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This Shabbos:

	Fri Dec 14	Shabbos Dec 15	Sun Dec 9	Mon Dec 16	Tues Dec 17	Wed Dec 18	Thurs Dec 19
Parshas Vayigash							
Shacharis	6:05 AM	6:45/9:00 AM	8:15 AM	6:05 AM	6:15 AM	6:15 AM	6:15 AM
Mincha/Candle lighting	4:13 PM	4:00 PM	4:15 PM	WINTER SCHEDULE, NO WEEKDAY MINCHA IN SHUL			
Havdalah/Maariv		5:21 PM	4:35 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM

Parshas Vayechi: Mincha/ Candle Lighting 4:16 PM; Shabbos Mincha 4:05 PM; Maariv/Havdalah 5:24 PM

Shiurim at AY:

	Fri Dec 14	Shabbos Dec 15	Sun Dec 16	Mon Dec 17	Tues Dec 17	Wed Dec 18	Thurs Dec 19
Daf HaShavua Shiur	6:00 AM				6:00 AM	6:00 AM	
Mevorchim Chabura		n/a					
Breakfast with a Touch of Class			9:00 AM				
Daf HaShavua Review		3:20 PM					
Gemara Shiur				9:00 PM			

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **KIDDUSH** this week is sponsored by the Joran family to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Abba Dovid's father, Yisroel ben Moshe Aaron.
- **MAZAL TOV** to Dovid Leff for putting Tefillin on for the first time this coming Sunday morning here at the 8:15 Minyan. Mazal Tov to his parents, Leah Leff and Jason Leff. There will be coffee and cake sponsored by Dovid's parents after Minyan.
- **SISTERHOOD MELAVE MALKA:** The 11th annual Melave Malka presents Edison/Highland Park's Got Talent 2.0! Join us for a special evening of amazing talent from the women in our community. Enjoy various performances, by women, for women, while getting a chance to spend time with friends and enjoy dinner together. Motzei Shabbos, December 29th at 8 pm at the Greenhouse Loft (431 Raritan Avenue in Highland Park, 2nd floor entrance in the back). All women in the community college age and up are invited. Register at AYedison.org or contact Rivky Arnow at 732-986-3153. If you would like to perform, contact Rivky Arnow. Email Sisterhood@AYedison.org with any questions.
- **YOM IYUN** January 1st with Rabbi Yisroel Kleinman: Q & A about pikuach nefesh on Shabbos.
- The **Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program** welcomes Chaya Rivka Zwolinski, the Director of BRI Women, on January 13th, 2019 at 11 AM as she discusses "Holy Self- Esteem". 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, it will show you the connection between self-esteem and your relationship with Hashem. Mrs. Zwolinski 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. She teaches in various venues as well as online at

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BreslovCampus.org and gives a daily mini-lesson on WhatsApp. Mrs. Zwolinski leads annual women's trips to Kivrei Tzaddikim in Ukraine and is currently working on two books to be published by BRI in cooperation with Feldheim. The shiur will be held at Congregation Ahavas Yisroel, 1587 Route 27 Edison, NJ and a light brunch will be served. Please RSVP to: Sharon Glaser sharonglaser@gmail.com or Ginny Kafka SpinningGinny@gmail.com.

