



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayigash

7 Tevet 5779

December 15, 2018

Candlelighting: 4:13 PM

Mincha: 4:20 PM

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

Hashkama Speaker – Rabbi Luban

Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after

Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:33 AM

Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur –Cancelled this week

Mincha: 1:45 PM & 4:05 PM

Shalosh Seudos speaker: Henry Schanzer

Maariv: 5:20 PM

Shabbos Ends: 5:23 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9:00 AM

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

Tue See schedule for Asarah Beteves

Wed, Fri: 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

Early Mincha Sun. 1:00 PM

Mincha/Maariv: 4:20 PM

Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Note that there is no 7:30 Maariv on Sundays

SHIURIM

-Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi B'iyun shiur – Sunday

after 7:15 Shacharis

-Rabbi Luban's Shiur in Sheilos Uteshuvas

Monday night 9:10 PM

-Rabbi Malitzky's Chofetz Chaim Shiur –

Wednesday 8:30

-Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur for boys in 6th-8th

grade- Between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos in YFM

-Boy's High School Shiur by Rabbi Raffi Landau

between Mincha and Maariv in downstairs

classroom

Daf Yomi

Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv

Friday -after Maariv

Shabbos -8:15 AM

Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by:

-Debbie and Moshe Schneider in memory of

the Yahrtzeit of Debbie's father Emanuel

Libin, Immanuel Ben Shimon, A"H.

-Bruria High School to celebrate their

Freshman Shabbaton being held this week in

our Shul.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sheila and

Henry Schanzer L'ilui Nishmas Henry's father

Brachya Ben Dov HaLevi, A"H.

BENNY FRIEDMAN THIS SHABBOS.

Ohr Torah is excited to host Benny Friedman

this Shabbos! Benny Friedman will be

Davening Kabbolas Shabbos on Friday night

and Mussaf on Shabbos day in the main

Shul.

The entire Shul is invited at 8:30pm on

Friday night to a Fabrengen at the home of

Sari and Michie Klerer (16 Celler Road).

MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi and Mrs Yaakov Luban on the birth of a son to Avrohom Yitzchok and Lieba Luban.

...to Tzippy and Josh Rapps on the birth

of a son to their children, Talia

and Meshulam Rapps. A special Mazel Tov

to the great grandparents, Mrs.

Leona Bomzer and Rabbi and Mrs. Rapps.

Mazel Tov to the baby's sisters, Bracha and

Aliza and to the entire extended family.

... to Bobbi & Herb Engel on the

engagement of their daughter Alana to Eric

Kaplan of Arizona. Mazel Tov to Dayna & Avi

and Jaime & Yitzy and nieces & nephews and

to Eric's parents Galina & Jack, & sister Emily

and to grandparents Eva & Matvey

Reznikova and Charna & Mendal Kaplan.

...to Ellen and Ira Smith on the upcoming

marriage of their daughter, Rebecca to

Menachem Greenberg, son of Sheldon and

Miriam Greenberg of Hillcrest, Queens.

...to Lori and Jonathan Caplan on the birth of

a son to Adam and Melissa Caplan. Mazel

Tov to great uncle and aunt Josh and Naomi

Caplan and great grandmother Iola Caplan.

SAVE THE DATE –

OT PROGRESSIVE DINNER

OT will be holding a progressive dinner on

Motzei Shabbos, February 2. Additional

details to follow.

ASARAH BETEVES SCHEDULE

Tuesday December 18

Fast Starts: 6:04 AM

Shacharis: 6:10, 6:55 and 8 AM

(note earliest talis and tefillin 6:17 AM)

Mincha: 4:05 PM

Fast Ends: 5:23 PM

YOUTH EVENTS

-On Motzei Shabbat Dec 22, meet us at OT

at 6:15PM sharp as children in grades 4 thru

9 are headed by school bus to the

Woodbridge Community Center (formerly

United Skates of America) for a fun evening

of roller skating. We return to the Shul

9:15PM. Cost is \$20 per child \$25 at door.

Price includes bus transport to/from facility,

1 1/2 hour use of roller skating/blading rink,

roller skate or blade rentals, \$3 game card

for use at the arcade games in the arena and

snacks/drinks at the facility. Checks can be

made out to Ohr Torah and provided night of

the event.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Get Your 2018 Tax Deduction! Year end

statements were mailed out recently to those

members with outstanding balances. Please

settle your account by the end of the year and receive a 2018 tax deduction! If you have any questions regarding your account, please email our financial secretary, Brian Allen, at kiddydent1@gmail.com.

