



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Jeff Klein - President**

**Rabbi Sarel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi**

### Parshat Vayetze

**Candlelighting:** 4:21 PM  
**Mincha:** 4:30 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama*  
**Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):** 9:14 AM  
**Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 3:10 PM**  
**Mincha:** 1:45 PM & 4:00 PM  
*NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR MINCHA*  
**Shalosh Seudos speaker:**  
**Rabbi Krohn (in main Shul)**  
**Maariv:** 5:25 PM  
**Shabbos Ends:** 5:28 PM

### Weekday Shacharis:

**Sun.** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
**Mon. & Thur** 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM  
**Tue, 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 – after 7:15 Sunday Shacharis  
 -Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur in Sheilos Uteshuvos: 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. – Cancelled this week  
 -Boy's High School Shiur by Rabbi Raffi Landau between Mincha and Maariv in downstairs classroom  
**Daf Yomi**  
 Daf Yomi schedule for standard time:  
 Monday-Thursday-after 7:30 Maariv  
 Friday -after Maariv  
 Shabbos -8:15 AM  
 Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

-Mark and Mira Epstein in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Mark's mother Tzippa Hana bas R' Moshe Mayer A"H.  
 -Symcha and Tmima Klerer in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Symcha's mother Hinda bas Mordechai A"H.  
 -Mimi and Charlie Gershbaum in memory of Dr. Joseph Gershbaum Z"L.  
*Kiddush sponsorship available for Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.*

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Harriet and Joel Gersten in memory of the Yahrzeit of Joel's mother Esther bas Aharon Halevi A"H.

### RABBI ARYEH LEBOWITZ SHIUR

Join us Thanksgiving morning after the 8AM Minyan for breakfast and a special Shiur by Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz! The topic for the shiur is: "Choosing the Recipient of Your

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Chessed - How Much Autonomy Do We Have?" Please Contact [Ohrtorahsir@gmail.com](mailto:Ohrtorahsir@gmail.com) for sponsorship opportunities.  
 Men and Women are welcome to attend.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Sue and Alan Redlich, Sandy and Haviv David and Shuly and Ronnie Baruch on the Aufruf and upcoming marriage of David Redlich to Eliana Baruch of Cedarhurst, NY. Mazel Tov to David's siblings, Josh Redlich, Kivi and Chani Neuman, Ari and Shira Neuman and the entire Redlich, David and Baruch families.

### OHR TORAH WELCOMES RABBI PAYSACH KROHN

Come be inspired by Rabbi Paysach Krohn who will be spending this Shabbos with us. The schedule for Shabbos is as follows:

- Friday night- 8pm- "Bringing Out The Best Within You", followed by refreshments in the social hall. *Group leaders will be present in the classrooms from 8:00-9:30pm to "watch" and "play" with boys and girls ages 6-11.*
- Shabbos morning derasha- 11am (after davening)- "Your Siddur, Your Life".
- Shabbos Afternoon- 4:45pm (after 4pm Mincha and a quick Shalosh Seudos)- "Becoming a Personal Bracha"

Please email [Ohrtorahsir@gmail.com](mailto:Ohrtorahsir@gmail.com) for this and future Scholar-In-Residence sponsorship opportunities.

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a membership meeting on Wednesday, November 28th at 8pm. Agenda to follow.

### NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:  
 -David and Blimie Hamel

### A CAPPELLA GROUP

Elevate your Tefilla with an inspirational davening led by kolOT, a newly formed a cappella group of local Baalei Tefillah, led by Jonathan Teitelbaum. Join us in the main sanctuary on Friday night 11/30 as they lead a Carlebach Davening and on Shabbos day 12/1 for Mussaf/Mevarchim Hachodesh Teves.

