

Congregation Ohr Torah Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

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This week only, Daf Yomi will be on Shabbos one hour before Mincha. No Daf Yomi Friday night. Shabbos morning -8:15 am & after Hashkama Sunday-after 8am Shacharis

<u>KIDDUSH</u>

Kiddush this week is being sponsored in honor of Mayer Berg for his many years of devoted service as our youth director. Thank you to all of the generous sponsors. Kiddush is also sponsored by Ruth and Mark Kalton in memory of the yahrtzeit of Mark's mother Alice Kalton, Fayga Chana bas Harav Menacham Mendel A"H, who was niftar on Shabbos Chaya Sarah.

Kiddush sponsorship available Nov 30, Dec 28 and Jan 4.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored Mitch and Marla Rottenstreich l'iluy nishmas Mitch's father Menachem Mendel ben HaRav Naftoli A'H.

LEGAL HOLIDAY SHIUR-THANKSGIVING

All men and women are invited to a special legal holiday shiur by Rabbi Chaim Marcus. The shiur, "Berachos: The Building Blocks of Connection" and breakfast will take place after the 8am minyan. Jeff Klein - President

25 Heshvan 5780

Rabbi Marcus is the Rabbi at Congregation Israel in Springfield, NJ.

COMMUNITY WIDE SEMICHAT CHAVER PROGRAM

SCP is a new and innovative halachic program for men carefully crafted for the needs of the 21st century. With a specialized focus on the ethical meaning of the Halacha, the program is rich with content that can easily be imparted to your family. SCP is now in over 30 locations in four countries! Highland Park/Edison is blessed to have been chosen to host SCP!

This "semester's" curriculum is Hilchos Shabbos starting with the laws of bishul. The Shiur, led by Rabbi Sariel Malitzky, will continue this week on Tuesday night at 8pm in the YFM. It is not too late to come!!

MAZEL TOV

... to Mel Barenholtz on the wedding, last week, of his grandson, Bezalel, to Rivky Swiatycki of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to Bezalel's parents, Levi Yitzchok and Yocheved Barenholtz and to Bezalel's 8 siblings, Rivky's 11 siblings and the entire Barenholtz and Swiatycki families. ...to Arnie and Rosanne Koenigson on the engagement of their son, Jacob to Rachel Handler of West Orange. Mazel Tov to Rachel's parents, Morris and Rose Handler, to Jacob's siblings, Rachel and Aviv, Brian and Daniella, to the grandmothers, Rita Ulman, Anne Koenigson, Cecilia Tessler and Selma Handler.

... to Lori and Leslie Ney on the engagement of their daughter Judy to Steven Rubenstein of Baltimore. Mazel Tov To Steven's parents Mary Sue and Arthur Rubenstein and the entire Ney and Rubenstein families. ...to Noah & Merav Krasner on the engagement of their son, Matan, to Chen Atoon from Petach- Tikva, Israel. Mazal tov to Chen's parents Itzchak and Dina Atoon , to Matan's Grandparents Dov & Hanna Halperin , Matan's siblings Yovel and Yarin Krasner and to the entire Krasner- Atoon families.

...to Zelda and Daniel Wildman on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Noam Yehudah, son of Rivka and Elie Wildman of Efrat.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM RAFFLE Please help support Ohr Torah's youth programs by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets is one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner Please contact Barry Siegel (siegeldad@gmail.com), Aaron

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Sariel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi

November 23, 2019

Breslin or Mayer Berg or Ami Avraham to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

MEMORY BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

We are collecting entries for a memory book for Harvey Paretzky's family. Please take a few minutes to send in memories to memorialize Harvey in this small way. Entries will be taken until Nov 24. Send your memories to <u>memoriesofharveyp@gmail.com</u> Thank you. - *Fran Leitman and Debbie Schneider*

SHABBOS IN MEMORY OF JOEL ADLER

Please join us for a very special Shabbos (Toldos, Thanksgiving weekend) in honor of the 5th Yahrzeit of our beloved gabbai Joel Adler zt'l. We have the honor of hosting a frum Hollywood & Disney Filmmaker, Saul Blinkoff and his lovely family. From Shabbos Dinner to the Disney Drawing Workshop, it will be magical and inspirational for all ages! Please see the posters in the Shul hallway, the Shul website and Shul Facebook group for details on what promises to be a Shabbos to Remember. Sponsorships are available and always welcome.