CPR/AED CLASS

The CPR class on December 22 is full.

Another may be scheduled in the future.

Stay tuned

CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to announce the passing of Mrs. Cecelia Cohen A"H, beloved mother of Barbara Lustiger.

We are sorry to announce the passing of Roz Unger, A"H, sister of Stanley Bookman and aunt of Chavie Taranda.

May the families be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalyim.

RABBI STEVEN WEIL – SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

OT is proud to host Rabbi Steven Weil, Sr. Managing Director of the OU, as a Scholar in Residence next week on Shabbos Parshas Vayechei, Dec. 21-22.

Rabbi Weil will be speaking: Friday evening at 8:00 pm – "The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann: Its Ramifications & Impact on the Jewish & Global Community";

Shabbos morning: 7:45 am Hashkama

Minyan – "The Lone Warrior"; 9:00 Main

Minyan – "Checks & Balances"

Shalosh Seudos: "Anatomy of Genocide"

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous

Seforim donations:

-Terry and Rose Walzman in memory of

Susan Haller's mother Marsha Malin Z"L

-Terry and Rose Walzman in memory of

Rona Kessel's father Bennett Koppelman Z"L

-Terry and Rose Walzman in memory of Allen

and Seymour Kessel's mother Sima Kessel

Z"L

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY

-Save Our Saturday Nights - A Parent-Child Learning Program in a True Beit Midrash Setting: Motzei Shabbat in the RPRY Beit Midrash from 7pm-8pm. Open to all grades! All you need to bring is your sefarim, your chevruta and yourself! Enjoy pizza, refreshments and raffle prizes! To sponsor an SOS Mishmar, contact Rabbi Einzig at (732) 572-5052 x 203

-RPRY's Open House is Sun, Dec 16th, at

7:30pm. Learn about our stellar general and

Jewish education, from age 2 through 8th

grade! RSVP at www.rpry.org.

-Please join RPRY in its mission to provide a stellar

Jewish education for all students, by donating

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

generously to the The Toby Mayer Memorial RPRY Scholarship Fund breakfast honoring Rabbi Steven Miodownik will be held on Dec 23, 9:30 am To make a donation and/or RSVP, go to:

www.rpry.org/support-rpry/scholarship-campaign.

- Sponsor a Day of Learning to commemorate a Yahrzeit, honor a special person, celebrate a Simcha or merit a Zechut for a Refuah. Your loved one will be recognized on the chosen day in the RPRY morning announcements, by email to the RPRY community network, in the school's weekly newsletter and on a Certificate of Appreciation. You may submit a short narrative and a special photo about your loved one. Further info and forms available on RPRY website:

<https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/day-of-learning>

DEC 21-22 HIGHLAND PARK/EDISON FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SHABBATON!

- Friday Night dinner for teens and 8th graders at Eitz Ahaim following services (~5:15pm). Cost \$10 per person. Sign up at

<http://newjersey.ncsy.org/events/223966/register>

- Oneg after dinner at Eitz Ahaim (~8pm-10pm)

- Seudat Shelishit and Havdalah for teens and 8th graders at Zemble residence, 24 Leslie St, 4:15PM Registration at

<http://newjersey.ncsy.org/events/223967/hp-fnl-seuda-shlishit>.

ILLUMINATE YOUR LIFE

A series of 6 highly inspirational videos called ILLUMINATE YOUR LIFE, by Tammy Karmel, a very special woman who has inspired and changed many lives, will be presented for women only, at the home of Mindy Billowitz, 98 Leslie St, Edison, on 6 consecutive Monday nights at 8:15pm, starting Dec 17. These videos of Mrs. Karmel, who is currently suffering from ALS and is only able to communicate with her eyes, were taken when she could still speak. The minimum \$10 tax deductible donation per showing will be used to help offset her huge financial burden. There is no commitment, one can attend any or all of the showings. Any questions contact 917-583-2756.