### JEWISH HEROINES IN HISTORY & TODAY: HOW DO WE CREATE JEWISH HEROINES?

*The Orthodox Forum of Edison/ Highland Park presents:* Rebbetzin Dr. Adina Shmidman, Sat Night Nov 17, 8:30PM at Ohr Torah. She will analyze Jewish heroines of the past and discuss how OU Women's

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Initiative is working in support of Jewish Heroines of today and tomorrow. Rebbetzin Dr. Adina Shmidman is the director of the newly formed Dept of Women's Initiatives at the Orthodox Union. She and her husband Rabbi Avraham Shmidman are Rabbi and Rebbetzin at the Lower Merion Synagogue in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more info go online to [www.orthodoxjewishforum.org](http://www.orthodoxjewishforum.org)

### CONDOLENCES

-We regret to inform you of the passing of Susan Borger, mother of Caryn, Elie & Jeffrey Borger and 40+ year member of the Highland Park/Edison community. From Motzei Shabbos through Tuesday 8 AM Shacharis, Caryn will sit Shiva at her home: 84 N Mitchell Ave, Livingston, NJ. Elie and Jeffrey will sit Shiva at Elie's home: 387 Rutland Ave. Teaneck, NJ *Cell phone numbers: Caryn – 973-885-7738, Elie – 732-233-2257, Jeffrey – 732-331-3596* From Tuesday 10 AM through Thursday 8 AM Shacharis, the entire family will sit together at Jeffrey's Home / the home of the Nifters: 13 Fairhill Rd. Edison, NJ There will be Minyanim in Teaneck & then in Edison but not in Livingston. Schacharis 8 AM. Mincha/Maariv B'Zman.

- We regret to inform you of the passing of Susan Bornstein, the sister of Greg Botvinik. The funeral will be on Sunday in Massachusetts. Greg will be returning to his home 26 Perry Rd, Edison to begin Shiva Sunday evening. The family respectfully requests no visitation after 10 PM. Minyan times: Shacharit: Monday through Friday 7:10 AM Mincha/Maariv: B'Zman

May the mourners be comforted among the mourners for Tzion and Yerushalayim.

### YOUTH EVENTS

-On Sunday morning Dec 9, 2018 starting at 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM Ohr Torah is hosting a Grand Chanukah Celebration and Children's Chinese auction. Children, parents & grandparents are all invited. Included is brunch and lots of entertainment such as face painting, a mentalist and hypnotist show for older children and a children's magic show for younger children plus fun, games and giveaways from the Jeff Wilks orchestra. In addition, children will have the opportunity to decorate their own Chanukah

**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.**

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donut (frosting and sprinkles provided) and there will be a children's Chinese auction with great prizes. Cost is \$15 a person or \$40 per family. Sponsorships of \$72 and \$100 are available as well.

-On Motzei Shabbat December 22, 2018 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.

### **YAD ELIEZER FOR HARVEY PARETZKY REFUA**

As many of you may already know, Harvey Paretzky, Rafael Yisrael Chaim ben Shifra Chana, a long-time member of the Edison / Highland Park community, is in need of a Refuah. It is important to do whatever we can to provide him with merit for a Refuah Shelaimah. Although there are no guarantees of which particular Mitzvah is the one that would provide the merit, Rabbi Luban and Rabbi Rosenbaum (Silver Spring) agree that Hachnasat Kallah is a very powerful Mitzvah and can be a special merit for a Choleh. Yad Eliezer provides the ability for one to cover the cost of weddings for needy individuals. The cost of sponsoring an entire wedding, including a voucher for the Kallah, is \$5,800. The goal is to raise money to sponsor a wedding on Nov 29, 2018. To partake in this great mitzvah, please send a donation by November 21st.

Tax deductible checks payable to Yad Eliezer may be given to:

- Jackie Kelin, 5 Hamlin Road Edison, NJ 08817
- Deena Klavan, 305 Harrison Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904
- Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison, NJ 08817

One can also pay directly on their website using this link which directs you to a page set up collecting the money for this specific wedding. [https://www.yadeliezer.org/program\\_info.php?program\\_id=118](https://www.yadeliezer.org/program_info.php?program_id=118)

On some computers you need to hit the ctrl key while clicking on this link and it will pop up at the top of the screen for you to click on (YE refua shleima campaign).

Thank you,  
Jackie Kelin, Deena Klavan, and Aviva Siegel  
**LUNCH AND LEARN**

Showing at our Nov 20th Lunch and Learn The Infamous Dreyfus Affair. The video details the travesty which exposed the ignorance and prejudice of a nation in France in 1895. Introduction by Henry Schanzer D'var Torah by Mike Samel Date: Tues. Nov 20, Time Noon At Ohr Torah. Cost for lunch \$12.00. RSVP to Bella