Any questions, please contact any of the committee members, Ami Avraham, Elie Salomon, Melissa Jerushalmy, Joanne Hanian or Hannah Farkas.

CONDOLENCES

...to Charlene Rosenberg on the passing of Mr. Jack Weinstein. *Shiva was completed on Friday.*

...to Baruch Kesselman on the passing of his father Leonard Kesselman. *Baruch will be sitting Shiva at his home at 174 Central Avenue, Edison from Saturday night until Monday morning. Davening Times: Sunday, Shacahris 8:00 am; Sunday, Mincha/Maariv 4:15 pm; Monday, Shacharis 6:30 am.*

SEFORIM

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

 Honey & Max Wisotsky in memory of Charlene Rosenberg's father Jack Weinstein Z"L

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS ACTT

Come hear Rabbi Doniel Staum, (noted author, speaker, Heichal HaTorah Rebbe, Yeshiva Ohr Naftoli Principal) speak about "*Kiddush Hashem: the kiddush that never ends*" at the ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) Kiddush Hashem 2 kickoff event, Sun, 11/24 @8PM at Ahavas Achim. Source book: Artscroll's "A Life Worth Living - Stories and Ideas for Constant Kiddush Hashem" by Rabbi Shraga Freedman. Available at event & Judaica Gallery. Free

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**

admission. Donations encouraged. Info info@actt613.org or Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

The Sofer will be available to check your mezzuzot and tefillin Sunday, Nov 24, from 10am at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, Highland Park. For questions or to make an appt, call 732-828-7722.

AVOS UBANIM MOTZEI SHABBOS FATHER & SON LEARNING

Avos Ubanim Motzei Shabbos Father & Son Learning is back! From 6:45 - 7:45 at Agudah. All boys that attend get a slice of pizza and a raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes! This program is absolutely free of charge! All are welcome regardless of school and Shul affiliation.

EDISON/HP SHIDDUCH GROUP EVENT

Shnainu Edison Highland Park Shidduch Group presents a Speed Dating event Saturday night, Nov 23rd at 8pm. Event takes place at Ohav Emeth 415 Raritan Ave, HP, NJ. Jewish Orthodox singles between the ages of 23 and 50 are invited to join us for a fun-filled evening. Participants will be divided into groups according to age. Respond by email to shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com no later than Nov 13th and please attach a shidduch resume or personal info. Limited spots available and advanced registration with \$20.00 payment required. A light dinner will be served.

HATZOLAH

Donate online at Hatzalah's website www.HatzolahMC.org. You can also learn more about Hatzolah and volunteer to become part of the Chevra Hatzolah dispatch and response team. When seconds count, we answer the call. **RABBI WEISS'S SHIUR**

Rabbi Weiss's shiur on Tehillim for men and women: Wednesday evenings 7PM at 154 N. 10th Ave, HP. Info, Marsha Eiserman at 347-203-7906.

RPRY

1. RPRY/ Yachad Shabbaton: RPRY and Yachad will be davening in OT on Shabbat Nov 22/23 2. SOS Mishmar Parent Child Learning Program Open to All grades in the RPRY Beit Medrash Every Motzai Shabbat at 7PM. Pizza, Refreshments, Prizes

3 Helene Lockspeiser to be Honored at RPRY Scholarship Breakfast Please join RPRY in its mission to provide a stellar Jewish education for all students, by donating generously to the RPRY Scholarship Fund. The Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Breakfast honoring Morah Helene Lockspeiser will be held at RPRY 2 Harrison St Edison Sun, Dec 15, 9:30am. There will also be a special pop up museum celebrating RPRY's 75th Year. To give a gift to the campaign and RSVP, visit: https://www.rpry.org/support-

rpry/scholarship-campaign or contact Josh Caplan at jcaplan@rpry.org or 732-572-5052 ext.207.

4. Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

RPRY's Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair in the RPRY Library and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits!

Sales hours: Sun, Nov 24, - 9AM - 12:30PM Tue, Nov 26, - 5PM - 8PM Wed, Nov 27, - 10AM - 12PM

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 e-mail the information to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

LEVAVI

All women of the community are invited to the launching of a new organization, Levavi, providing support for pregnancy and infant loss in the Edison/HP community. Rochel Leah Eisner and Sharon Golubchik will share their personal stories, with introductions by Teri Sofir-Fisch. Event will be held at Ahavat Achim at 216 South 1st Ave. Highland Park Sun Dec 8 at 7:30pm. Info email LevaviNJ@gmail.com

FIDF 15th ANNUAL TRIBUTE DINNER

The FIDF New Jersey Chapter is proud to invite you to A Night of Heroes. A spectacular evening in support of the brave men and women of the IDF. Monday, December 2, 6:30pm at The Venetian 546 River Dr, Garfield, NJ. Info Natalie.Gutman@FIDF.org or 646-274-9646

FOR WOMEN

-Enhance your Relationships! New Mrs. Tammy Karmel video series on Relationships: Tammy is a young mother from Yerushalayim who is living and thriving - with the debilitating disease of ALS. Hear Tammy's unique take on relationships and be surprised at how easy it is for anyone to improve any relationship. Sunday evening, Nov 24, Monday evenings, Dec 2, 9, 16 at the home of Debbie Schneider, 19 Harrison St, Edison at 9PM sharp. Minimum donation: \$10 per person. For more info, please call Zehava Feuer 917-583-2756 -Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No Tefilla class on Sunday, Nov 10th; Parsha class on Monday, Nov 11th at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. Info Ricki at 732-828-6939

or rickistern@gmail.com

Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefilla class on Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 AM at the Aguda shule; No class on Monday, November 25. For more info, please call/text Aviva at 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 information to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com

Parsha class by Mrs. Miri Cohen: NO class on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

-Tiferes: DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, December 7 at 8:30 PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Mastering your emotions - How your emotions serve you" with Mrs. Dina Friedman. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva

at siegelmom@gmail.com. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH:

Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah presents an evening with famous Israeli news anchor and lecturer, Mrs. Sivan Rahav Meir, popular Israeli news anchor and journalist who gives a weekly Torah shiur to 1000 people in Israel, at the annual Women's Melavah Malka on January 4, 2020 at 8 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. To learn more about Sivan, please

visit: https://www.sivanrahavmeir.com/home-

en/. Event Chairs: Racheli Atlas, Leechen Gluck, Sharon Golubchik. Advanced registration is requested. Couvert is \$36. Sponsorship is available at the following levels: \$50- Bronze Sponsor, \$100- Silver Sponsor, \$180- Gold Sponsor, \$250- Platinum Sponsor, \$360- Friends of

the Mikvah, \$500- Mikvah Donor. Join us in supporting the one organization in the community that benefits all women of the community! To register or to become a sponsor,

visit https://parkmikvah.org/ or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

-Support the mikvah while purchasing on Amazon Use link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/237037953 A donation will be made to Lefkovits Family Park Mikvah.

-Nov Hours:

 Sunday – Thursday: 9PM – 11PM ·Motzai Shabbos: 8PM – 10:30PM All out of hour and Friday night appts should be made online at www.parkmikvah.org. Alternatively they can be made by texting/calling (732) 221-8155 or emailing hpmikvah@gmail.com. Please be reminded that out of hours appts incur additional \$20 fee. During winter months the out of hours fee is waived for appts occurring between nightfall and opening time. Comments and questions, email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

GEMACHS

Etz Ahaim has a complete listing of all local area gemachs at https://www.etzahaim.org/localgemachs/.

- Lev Lenefesh centerpiece Gemach number has changed to (732) 630-9148.