RABBI JACOB JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON & CHINESE AUCTION

Honoring Mrs. Rachel Silber & Mrs. Fraidit Silberberg. Guest Speaker, Rabbi Shmuel Silber Baltimore, MD, Renowned Speaker and Rav Sunday Dec 16th, 12 Noon Cong Ohr Torah.

COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Mr. Avi Milgraum, Chairman of the Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guests of Honor for this year's Breakfast will be Mr. & Mrs. Akiva & Sara Scott. The breakfast will Y'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday morning, December 30th at 9:30am. Formal invitations to follow in the mail.

BENNY FRIEDMAN CONCERT

The Community Wide Concert featuring Benny Friedman to benefit Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County and RPRY is sold out. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. The concert will take place this Motzei Shabbos, December 15, 2018, at Highland Park High School, 102 North 5th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Doors open at 7:30 PM and the concert will start approximately 8:00 PM. Please adhere to local parking rules and regulations and DO NOT BLOCK ANY DRIVEWAYS or park in any no parking zone.

UNARMED RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER CLASS

Eilon Even-Esh of Shomer 360 will teach Unarmed Response to Active Shooter on Sun, Dec 16 from 11AM.-1pm at Chabad of Rutgers University, 170 College Ave., in the Main Ballroom. This program is for men, women and teens ages 13 and up. What if you can't run or hide? What do you do

when the shooter is right next to you? What do you do when your children can't escape? What do you do when the shooter breaks through your safe room? Learn the systematic and logical way to fight a gunman. Cost \$10; free with Rutgers Student ID. RSVP to: 917-834-6665. For more info, visit: www.shomer360.com.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg. When Did Tikun Olam Become a Jewish Value? Orthodox American Jewry's Involvement with Social Justice, Sat, Dec 22, 8pm, Ahavas Achim. Rabbi Schwarzberg will discuss Orthodoxy's relationship with the concept of "Tikun Olam." He will address the ways in which traditional Jewish commentaries from Talmudic times until the present day have instructed Torah observant Jews to interact with the non-Jewish world, to be involved in social justice, and the reasons for doing so. Program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. Info www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

RABBI WEISS SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss' Shiur on Tehillim: for men and women Wednesday nights at 7:30pm, at Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave., HP. Info 347-203-7906.

NEFESH B'NEFESH

Join Nefesh B'Nefesh for a practical workshop about creating a realistic budget, maximizing your income and understanding your expenses. Sun, Dec. 16th, at the NBN offices, 50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus, NJ Retirees: 10-11:30AM: This session will discuss budgeting on a fixed income and financial planning. General: 7:30-9PM: This session will also include overview of Israeli job market.

Please register at www.nbn.org.il/dollarsandsense

Prepare for Asarah B'Teiveit (which will be observed on Tuesday, Dec 18) with Rabbi JJ Schacter's historical and halachic analysis.

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

RABBI DR. J.J. SCHAFTER -The Fast of Asarah B'Teiveit: B'zman Hazeh B'yamim HaHeim. Sunday, Dec 16, 8pm. Sponsored by Rabbi Ronald and Judy Schwarzberg in honor of his 60th Birthday. Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter is University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at YU. From 2000-2005 he served as Dean of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Institute in Boston. He was the first Rabbi of the Young Israel of Sharon, MA, from 1977-1981, creating a new, vibrant and committed community. From 1981-2000, he served as Rabbi of The Jewish Center in NYC, moving his congregation from 180 to over 600 members over the course of his tenure, and also served as Rabbi of the Maimonides Minyan in Brookline, MA, from 2000-2005

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HS FOR GIRLS

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites you to their 10th Annual Day of Big Ideas Sun, Dec 30th, 9:30AM-12:30PM. Keynote by Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, Pres of YU. Who is My 'Brother': A Halachic Look at a Medieval Christian Dilemma With additional lectures by our distinguished faculty. Men & women in the community are welcome. Info: Chana Stiefel, Dir of Public Relations, stiefelc@maayanot.org. This program sponsored by the Brodsky family in loving memory of Bernie and Bernice Kramer, grandparents of Molly Brodsky, Ma'ayanot Class of 2013.

RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

The Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School in Livingston, NJ invites prospective 9th grade students and parents to join them at a community informational meeting at the home of Felice and Barry Schanzer on Tue, Dec 18th at

8:15pm. Come hear about the dynamic and innovative academic program and Judaic offerings, forward-thinking educational initiatives, supportive faculty and co-curricular opportunities offered in a warm environment where every child matters. For any questions, please email Allison Lyons, Dir of Admissions alyons@rkyhs.org or call 862-437-8050. www.rkyhs.org

YOUNG ISRAEL OF EAST BRUNSWICK

The Young Israel of East Brunswick presents "On The Road with Rabbi Steinsaltz," a lecture by Arthur Kurzweil on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. at YIEB. Please visit www.yieb.org for details.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women:

No class Sun, Dec 16; Parsha class on Mon, Dec 17 at 8PM at Ohr Torah. Info call/text Aviva 732-672-7104 or siegelmom@gmail.com

-Women's Learning Initiative: Offers customized Torah learning partners/chavrusas! For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact info to

womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com

-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, Dec 22 8:30PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting avail to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Shalom Bayis - Getting it Right" with Mrs. Rivka Katz. Info to become a member, Aviva at siegelmom@gmail.com. The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

- Women's AMEN Group meets monthly on the Sundays following the Shabbos in which one benschos Rosh Chodesh, at 9:30AM in a downstairs classroom at Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.

- The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program welcomes Chaya Rivka Zwolinski, the Dir of BRI Women Jan 13th 2019 at 11AM. as she discusses "Holy Self- Esteem". In "Holy Self-Esteem" you will learn the difference between the secular and Torah concepts of self-esteem as well as inspirational insights and practical ideas to strengthen your belief in yourself. Based on the teachings of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, "Holy Self-Esteem" will show you the connection between self-esteem and your relationship with Hashem. The shiur will be held at Ahavas Yisroel 1587 Route 27 Edison, NJ and a light brunch will be served. RSVP to: Sharon Glaser sharonnglaser@gmail.com or Ginny Kafka: SpinningGinny@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Email Bob Lansey at 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 email the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim Annual event: SAVE THE DATE! Sun, March 17, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Pines Manor. More details to follow. WEBSITE: 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 Shabbos

GEMACHS

Eitz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at <https://www.etzahaim.org/local-gemachs/>.

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is happy to announce they are also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738. Located in Edison, NJ

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email 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

PARK MIKVAH

- SAVE THE DATE! Park Mikvah presents a Melave Malka for women on Motzai Shabbos, Feb 23, 2019. Guest Speaker: Charlene Aminoff from @galicouturewigs. Details to follow.
-Hours: Sun-Thur hours 9PM–11PM. Sun-Thur hours are 8PM–10:30PM. Friday night by appt only by leaving message at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or via website or call/text [732-221-8155](tel:732-221-8155). All motzai Shabbos in Dec 7:30PM-10PM. Please check www.parkmikvah.org and vm at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) for updates.

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

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

Benny Friedman	12/14-15
Rabbi Steven Weil	12/21-22
Rabbi Elchanan Adler	12/28-29
Aryeh Halivni	2/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg	3/8-9
Rabbi Moshe Lichtman	5/3-4
Mrs. Michal Horowitz	TBD

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E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at 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 email with all dedicatory wording to marty@rivieradoors.com. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 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.

HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS: Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7AM-10AM.

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, 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 or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to ohrtorah.net click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: The Eruv committee checks the eruv every week. However, if eruv is down, and you didn't check the status before Shabbat, the averah of carrying on Shabbat is on you. It's extremely important to know the status of the eruv before Shabbat start! We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Ne aware and find out eruv status every week before Shabbat and Chaggim.

•**Twitter:** Eruv's official alerts are sent out via Twitter. Follow @hp_eruv on Twitter Get updates about eruv's status as it's been determined.

•**Text Messages:** Don't have a Smartphone or don't want to use Twitter? Get alerts via text. This involves setting up a Twitter account, but once

setup, you can ignore your Twitter account. It gives you immediate alerts without Twitter blather.

•**Facebook:** Facebook group @hperuv that gets updated when we update Twitter account. Follow Facebook group (don't just "Like" it), and you'll get alerts about the eruv's status via Facebook.

•**Email:** Go to <http://hperuv.org> and sign up for the email list. The email list checks the eruv's status after 3pm once per hour and sends out an email with updates.

•**Eruv Webpage:** The eruv webpage at <http://hperuv.org> has the latest Twitter feed displayed on the bottom of the front page.