[blerner18@optonline.net](mailto:blerner18@optonline.net) or 732 3171786 or

Mildred 732 572 1712 or Marcia 732 572 5998

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS S.O.S. MISHMAR AT RPRY!**

Save Our Saturday Nights A Parent-Child Learning Program in a True Beit Midrash Setting Starting Nov 10th, Motzei Shabbat in the RPRY Beit Midrash from 7pm-8pm. Open to all grades! All you need to bring is your sefarim, your chevrua and yourself! Enjoy pizza, refreshments and raffle prizes! To sponsor an SOS Mishmar, contact Rabbi Einzig at (732) 572-5052 x 203

### **SPECIAL RPRY ALUMNI MISHMAR**

November 24th, Motzei Shabbos of Thanksgiving weekend, 7:00 in the RPRY Gym. Calling all Grandparents, Parents, all Alumni to come join us for Learning, Pizza and Raffles. Bring yourselves, your sefarim and have a great time traveling down memory lane. Any Questions or to RSVP (walk-ins also welcome) please email us at [RPRYAlumni@gmail.com](mailto:RPRYAlumni@gmail.com).

### **HACHNASAT SEFER TORAH**

Sunday morning Nov 18th, a special Hachnasat Sefer Torah will be completed and welcomed at Ahavas Achim, sponsored by Rachel Lefkovits, the mother of Susan Wiesel. The procession for the Torah Dedication will נ"ח take place on at 11am followed by a Seudat Mitzvah

### **TIFERES:**

DVD for women Motzei Shabbos, Nov 24 at 8:30PM at the Siegel house. Speakers: Rabbi Elchonon Jacobovitz and Rebbetzin Rena Tarshish. Title: "Battling Bogus Beauty with Spiritual Splendor". Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Shalom Bayis - Getting it Right" with Mrs. Rivka Katz. *Teleconferences are open and free to all women during the month of Kislev! 212-444-9898; pin 2018.* For 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.

### **RPRY BOOK FAIR**

Scholastic Book Fair will be in RPRY's library (2 Harrison St, Edison) on following dates: Sun 11/18 from 9am-2pm; Tue 11/20 from 5-8 pm. Encourage your child to read books for fun and allow your child to choose the books they want to read! The book fair features a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

### **ISRAEL TEEN SUMMIT**

The Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ invites 6th-12th graders to experience Israeli food, music, and culture without the plane ticket! This free event promises to be enlightening, energizing, and fun. It will be held this Sunday, Nov 18 from 11AM-3PM at Rutgers Hillel, 70 College Ave, New Brunswick. This event is for teens by teens!

### **MTJ MELAVE MALKA**

Please join us this Motzei Shabbos, Nov 17, 8pm, for our annual Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem (MTJ) Melave Malka reception to be held at Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave, HP, NJ. The Melave Malka is being dedicated in the blessed memory of Rebbetzin Sheila Feinstein נ"ל RSVP to Shimon (732) 246-1037.

### **COMMUNITY WIDE CONCERT**

Community Wide Concert featuring Benny Friedman to benefit Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County and RPRY. Motzei Shabbos, Dec 15th, 7:30PM at Highland Park High School (102 North 5th Ave, HP, Tickets prices are: -Sponsor \$100 - VIP \$50 -Gen admission \$36 To purchase tickets, visit [tomcheimc.org](http://tomcheimc.org) or email [mcjewishevents@gmail.com](mailto:mcjewishevents@gmail.com)

### **RPRY PRE-CHANNUKAH BOUTIQUE**

Save the date: for a Pre-Chanukah Boutique on Sun Dec 2 from 10AM-1PM at RPRY. All proceeds benefit RPRY students! Vendors welcome!

### **PEACE OF MIND**

Peace of Mind thanks our generous community for their continued support. The 19 men and two therapists who came to our warm Jewish community were amazed at the outpouring of love and connection to them and to Israel. As one of the men said, we are not the IDF, we are the JDF, the Jewish Defense Force. Thank you to those who came to Friday night dinner and to the Saturday night celebration. Rosanne Koenigson/ Peace of Mind

### **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.

### **RPRY YOM LIMUD – DAY OF LEARNING**

Sponsor a Day of Learning to commemorate a yearzeit, 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>

### **VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER**

### **KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS**

The Kosher Meals on Wheels program of Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is seeking a volunteer to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Highland Park Thursday mornings. Pick-up of the meals is in Metuchen and interested parties should expect to devote two hours to this important volunteer service.