- **WEEKLY TORAH QUESTION:** Send answers to the Rabbi at gedaliahjaffe@yahoo.com; correct answers will be entered into a monthly raffle for a free pizza at Giddy's Pizzeria. One answer per household. **Last Week's question:** What is unique about the 5th night of Chanukah? **Last Week's Answer:** It can never all out on Shabbos. **This Week's question:** Which 3 kings rules over the entire world?
- **EDITOR'S NOTE:** *are you aware that AY now has an active Facebook page? Please follow us, and like and share our full schedule of events!* <https://www.facebook.com/Ahavas-Yisrael-of-Edison-167008303343611/>
- **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** please make arrangements to pay any outstanding balances as we have begun a new annual dues billing cycle. Contact the VP of Finance Zalman Arnow with questions.
- **NEW TO TOWN OR JUST VISITING?** BARUCH HABAH! AY would like to warmly welcome all newcomers, visitors, or guests who are joining us for Shabbos. If Rabbi Jaffe, the Board Members or Gabbaim do not get a chance to greet you personally, please come up and introduce yourself during Kiddush!
- **LIFECYCLE:**
Birthdays: Yechiel Weinstein, Cyndi Berger
Yahrzeit: Abba Dovid Joran for his father Ira Joran, Yisroel ben Moshe Aaron
To have your life-cycle event included, visit the AY website and update your family information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ñ **S.O.S. Mishmar at RPRY!** Save Our Saturday Nights. A Parent-Child Learning Program in a True Beit Midrash Setting Every Motzei Shabbat in the RPRY Beit Midrash from 7pm-8pm. Open to all grades! Just bring your sefarim, your chevruta and yourself! Pizza, refreshments and raffle prizes! To sponsor, contact Rabbi Einzig at (732) 572-5052 x 203
- Ñ **ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING** this Sunday 11 AM – 1 PM at Rutgers Chabad, 170 College Ave. See attached flyer.
- Ñ 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 **Rabbi Steven Miodownik** will be Dec. 23 at 9:30 am. To make a donation and/or RSVP, please go to: www.rpry.org/support-rpry/scholarship-campaign.
- Ñ 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 at Highland Park HS, 102 North 5th Ave. Doors open at 7:30 PM and the concert will start approximately 8 PM. Please adhere to local parking rules and regulations and DO NOT BLOCK ANY DRIVEWAYS or park in any no parking zone.
- Ñ **Annual RJJ Ladies Luncheon and Chinese Auction** honoring Mrs. Rachel Silber and Mrs. Fraidi Silberberg. Sunday, December 16th, 12 noon at Cong. OT, 48 Edgemount Road. Guest Speaker will be Baltimore's Rabbi Shmuel Silber.
- Ñ **Ahavas Achim University** presents RABBI DR. J.J. SCHACTER speaking on The Fast of Asarah B'Teivait: B'zman Hazeh B'yamim HaHeim on Sunday, December 16, 8:00 p.m.

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- Ñ **December 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 (8 pm - 10 pm)
- Seudat Shelishit and Havdalah for teens and 8th graders at Zemble residence, 24 Leslie Street, 4:15 PM. Registration at <http://newjersey.ncsy.org/events/223967/hp-fnl-seuda-shlshith>.
- Ñ Sign up now for the **JEWISH SINGLES SHABBATON** at Heights Jewish Center in CLEVELAND OHIO! We are looking forward to sharing a wonderful weekend together with great speakers, Mixers, Games, Buffet meals, Laughter and Cheer as we look to HELP YOU FIND YOUR BASHERT! The host WHO HAS MADE 8 SHIDUCHIM on his own as well as hosted / co hosted / assisted at many other singles events both in the USA & ISRAEL will be there along with other Matchmakers & Rabbi's / Rebitzin's who will be at all events to answer your questions, concerns and to assist you in any way that they can! Please share with the Jewish singles that you know and with your Rabbi & Synagogues far and wide! Price \$150 by the Early Bird deadline 12/28. After deadline, \$200. Questions? call or TEXT: Yoyo Moore, Shabbaton Host on his Cell 443-430-1548
- Ñ **When Did Tikun Olam Become a Jewish Value?** The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg on "When Did Tikun Olam Become a Jewish Value? Orthodox American Jewry's Involvement with Social Justice" on Saturday night December 22 at 8 PM at Congregation 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. The program is free of charge. For more information go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.
- Ñ **CPR/ AED Class:** An Adult/Child CPR with AED class will be offered on Saturday night 12/22 starting at 7:30 pm lasting approximately 3 hrs. The class will be held in the OT social hall. American Heart Association certification will be provided. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited. Contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com For registration and information.
- Ñ **Highland Park Community Kollel Annual Breakfast** Mr. Avi Milgram, 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 iy'H take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, December 30th at 9:30am. Formal invitations to follow in the mail.
- Ñ Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites you to our 10th Annual **Day of Big Ideas** Sunday, December 30 at 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Keynote by Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, President of Yeshiva University: *Who is My 'Brother': A Halakhic Look at a Medieval Christian Dilemma* with additional lectures by our distinguished faculty. Men & women in the community are welcome. For more information, please contact Chana Stiefel, Director of Public Relations, stiefelc@maayanot.org. This program has been sponsored by the Brodsky family in loving memory of Bernie and Bernice Kramer, grandparents of Molly Brodsky, Ma'ayanot Class of 2013.
- Ñ **ISRAEL MISSION 2019:** Ahavas Achim invites you to their annual **Israel Mission** from **January 16-28, 2019**. The mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 10 nights of hotel stays, 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. Questions can be directed to: aamission@arieltours.com.

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