•**Hotline:** Yes, there is still the eruv hotline. However, it's too easy to forget to call when you're busy preparing for Shabbat. That's why we offer push notifications through Twitter, SMS Text messages, Facebook, and email.

We also have new webpage at <http://hperuv.org> with map of exact eruv boundaries, and where you need to be careful about staying inside eruv. There have been some major changes in the eruv in the last few years:

• The eruv boundary is now goes along Plainfield road and not Sutton Lane.

• The Stelton Community Center Playground is now in the eruv.

• Cook/Douglas campuses of Rutgers are no longer in the eruv.

• If eruv around Donaldson Park is down, the playground in Donaldson is no longer in backup. If you weren't aware of these changes, check out the latest Interactive eruv map.

Go to <http://hperuv.org/status> for more info about getting eruv alerts, or contact David Weintraub at david@weintraub.name for help.

Parshat Vayechi

Candlelighting: 4:15 PM
Mincha: 4:20 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 by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

R. Yoseph Yona Zvi Horowitz (1892-1970)

Yoseph Yona Zvi Horowitz was born in Hundsdorf, Slovakia, in 1892, where he attended the local yeshiva headed by his learned grandfather, R. Shmuel Rosenberg, communal Rav of Hundsdorf. R. Horowitz became a *maggid shur* at the yeshiva, and following the death of his grandfather, in 1919, he was appointed communal Rav of Hundsdorf, and head of the yeshiva. In 1929, despite considerable controversy in Frankfurt, R. Horowitz agreed to become the head of the Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft (IRG, aka K'hal Adath Jeshurun).

The Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft had been established in 1851, and chose Rabbi Samson R. Hirsch to become its first head rabbi. Following the death of Rabbi Samson R. Hirsch in 1888, his son-in-law, Rabbi Dr. Salomon Breuer held the rabbinic post from 1890 to 1926. When Rabbi Breuer died in 1926, the search for a rabbinic successor split the community, resulting in substantial disagreement. One group supported the appointment of Rabbi Breuer's son, Raphael, then serving as rabbi in nearby Aschaffenburg. Another faction led by Jakob Rosenheim opposed the leadership of an ongoing Hirsch-Breuer dynasty. Despite the infighting, Rabbi Yoseph Yona Horowitz, a compromise candidate, agreed to leave Hundsdorf in 1929, for the more prestigious Frankfurt position as Rav of K'hal Adath Jeshurun.

Much of his tenure at the IRG kehilla, however, coincided with the rise of the Nazi party. Following Kristallnacht in November 1938, and the burning of the spectacular 1600 seat K'hal Adath Jeshurun shul, Frankfurt's largest synagogue, Rabbi Horowitz was arrested by the police. He would be the last Rav in Frankfurt to serve the Hirsch-Breuer community. The legacy would be continued in New York, when Rabbi Dr. Joseph Breuer, the second son of Rabbi Solomon Breuer arrived in Washington Heights in 1939, and developed a small minyan into a Frankfurt-like kehilla, which he called K'hal Adath Jeshurun.

Rabbi Yoseph Yona Horowitz, a Czech citizen, was expelled from Germany rather than imprisoned. He made his way to England where he remained until 1950, when he left for the United States. Settling in Boro Park, N.Y., he joined a small shteibel and established an elementary school, Be'er Shmuel. Rabbi Horowitz remained in the United States until 1964, when he moved to Israel. He gave the leadership of his shteibel and school to his son, R. Moshe. In time, R. Moshe Horowitz gained a considerable following, and succeeded in developing new shteibels and

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advancing the growth of the Be'er Shmuel yeshiva in Brooklyn. Increasingly referred to by his followers as the Unsdorfer Rav, R. Moshe Horowitz spearheaded the construction of Kiryat Unsdorf in Jerusalem, during the 1970s. As many of you know, Kiryat Unsdorf, along with Kiryat Matersdorf, Kiryat Belz, and Kiryat Sanz, form a large enclave of religious life in present day Jerusalem.

When Rabbi Yoseph Yona Horowitz moved to Israel in the 1960s, he first settled in Haifa before moving to B'nei Brak. He died in 1970, at the age of 78. His son, R. Moshe Horowitz died in Brooklyn in September 2016. There are both buried in Jerusalem.