

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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Aufruf of Label Deutsch

ערב שבת בראשית

הדלקת נרות: 5:39 PM

מנחה: 5:45 PM

שבת בראשית

שחרית: 8:45 AM

10:02 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

מברכים החודש השון

4:40 PM גמרא שיעור

5:25 PM מנחה

סעודה שלישית

6:37 PM מעריב

Sunday שחרית: 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

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

Wed. and Thurs.: 6:15 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sunday -Thursday: 4:40 PM

8:00 PM Second מעריב

ערב שבת פרשת נח

הדלקת נרות: 4:30 PM

4:35 PM מנחה

Shiurim

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

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

Mondays at 8:00 PM - Hachnosas Kallah of Monsey sponsors lectures for women of all ages.

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM - ספר עזרא - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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

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

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

II דף היומי, Monday through Thursday after מעריב and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

Shul Announcements

Turn clocks back 1 hour at 2:00 AM on Sunday.

Please join us for an **Oneg Shabbas** on Friday Night, November 4th, 8:00 PM at the home of Yussie and Fayge Deutsch, 93 Highview Road in Suffern. Rabbi Gottlieb will introduce his Hilchos Shabbos shiur and will thereafter be giving the shiur weekly in shul on Friday nights at 8:00 PM. All are cordially invited to attend.

We're pleased to announce that our third annual **Avot U'Banim Learning Program** will begin on Motzoei Shabbos, November 5th at 6:30 PM in the library. Fathers and grandfathers, bring your progeny to the library, learn together and reward yourselves with a pizza melave malka.

Sponsorships (\$36 per session) are invited. Contact Michael Kronenberg at 845.368.1064 or mkronenberg@advgi.com to donate or obtain further information. See our website (baistorah.org, go to Programs>Youth Programs) for great pics, the year's schedule and further details.

Save November 5th for a special lecture by Alan Proctor on "A Ba'al Teshuva's Search for Meaning: The path toward observant Judaism, from Wharton Business School to Aish Hatorah to the present." 8:30 PM. All are invited.

Bais Torah Sisterhood invites men and women to see **Dudu Fisher Live** at the Helen Hayes Performing Arts Center in Nyack, New York. Sunday, November 13th. Curtain time is 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$50 and may be ordered from Hinda Kimmel at 357-9571 or Betty Schloss at 369-1833 or bbless613@gmail.com..

We are looking for **Shabbos morning group leaders** 10th grade and up for children ages 4 through 8 from 10 AM until shul ends, twice a month or alternating Shabbosim. Please call Felise Katz at 357-0129 if you or someone you know may be interested.

Keep us informed. Our shul secretary, Esther Garber, is in the office Mon. through Thurs., 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

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

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** this Shabbos following davening in honor of the aufruf of Label Deutsch.

The **shul thanks** Hinda Kimmel, Betty Schloss and the entire Sisterhood for their sponsorship and hard work in making the amazing Simchas Torah Kiddush a wonderful and fulfilling success. Thanks to those who contributed bottles of Liquor and Wine and everyone is asked to please continue to contribute good spirits throughout the coming year.

The next Bais Torah **board meeting** will be held on Thursday night, 11/17 at 8:15 pm, after the second Maariv. Members are invited to attend and to address the board during the open discussion period at the beginning of the board meeting. The president wishes to remind board members that any board member who has not attended three consecutive board meetings is subject to removal from the list of active board members.

Mazel Tov

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a grandson, born to Shaul and Malky Mayerfeld.

Irving and Ruth Malinowitz on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Penina and Aryeh Richman of Teaneck. Grandparents are David and Susie Richman.

Ed and Helen Furman on the birth of a grandson, born to Joel and Jessica Furman of Los Angeles.

Rabbi Gottlieb on being honored with Chosson Torah.

Moe Tilson on being honored with Chosson Beraishis.

Label Deutsch on his aufruf.

Ben and Hilda Zauderer on the birth of a great-grandson and Yossie and Carole Stern on the birth of a grandson, born to Jay and Alyssa Goldberg.

Refuah Shelaimah

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

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

Shirlee Aaronson - שרה חנה בת בלומא

Mr. Shapiro - חיים מאיר יהואל בן מלכה לאה

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

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Eiruv 362-4302

Mikvah 425-6101

Youth Felise Katz 357-0129

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

In Case of Emergency

The **Red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

"Special Mitzvos" Earn Divine Favor By Rabbi Frand

The pasuk [verse] at the end of the parsha says: "And Hashem [G-d] reconsidered having made Man on earth, and He was pained in His heart.

And Hashem said, 'I will dissolve Man whom I created, from upon the face of the earth - from man to animal, to creeping things, and to birds of the sky; for I have reconsidered My having made them.'" [Bereshis 6:6-7]

Man had descended to a level of corruption to the extent that G-d, as it were, 'regretted' having created him. This brought the Almighty to the decision that He must wipe out the world and start over - so to speak.

Parshas Bereshis ends with the words "And Noach found favor in the Eyes of Hashem" [Bereshis 6:8].

The Or HaChaim notes that Hashem did not decide to save Noach as a result of his righteousness. It is true that Noach was a tzadik [righteous person], as we learn at the beginning of next week's parsha [Bereshis 6:9]. However, that fact alone would not have saved Noach, because the Almighty had full 'regret' on the entire institution of the creation of the world. When G-d decides to destroy, He destroys the wicked and the righteous alike. The salvation of Noach was an act of Divine Kindness that did not emanate from the realm of justice or "the merits of his case". Noach was saved as a manifestation of special "Divine favor," as the last pasuk in Parshas Bereshis testifies.

The Or HaChaim explains that certain mitzvos endear a person to the Almighty in a way that might qualify the doer for special "Divine favors." All the positive and negative commandments are important. But there are a few commands that have this special endearing quality, of allowing a person to find special favor in the Eyes of the Master of the Universe. In spite of the fact that the person may not be worthy, the Almighty grants the person that which he does not really deserve.

Sometimes our children do things for which they deserve to be punished, but they know how to "press the right buttons" with their parents, such that we tend to look the other way. The Or HaChaim says this same concept, l'havdil, comes into play in our relationship with the Ribono shel Olam.

Sometimes we see a person who is very successful and has been blessed with all type of Divine favor. We look at this person and wonder to

ourselves: "He doesn't appear to be a particularly righteous person who we would expect to be deserving of all this Divine Beneficence."

Sometimes a person merits such blessing because "he has found favor in the Eyes of the L-rd." Perhaps he performs these one or two mitzvos that have this magical power to inspire "free gifts" (mantas chinam) from the Almighty.

Of course, we would all like to know which mitzvos are those two or three mitzvos that have this magical power. The Or HaChaim states that although it is clear that there are three or four such mitzvos, the Ribono shel Olam has never revealed to us their identities - for obvious reasons! But whatever those mitzvos are, Noach intuitively was aware of them and Noach did something that ingratiated him to the Ribono shel Olam. Despite the fact that the Almighty was intent on wiping out the entire planet, Noach found favor in His eyes.

The Or HaChaim then points out an observation that I never stopped to

ponder: The letters of the name Noach are exactly the letters (in reverse order) of the word Chen (favor). As we find many times, Noach's name alludes to the essence of his personality. He was a person who found Favor.

As in the time of Noach, today there are also two or three mitzvos that merit the performer with special Divine Favor. Since we don't know which mitzvos those are, the safest bet is to do all of them, thereby assuring ourselves we have included the "special mitzvos" in the list of commandments for which we are given credit.