

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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## ערב שבת פרשת עקב

\* מנחה: 7:00 PM

הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM

## שבת פרשת עקב

8:45 AM שחרית

9:38 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

5:30 PM פרקי אבות

6:20 PM גמרא שיעור

7:05 PM מנחה

סעודה שלישית

8:19 PM מעריב

**Sunday שחרית** 7:45 AM

**Weekday שחרית**

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

**Weekday מעריב**

Sunday – Thursday 7:20 PM

**ערב שבת פרשת ראה**

\* מנחה: 7:00 PM

הדלקת נרות: 7:09 PM

\* Early mincha for the summer

## Shiurim

Sunday at 8:30 AM – מסכת עבודה זרה – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Monday at 6:30 PM – מסכת ברכות – Rabbi Chaim Wein

Tuesday at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Monday–Friday after the second שחרית-החנוך – ספר – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday-Thursday at 9:45 AM - shiur גמרא - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

II, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Women's תהלים group meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

## Shul Announcements

On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m., everyone is invited to attend a breakfast in memory of Rabbi Zev Wein, z"l. **Rabbi Berel Wein** will be the guest speaker.

Bais Torah's popular **Ulpan** resumes classes on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Rachel Kushner will once again teach 2 levels. The cost for 8 sessions is \$100 and advance registration is required. Please e-mail Sandra Thurm at stthurm@optonline.net or call 368-3418 if you are interested in attending.

**Rachel Friedman**, director of the Yesodot Program at Drisha Institute, will be speaking on Sunday night, September 18<sup>th</sup> about "Shedding Sin: The Scapegoat Ritual of Yom Kippur, Its Meaning and Relevance to the Process of Repentance." Please save the date.

On Tuesday evening, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Shaul Goldstein will speak on, "**Expulsion from Gaza: Where Do We Go from Here?**" He will provide an eyewitness account on the withdrawal and evacuation of our brethren in Israel.

Paul and Naomi Goodman would like to **thank the many people** who offered their prayers and consoling messages to the family when they experienced the recent tragic loss of their beloved grandson, Zavel Yeshiya Pearlman.

Thank you to **Manny and Shirley London**, who are co-sponsoring this week's Kiddush in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and their grandsons' bar mitzvahs. Thanks also to **Shirley Landau**, who is co-sponsoring the Kiddush in memory of her parents, Sally and Max Czuper.

The **Board of Directors' next meeting** will be Thursday night, September 29, after Maariv.

Bais Torah is now on the web. Visit **www.baistorah.org** to get zemanim, event information and schedules. Your comments and feedback are welcomed and can be sent to baistorah@aol.com or via the fill-in form on the "Contact Us" page.

**Keep us informed.** Our shul secretary, Esther Garber, is usually in the office Monday thru Thursday, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, but is on vacation until after Labor Day.

Kindly **assist** us by making sure to return your Siddurim, Chumashim and other seforim to the bookcases or cart next to the Bimah.

## Mazel Tov

Hinda and Jay Kimmel on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Shlomo and Jacqui Kimmel.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Ellie Arnot's mother, Rachel Arnot - חיה רחל בת שושנה

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman - יעטע בת שרה

Shirlee Aaronson - שרה חנה בת בלומא

Mr. Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Jerry and Roz Seigel's son, Yoni - יהונתן בן שושנה

Joel Rosenwasser's mother - פשע לאה בת שפרינצע

David Abramczik - דוד אריה בן בלימא

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## In Case of Emergency

**The Red Hatzolah Phone** is in the hallway on the wall between the rear washing station and the Simcha Room.

The **Defibrillator** is in a cubby in the coat room opposite the Hatzolah phone.

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## Parashat Eikev – 5765 – “What’s in a Name?”

“Am Yisrael,” the People of Israel, stands poised to enter the Promised Land, and “Moshe Rabbeinu,” Moshe, our Teacher and Master, their leader since Egypt, is giving them “Mussar,” reproof, and “Chizuk,” encouragement. He does this by reminding them of the spiritual meaning of their names.