We are also looking for substitute drivers – those who are not assigned to a specific route but who can be available to fill in as needed on an on-call basis. These are perfect opportunities to perform mitzvot on behalf of our beloved community. call Sara Ullman at 732-777-1940 to get started

### **JFS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS ITEMS FOR THE "PERSONAL CARE CLOSET"**

JFS of Middlesex County is dedicated to providing essential basic items for dignity through their Food Pantry. The Personal Care Closet provides the items needed to maintain that dignity for those they help. These items are not covered by funding or grants. They are calling on you to support the community with the following items: baby ointment, tooth brushes, soap, baby wipes, women's personal care products, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, body wash. Can you spare, buy or somehow provide any of these products? Call 732-777-1940 and say you have a donation for the Pantry.

### **YTN OPEN HOUSE**

"Yeshiva Tiferes Naftoli invites all parents of 8th grade boys to an Open House on Nov. 26th at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Lobel, 4 Fairhill Rd, Edison. Program begins at 8:00pm. For more info or to apply for the 2019-2020 school year, please contact the Yeshiva at 732-952-8384 or email [admin@ytnnj.org](mailto:admin@ytnnj.org)"

### **ISRAEL MISSION 2019**

Ahavas Achim invites you to our 17th annual Israel Mission from January 16-28, 2019. The mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the Leonardo Plaza Hotel, 2 nights at the Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv, 3 day touring excursion with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, two



dinners in Tel Aviv, Friday night and Shabbat lunch on both Shabbatot, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$3476. Registration is now open. Sign up at [arieltours.com/aamission](http://arieltours.com/aamission). Questions can be directed to: [aamission@arieltours.com](mailto:aamission@arieltours.com).

#### **FOR WOMEN**

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No classes on Sunday, November 18 and Monday, November 19. For more info, please contact please call / text Aviva at [732-672-7104](tel:732-672-7104) or [sieglmom@gmail.com](mailto:sieglmom@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](mailto:womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com)

-Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: Class on Tue, Nov 20 9:30AM at home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Ave, HP. Babysitting now available at the shiur; call/text Leah 917-763-1848 to reserve.

-Shimras Haloshon class by Mrs. Leah Drillman: Class Mon, Nov 19 7:30PM at home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Edison, Info, call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Ateres Shlomo invites all women in the community to a Pre-Chanukah Shiur given by Mrs. Yael Kasiman Mon Nov 26<sup>th</sup> at 8PM at the Eichenstein Home 21 Simpson Ave Edison. Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program welcomes Chaya Rivka Zwolinski, Dir of BRI Women Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30AM 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. Chaya Rivka Zwolinski, Dir of BRI Women, is a teacher and speaker who has written several books including the psychotherapy patient-rights best seller, Therapy Revolution: Find Help, Get Better, and Move On (HCI); The Parent-Child Dance with Miriam Manela (Feldheim), and more. Attendance by RSVP only to: [sharonnglaser@gmail.com](mailto:sharonnglaser@gmail.com). Location details to be provided at time of RSVP.

- 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 Congregation 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 monthly Rosh Chodesh Shidduch Group meeting will be Mon night 8PM Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome. Please bring a resume and picture of those being presented to the Ravitz home, 60 Hamlin Road.

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

#### **BIKKUR CHOLIM**

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

#### **GEMACHS**

Gemachs Abound in Highland Park: A Gemach is sometimes thought of a free loan organization, but these organizations can lend way more than just money. For example, if you have a large simcha at your house and need tables, center pieces, and tablecloths, a gemach can help you out. Etz 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](mailto:Renee@braylawigs.com) 908-208-5738. Located in Edison, NJ

-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

#### **PARK MIKVAH**

- SAVE THE DATE! Park Mikvah presents a Melave Malka for women on Motzai Shabbos, February 23, 2019. Guest Speaker: Charlene Aminoff from @galicouturewigs. Details to follow.

-Hours: Sun-Thur hours 9PM–11PM. Starting Sun, Nov 4, Sun-Thur hours will be 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). Motzai Shabbos, Nov 17, 24: 7:30–10PM. All motzai Shabbos in Dec 7u:30PM-10PM. Please check [www.parkmikvah.org](http://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](http://www.parkmikvah.org/donate) to help raise the remaining funds!

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**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 email with all dedicatory wording to [marty@rivieradoors.com](mailto: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 [siegelldad@gmail.com](mailto:siegelldad@gmail.com).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 Yahrzeit database, go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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](mailto:david@weintraub.name) for help.

