

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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## ערב שבת פרשת ויצא

הדלקת נרות 4:10 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb's הלכות שבת shiur 8:00 PM

## שבת פרשת ויצא

שחרית 8:45 AM

מנחה-מקריב 9:25 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM

מנחה 4:00 PM

סעודה שלישית

מקריב 5:10 PM

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 מנחה-מקריב

Sunday -Thursday: 4:15 PM

Second מקריב 8:00 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

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מנחה 4:15 PM

## Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – 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. Rabbi Luchins is speaking.

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 - גמרא shiur - 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 this Saturday night, December 10th at 8:30 PM for a fascinating lecture by renowned historian Professor Yaffa Eliach. She will be speaking on, "Recreating Life in the Shtetl." Everyone is invited to attend.

Our third annual **Avot U'Banim Learning Program** continues this Motzoei Shabbos, at 6:15 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 The Saul Sterns.

Bais Torah Sisterhood invites all women to a Vital Movement Class and Membership Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9:45 a.m. The class will be taught by our inimitable Judith Rose. Vital Movement is a unique program for health and well being for people of all ages and movement capacities. The benefits of regular Vital Movement work include increased flexibility, expanded range of motion, improved balance and coordination, physical strengthening, and stress management.

On Sat. night, Jan. 7, at 8:30 PM, the shul will hear from Philip Rosenthal of the County Sheriff's department about "**Controlling the Internet.**"

The next **Oneg Shabbos** is December 16, at the home of Ed and Ruth Levi, 7 Wendover Lane.

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

## Hamakom Yenacheim

Shlomie Pollak on the p'tira of his father, Frank Pollak.

Ellie Arnot on the p'tira of her mother, Rachel Arnot. Shiva will be through Wednesday morning at 27 Monsey Heights Road.

## Refuah Shelaimah

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

Phil Holzer - ירוחם פישעל בן שרה רבקה

Hinda Kimmel's mother, Ann Aufrichtig - חנה רבקה בת היניא זיסעל

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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 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 Vayetze - 5766 “And behold, Angels of G-d, Ascending and Descending Upon It” (Bereshit 28:12)

In the famous dream that Yaakov experiences at the beginning of Parashat VaYetze (Bereshit 28:12), we find a “Sulam,” a “ladder”, with angels going up on one side and coming down on the other. One explanation of the “up and down” movement, cited by RASHI, is that those going up represent angels of the Land of Israel and, since Yaakov was now departing Eretz Yisrael, he would now need to be escorted by a different type of angel; namely, angels of “chutz la’Aretz,” angels whose nature allowed them to work only outside of the Holy Land. Rabbi Yehudah Lev Ashlag (1886-1955) wrote a great commentary on the “Zohar,” the principle book of Jewish Mysticism. It was called “The Sulam;” his perspective was that Kabbalah is not an esoteric study, but a “universal pathway of the spirit.”

From this dream, according to the Ha’amek Davar, Yaakov understood that the Divine Presence was to be found on earth, that there were “Malachim” all around him, and that this was a sign of HaShem’s ‘Hashgachah P’ratit,’ personal supervision, over him. Yaakov will reach a level where he can “struggle with heavenly beings and with human beings, and prevail;” and reflecting this, his name will be changed from Yaakov to Yisrael.

The word “Malach” means “Messenger;” that is, the Malachim were “Messengers” of HaShem. But Mechiilta to Beshalach (6:14) points out that the messengers of HaShem are unlike human messengers. Human messengers are sent to perform a task, and then must return to the sender to report whether the mission was accomplished, or not. Unlike the case of Malachim, who do not need to return to report to their “sender,” Who is everywhere. “There is no place empty of Him” was the formulation of one of the great Chassidic Masters.

One of the early appearances of Malachim in the Bible is when three angels visit Avraham at Elonei Mamre, when he was recovering from his Brit Milah. RASHI explains the necessity for the three: “One was to bring the good news to Sarah (of Yitzchak’s birth), one to destroy S’dom, and one to heal Avraham, because even a Malach can accomplish only one mission at a time.” Apparently, Malachim are also able to do good impersonations of human beings, from the ability to converse and pretend to eat, down to simulating dusty and tired feet.

The most important tasks can be allocated to Malachim. When Avraham had to be stopped from sacrificing his son Yitzchak, we read (Bereshit 22:11), “And the *Angel of the L-rd* called to him and said, ‘Avraham, Avraham.’ And he said, ‘I am here.’ And he said, ‘Do not touch the child, nor harm him in any way, for now I know that you fear G-d.’”

HaShem Himself rarely “appears in public.” Har Sinai, when the Torah was given to the Jewish People, was of course an exception. We pray on Rosh HaShanah, “You revealed Yourself in Your Cloud of Glory upon Your Holy Mountain, to speak with them.” Yet Moshe cautions the Jewish People when he speaks of the Sinai experience (Devarim 4:15), “Take great heed to yourselves, for you saw *no manner of physical form* on the day that the L-rd spoke to you at Chorev out of the midst of the fire.”

Before the birth of Shimshon the Mighty, an Angel of HaShem appeared to the wife of Manoach in the field, to give the woman, who had been barren, the good news that she would give birth. When the joyous wife brought the news to her husband, he was less elated. He indicated a strong interest in meeting this “Angel.” HaShem, to preserve “Shalom Bayit,” trust and confidence between the spouses, sends the Angel again to repeat the message and to convince Manoach that the messenger was indeed a spiritual being.

Yeshayahu and Yechezkel experience visions of the “Throne-Room,” so to speak, of G-d. In Yechezkel’s vision, he sees “four living creatures...And every one had four faces...the face of a man... the face of a lion on the right side and the face of an ox on the left side, and...the face of an eagle... two wings... were joined one to another and two covered their bodies. And they went... straight forward, they turned not when they went... their appearance was like coals of fire, burning like the appearance of torches...And the living creatures ran and returned like the appearance of a flash of lightning...” A mysterious vision of the angels, replete with physical detail.

The greatest human beings can sometimes approach the boundary between human being and Malach. Moshe neither ate nor drank nor slept for forty days and forty nights when he received the Torah from HaShem. And sometimes they can cross that boundary.

Eliyahu HaNavi was taken up to Heaven in a fiery chariot, pulled by fiery horses.

At this time, when none of our leaders seems to know which way to turn, we pray for the return of Eliyahu, who heard the “still, small voice” of HaShem in the desert. That HaShem will send Eliyahu, the “Malach HaBrit,” the “Angel of the Covenant,” to fulfill his destined role as the “harbinger of the Mashiach,” the symbol of “Malchut Shamayim,” the Rule of HaShem over all of humanity. PF