.com](mailto:siegeldad@gmail.com).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeejju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeejju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

**KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS:** Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays from 7AM-

10AM. If you need special access during non-open hours, contact Barry Siegel 732- 572-4408 or [siegeldad@gmail.com](mailto:siegeldad@gmail.com)

### **OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS:**

Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING:** See the OT website, [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net), for various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah

**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 database, go to [ohrtorah.net](http://ohrtorah.net) and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

**LOCAL ERUV:** If you depend on the eruv for carrying on Shabbat you are responsible to check the status of the eruv before Shabbat starts. We now have six different ways you can check the eruv's status:

-Twitter: You can get a free Twitter account and follow the user [@hp\\_ervu](https://twitter.com/hp_ervu).

-Text Messaging: You can get text message updates of the eruv's status on your cell phone. You need a Twitter account Twitter accounts are free. Follow [hp\\_ervu](https://twitter.com/hp_ervu) to 40404. Go to the Eruv webpage for complete directions on [setting up text messaging the Highland Park Eruv website](#).

-Facebook: Follow the [@hperuv](https://www.facebook.com/hperuv) Facebook group. Webpage: The Highland Park Eruv webpage displays the Twitter updates on the [Home](#) page and on the [News](#) page.

-Phone Hotline: The Phone hotline at 732-247---ERUV is updated before Shabbat.

-Email Alerts: Go to the Highland Park Eruv webpage, and sign up.

### **Parshat Naso**

Candlelighting – 7:58 PM  
Mincha – 7:00, 7:30 & 8:05 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to [announcements@ohrtorah.net](mailto:announcements@ohrtorah.net) by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

## **R. Yoseph Eliyahu Henkin (1881-1973)**

Some individuals achieve renown through their leadership as community rabbis or as heads of yeshivot. R. Yoseph Eliyahu Henkin achieved notoriety as Director of the venerable charity, Ezrat Torah, and perhaps more importantly, as one of the leading poskim in America from the 1930s through the 1960s. He was highly regarded for his personal qualities of piety, modesty, scholarship and good judgement.

Born in Belarus in 1881, Yoseph Eliyahu Henkin's father, Rabbi Eliezer Henkin, was a widely respected Talmud scholar, who served as communal Rav and head of a small yeshiva in Klimovitz. His early studies were directed by his father, together with the help of private tutors. At age 15, he travelled to Karelitz to continue his studies with R. Yehuda Leib Kreindal, whose daughter he would later marry. One a year later, he moved to Slutzk, where a branch of the Slobodka yeshiva had been formed by R. Yaakov David Willowsky and R. Isser Zalman Meltzer. He remained in Slutzk until 1905, when he was ordained by the two heads of the Slutzk yeshiva, and by R. Baruch Ber Leibowitz and R. Yechiel Michel Epstein, author of the halakic work *Aruch Ha-Shulchan*.

From 1905 until the conclusion of World War I, R. Henkin served as communal rabbi in several small towns. Two matters prompted him to leave Europe for America. Popular anti-Semitism including intense government persecution placed Jewish leaders, including communal rabbis in particular peril. In addition, in 1920, both his wife and a young son tragically died from a raging epidemic. He remarried a year later, and in 1922, chose to leave Europe for the United States, settling in New York's Lower East Side.

For a short time, R. Henkin served as rabbi of Cong. Anshe Shtutsen, but in 1925, he became Director of Ezrat Torah, a position he would hold for decades until his death. Ezrat Torah had been established in 1915, during World War I, by the Agudath ha-Rabbonim, a federation of East European rabbis, to assist Torah scholars imperiled by the fighting during the war. For decades, R. Henkin not only raised funds to assist needy scholars and their families, but helped them secure transit permits and visas to flee Eastern Europe.

In addition to charitable work, R. Henkin emerged during the 1930s and 40s as one of America's leading poskim. Prior to the emergence of R. Moshe Feinstein, as a prominent posek, laymen and rabbonim alike consulted with R. Henkin in matters of halacha. It is interesting to note that R. Henkin and R. Moshe Feinstein were neighbors on the Lower East Side, and often consulted with one another in matters of halacha. R. Henkin is mentioned dozens of times in the *Igros Moshe* and R. Moshe is referred to often in the teshuvos of Rav Henkin.

R. Henkin died in August 1973, survived by two sons and three daughters. His son, Louis Henkin, a graduate of Yeshiva U. and Harvard Law School was a notable scholar of International Law, and a Professor at Columbia Law School. His grandson, R. Yehuda Herzl Henkin is married to Rabbanit Chana Henkin, founder and Dean of the women's seminary Nishmat, in Jerusalem.