“Vehaya Eikev Tishmeun...,” “It shall be that when you determine to obey...” (Devarim, 7:12). The word “eikev” means “the heel” and it also means “as a consequence of.” The heel is the back-most part of the foot, the part of the body that most defines how one stands or, metaphorically, on what issues one is willing to make his or her “final stand.” It is the root of the name “Yaakov,” the original name of the Founder of our People, “Yaakov Avinu,” Yaakov our Father.

On certain issues, a person digs in his heels and will not be moved. Yaakov worked for the evil Lavan for twenty years and afterwards, he could say to Esav (Bereshit 32:5), “Im Lavan garti,” “I have sojourned with Lavan,” and CHAZAL add “V’Taryag Mitzvot Shamarti,” although I was under the corrupting influence of Lavan for twenty years, still I did not allow my loyalty to HaShem to become diminished, and I observed all His commandments. “Vehaya **Eikev** Tishmeun” thus means if you determine that you will obey the Mitzvot of HaShem, and if you are prepared to make your final stand on that, things will go well with you.

Having withdrawn from Azza and from remote areas of the West Bank, let us dig in our heels and say to the Palestinians, the United States, and the rest of the world, “We have traveled far enough by ourselves, following your ‘Roadmap’ – Enough is enough!”

Moshe reminds the People of the meaning of their other name, Yisrael, originally given to Yaakov by the heavenly emissary of Esav, who struggled with Yaakov all night but was unable to defeat him (Bereshit 32:39). Therefore, he gave him the name Yisrael, “ki **sarita** im Elokim v’im anashim va-tuchal,” for you struggled with heavenly beings and with people, and you prevailed.” HaShem Himself also confers the name “Yisrael” upon Yaakov, when Yaakov returns from Padan-Aram, “...Your name is Yaakov. But your name shall not again be called as Yaakov, but Yisrael shall be your name...” (Bereshit 35:10).

Yaakov knew how to make HaShem his Master. As was indicated in the verses that describe Yaakov’s reaction to the dream of the “Sulam,” the ladder that extended to Heaven, that he dreamt on his initial flight from Be’er Sheva. “And **he was fearful** and he said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of G-d and this is the gate of the heavens’ ” (Bereshit 28:17).

The nation Yisrael reached the height of “Yirat HaShem,” Fear of G-d, at another crucial moment in their history, when they stood redeemed, after HaShem split the Red Sea for them and brought it crashing down on the heads of the Army of Egypt. Before they sang the “Shirat HaYam,” the Bible records, “And Yisrael saw the great punishing arm that HaShem displayed against Mitzrayim, and **the People feared HaShem**, and they believed in HaShem and in Moshe, His servant” (Shemot 14:31).

Thus, when Moshe asks the famous question, “Now, O Yisrael, what does HaShem, your G-d, ask of you? **Only to fear HaShem**, your G-d, to go in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve HaShem, your G-d, with all your heart and with all your soul” (Devarim 10:12), he is only reminding them of earlier times when **they had indeed reached that level**.

And similarly, in Parshat Vaetchanan, where Moshe said to the People, “Hear O Yisrael, HaShem is our G-d; HaShem is the One and Only. You shall love HaShem, your G-d, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your resources” (Devarim 6:4-5), that too was a reminder to them of a **level obtained earlier**.

May HaShem, Whose eyes have never left the Holy Land and the Holy People, avenge the taunts of “**Ikvot Meshichecha**,” the final stands of the martyrs of Your People, the “She’arit Yisrael,” the Remnant of Israel, who were done to death, believing in Your Anointed One (Tehilim 89:52).

And May You “Go out ‘be-**ikvei** ha-tzon,’” among the “final stands of the sheep,” Your People, among the seventy wolves, and bring into reality the words of Yeshayahu (51:3), from today’s Haftarah,

“For HaShem shall comfort Tziyon, He shall comfort all her ruins,

He shall make her wilderness like Eden,

And her wasteland as a garden of HaShem;

Joy and gladness shall be found there,

Thanksgiving and the sound of music.”