#### **Parshat Vayishlach**

**Candlelighting:**  
**Mincha:**

**4:16 PM**  
**4:25 PM**

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### R. Zev Wolf Gold (1889-1956)

The [religious Zionist](#) organization, Mizrachi (acronym for *Merkaz Ruchani*) was founded in 1902, in [Vilna](#), under the leadership of [Rabbi Yitzchak Yaacov Reines](#). It took more than a decade for an American branch of Mizrachi to gain cohesion and strength. Rabbi Meir Berlin, son of R. Naphtali Zvi Yehudah Berlin, (Netziv) and General Secretary of World Mizrachi came to the United States in November 1913, to raise funds and organize several local groups that supported the ideals of religious Zionism. The official founding conference of American Mizrachi, under R. Meir Berlin's leadership, was held in Cincinnati, in 1914. Several American rabbis were helpful and supportive of this effort but one noteworthy individual, who closely assisted R. Meir Berlin, and who eventually became a world leader in religious Zionism was Rabbi Zev (Wolf) Gold.

Born in Sczyczyn, Poland, in 1889, he studied at the Mir yeshiva with R. Eliyahu Baruch Kamei, and Yeshiva Torah Vo'Da'as at Lida, headed by R. Yitzchak Yaacov Reines. In 1906, at the age of 17, R. Gold received semicha from the notable *posek*, Rabbi Eliezer Rabinowitz, Av Beit Din of Minsk (1859-1924). A year later, he married Yocheved, daughter of R. Moshe Reichler, communal rabbi of Juteka. For a short while, he succeeded his father-in-law as communal rav, until departing for America in 1907.

For the next 28 years, R. Gold served as a rabbi in several American cities, including Chicago, Scranton, (until 1912), Williamsburg, (until 1919), San Francisco (until 1924), and again in Brooklyn, until 1935. A tall, handsome man with excellent skills as an orator and administrator, R. Gold's formidable presence was felt in all communities that he served. While in Williamsburg, for example, he established the Williamsburg Talmud Torah, and in 1917 was one of several founders of Mesivta Torah Vodaath.

R. Gold's foremost concern to which he dedicated much of his professional career was the advancement of religious Zionism. He arranged for his rabbinic contract to stipulate that he is to be given three months a year to travel and work on behalf of the religious Zionist movement. A delegate to numerous World Zionist congresses, Gold traveled throughout Europe and the United States on behalf of Keren Kayemet, (JNF) raising funds for the purchase and development of land, in what was then, British Mandate Palestine. In 1913, when R. Meir Berlin, secretary of World Mizrachi, came to New York to organize a branch of Mizrachi in the United States, a lifelong relationship was established between R. Gold, R. Berlin and the Mizrachi movement. For the next 40 years, R. Gold travelled throughout the United States and Canada organizing chapters of Mizrachi and winning adherents to the cause of religious Zionism. When R. Gold became president of American Mizrachi in 1932, he began establishing branches of Mizrachi in South America, as well.

In 1935, R. Gold realized his personal Zionist dream by emigrating from the United States to Palestine. During the late 1930s, he assisted in the development of an agricultural community, now religious moshav, Kfar ha-Roeh, named for R. Avraham ha-Cohen Kook (acronym of *resh, aleph, heh*). And in 1939, he was among those who assisted in the establishment of the first yeshiva of the Bnai Akiva movement, Yeshivat Kfar ha-Roeh. Today, the yeshiva at Kfar ha-Roeh boasts many distinguished alumni.

During the 1940s, Rabbi Gold worked for the Jewish Agency in various administrative capacities, and following the creation of the State, he became head of the Department of Torah Education and Culture, supplying numerous day schools in the United States and Canada, with Israeli teachers and educational material designed to improve their religious curriculum.

No doubt, one of the most notable events of his life occurred on May 14, 1948, when Rabbi Zev Gold was included among the distinguished and exclusive group of 37 individuals, who signed Israel's Declaration of Independence.

Rabbi Zev (Wolf) Gold died in Jerusalem in April 1956, and buried at the Sanhedria Cemetery, near the grave of his lifelong friend, Rabbi Meir Berlin. Following his death, a women's seminary was named in his memory. No doubt, some of you remember, Machon Gold.

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