

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

November 5, 2005 · 89 West Carlton Rd., Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ג' מרחשון שבת פרשת נח

ערב שבת פרשת נח

הדלקת נרות: 4:30 PM

מנחה: 4:35 PM

שבת פרשת נח

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:06 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:30 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:29 PM

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-מנחה

Sunday -Thursday: 4:30 PM

Second מעריב 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

הדלקת נרות: 4:23 PM

מנחה: 4:30 PM

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 – ספר מדע – משנה תורה להרמב"ם, ספר מדע – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

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

דף היומי II, Monday through Thursday at 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

Please join us for an **Oneg Shabbas** this Friday Night, 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 this 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. This week's program is sponsored by Peter and Felise Katz.

This Motzoei Shabbos, November 5th, please come to 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 everyone 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 bless613@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 next **board meeting** will be on 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 entire congregation is invited to a Kiddush co-sponsored by Moe Tilson on his being Chosson Beraishis and by Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann on the birth of David Azriel to Daniel and Chani Herrmann and to Rena Tzira to Shira and Doron Goldschmidt.

On Sunday, November 13th at 10:30 AM, the Geshar Foundation invites the community to a Conversation with Natan Sharansky. It will be held at Pomona Middle School, Pomona Road, Suffern. For further information, call 646-472-5380.

Bais Torah is pleased to announce that on November 18th and 19th, we will once again be hosting a Scholar in Residence weekend. This year, we are privileged to have Rabbi Dr. Marc Angel with us. He will be addressing us on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. and delivering the sermon on Shabbos. He will also be speaking at 1:15 p.m. on Shabbos afternoon. If you'd like to join us for the 12:00 noon Seudas Shabbos, please contact Jennifer Herrmann at 845.356.9583 or write to baistorah@aol.com.

Sponsors are entitled to two luncheon reservations at no additional cost. Further information can be found on our website.

Mazel Tov

Label and Devorah Deutsch on their recent marriage.

Refuah Shelaimah

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

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman - יעמץ 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

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Bais Torah Bulletins Email baistorah@taxprof.net, Fax (845) 368-4172, or call (845) 368-2222. To receive e-mail updates, write to baistorah@aol.com. This bulletin is now downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

Yahrtzeit Tikun Moshe Tilson, 426-0976

Simcha Room Reservations/Kiddushim Jack Gross, 357-4121

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 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.

Parashat Noach - 5766 – The “Keshet,” the Rainbow

The First “Brit,” Covenant Between G-d and Man

On Rosh HaShanah, “Tefilat Mussaf,” the Additional Service, focuses on three themes that symbolize the greatness of HaShem: “Malchiyot,” Kingship, “Zichronot,” Remembrances, and “Shofarot,” the multi-faceted meaning and significance of the sounding of the “Shofar,” the Ram’s Horn.

Parashat Noach is associated most closely with the second of those, “Zichronot,” for that Prayer deals with the infinite power of recollection of HaShem, how all deeds and thoughts of men and nations are brought up before Him on the Day of Judgment and contribute to His verdict. The structure of this Prayer is that three verses are cited from the Torah, three from the Prophets, and three from the Sacred Writings. And the Prayer concludes with the Blessing, “Blessed are You, HaShem, ‘Zocher HaBrit,’ Who remembers the Covenant.” Parashat Noach contains the first example of the appearance in the Bible of the word “Brit,” or Covenant.

The first verse cited in the “Zichronot” Prayer is “G-d remembered Noach, and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the Ark, and G-d caused a spirit to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.” (Bereshit 8:1) Later in the Parashah, we find “G-d said to Noach and to his sons with him, ‘As for Me, behold, I establish My Covenant with you and with your offspring after you ... Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the Flood, and never again shall there be a Flood to destroy the earth.’ And G-d said, ‘This is the sign of the Covenant that I give between Me and you... to all generations: I have set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth...’” (Bereshit 9:8-13)

Now a covenant imposes obligations upon both sides. G-d’s obligation was not to destroy the World again by Flood. The obligation upon humanity, the descendants of Noach, was to observe the Seven Noahide Laws:

1. Not to engage in idolatry
2. Not to “bless” (euphemism for “curse”) the Divine Name
3. Not to commit murder
4. Not to engage in sexual transgressions
5. Not to engage in Theft and other violations of Civil Law
6. To establish a Court System
7. Not to eat a limb torn from a live animal (or engage in other forms of cruelty to animals)

Thus, while it is theoretically true that since humanity has violated its side of the agreement uncounted times, HaShem should be absolved of abiding by His side of the Covenant. But that cannot be true because in His Infinite Wisdom and Mercy, HaShem must have known with whom He was dealing when He entered into the covenantal agreement, and must have been prepared to deal with humanity’s violations of its obligations by administering punishments of varying severity, but short of total destruction.

We will see later in Sefer Bereshit that the Avot entered into covenants with other mortals, as well as with their Immortal Master. One of the most famous is the “Brit Milah,” the Covenant of Circumcision, described in Parashat Lech Lecha. “When Avram was ninety-nine years old, HaShem appeared to Avram and said to him, ‘I am Almighty G-d, walk before Me and be perfect...I will establish My Covenant between Me and you and between your offspring after you, throughout their generations, as an everlasting Covenant... and I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojourns – the whole of the land of Canaan – as an everlasting possession...’” (Bereshit 17:1, 7-8) Avraham’s obligation is defined by HaShem, “...At the age of eight days, every male among you shall be circumcised... Thus, My Covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting Covenant...” (Bereshit 17:12-13)

Enemies of the Jewish People have always realized that “Brit Milah,” Observance of Shabbat and Torah Study are Covenants with HaShem that are crucial elements of our survival, and have sought to destroy us by prohibiting their observance.

There are numerous other instances of Covenants between HaShem and the People of Israel that bespeak ultimate mutual trust and confidence between us and “Our Father, Our King.” And we look forward to the day when we will be joined by the rest of humanity, as it says, “And I will bring them to My holy mountain, and I will gladden them in My House of Prayer, their elevation offerings and their feast offerings will find favor on My Altar, for My House will be a House of Prayer for all the nations.” (Yeshayahu 56:7)