-Sheitl Gemach: Brayla Custom Wigs is also a sheitl gemach. Wigs of all conditions accepted. All welcome-any location for drop off/pick up. Renee@braylawigs.com 908-208-5738.Edison, NJ -Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail. -The Edison/HP gown gmach has a large variety of gowns for all ages. Some toddler boys tuxedos are also available. Text 5165260941 for more info. -Kittel gemach. To borrow a kittel, call Jeff or Lee Ann Schein 732-545-9353. Four sizes avail. Kittel gemach in memory of Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak.

--Head Covering Gemach: Snoods, hat, accessories, sheitles. Donate and receive. Contact: call, text or email. Mrs. Gina Gittel Tonkonog 347-615-3294, ginatonkonog@gmail.com. Also contact for nocharge Kallah Classes, as originally taught by Rebbetzin Tehilla Abramov.

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PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

| FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS: For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678- 8848 (cell), <u>reenagreenspan@yahoo.com</u> or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or <u>genew@compugene.com</u> YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to <u>ohrtorah.net</u> click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman. <u>LOCAL ERUV</u> : We have six official ways of alerting you to eruv's status. Be 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. | //har and a sing out four the anneal list | ying inside about aub 4:14PM 4:20PM orah.net. ts. . Please |
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Sof Davar

R. Yitzchak Rubinstein (1880-1945)

by Moshe Sherman

Yitzchak Rubinstein was born in Datnova, Lithuania in 1880. Around the time of his bar mitzvah, he went to Volozhin to study with R. Raphael Shapiro, and a few years later, he was one of fourteen hand selected students known as the Yad ha-Chazakah (yud daled = 14) who transferred with R. Isser Zalman Meltzer to Slutzk, where a branch of the Slobodka yeshiva was established in 1897.

An eloquent speaker with a charismatic personality, R. Rubinstein was 30 years old, when with close supervision of the Russian Czarist regime, he was selected to become 'Crown Rabbi' of Vilna. Following the debacle with R. Shmuel b. Avigdor (d. 1793) the title *av beit din* was never granted to rabbis in Vilna. R. Rubinstein's appointment as 'Crown Rabbi' had the support of the eminent R. Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, who continued to lead a large constituency of observant Vilna Jews.

Through the 1920s and 1930s, R. Rubinstein emerged as a powerful voice for religious Zionism. He served as president of <u>Mizrachi</u> in Lithuania, and initiated the establishment of Tahkemoni schools, which functioned in the spirit of religious Zionism. During these two decades, Poland had been granted control of Lithuania, including Vilna. In 1928, the Polish government requested new elections for a Vilna Chief Rabbi, which initiated an unseemly conflict. R. Rubinstein was an ardent religious Zionist, while R. Chaim Ozer Grodzinski was closely aligned with Agudath Israel. While the two renowned *rabbonim* were on good terms, and worked closely with one another on many social, political and communal issues, supporters of Mizrachi and Agudath Israel in Vilna were at loggerheads with one another. In addition, the Vilna Kehillah, charged with administering the election was controlled by non- observant Jews. When Rabbi Yitzchak Rubinstein won the election as head rabbi, efforts were soon made to reach a compromise. In 1932, the Kehillah and government authorities agreed that both R. Rubinstein and R. Chaim Ozer Grodzinski could serve as Vilna community rabbis.

In August 1939, R. Rubinstein travelled to Geneva to attend the World Zionist Congress. When the war began in September 1939, he immediately returned to Vilna to assist in welfare and rescue activities. Since Vilna was not captured by the Nazis until the summer of 1941, R. Rubinstein managed to flee through Japan to the United States. Upon reaching the United States, he was appointed a Rosh Yeshiva-Maggid *Shiur* at R. Yitzchak Elchanan Yeshiva (RIETS), where he remained until his death in 1945.

Among those who offered '*divrei hesped*' was Rabbi Aharon Burack, a fellow Slobodka yeshiva friend, and Rosh Yeshiva colleague at R. Yitzchak Elchanan Yeshiva. R. Burack's two printed volumes of *derashot* and *halacha*, <u>Pirchei Aharon</u>, include a published version of his eulogy for Rav Yitzchak Rubinstein.