

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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## ⌘ AUFRUF FOR PINNY BECKER ⌘

### ערב שבת פרשת מקץ וראש חודש

Early מנחה: 3:00 PM

הדלקת נרות: 4:19 PM

מנחה: 4:25 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb's שבת הלכות shiur: 8:00 PM

### שבת פרשת מקץ וראש חודש

שחרית: 8:45 AM

9:41 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

3:25 PM גמרא שיעור

4:10 PM מנחה

סעודה שלישיית sponsored by the Kronenbergs

5:20 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 מנחה

Sunday -Thursday: 4:25 PM

Second מעריב Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

הדלקת נרות: 4:25 PM

מנחה: 4:30 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 – no lecture this week.

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 מדע - ספר להרמב"ם - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא 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 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

**Seuda Shlishis** is sponsored this week by Sharon and Michael Kronenberg to commemorate the yahrzeit of Sharon's mother.

The **Avot U'Banim Learning Program** continues this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:30 PM in the library. All parents, children and grandchildren are invited to participate. This week's program is sponsored by the Kronenbergs.

Bais Torah and three other local shuls invite **teenagers** to a Chanukah Bash at Community Synagogue on December 31st at 8:00 PM.

The Bash features live music by Omek Hadavar, bingo and donuts. Free admission.

Next Friday night, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m., the Lieders will be hosting an **Oneg Shabbos** in their home, 75 College Road, Monsey.

On Saturday night, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM, Philip Rosenthal of the County Sheriff's department will speak on the topic of, "**Controlling the Internet before it Controls Us: Internet Safety and Tips for Parents and Users.**" Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Bais Torah is pleased to present the film **Paper Clips** Saturday night, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM. Paper Clips is an inspiring documentary that captures how students, teachers, families and the entire town of Whitwell, TN responded to lessons about the Holocaust.

Rated G, it was named one of the top films of 2004 (documentary) and has received audience and jury awards at film festivals across the country. Suggested donation \$5. For more information about the film, go to [paperclipsmovie.com](http://paperclipsmovie.com).

For details and further information on shul events, be sure to visit our **website**, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org). To subscribe to **e-mail updates** on late-breaking shul news, write to [baistorah@aol.com](mailto:baistorah@aol.com).

**Keep us informed.** Are you planning a simcha or special event? To avoid scheduling conflicts, please call Esther Garber, our shul secretary. She is in the office Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Please save Saturday night, March 18<sup>th</sup> for a special **Melave Malka**.

### Mazel Tov

Avi and Nechama Becker on the aufruf of their son, Pinny. The entire shul is invited to a kiddush in honor of the occasion.

Allen and Miriam Nussbaum on the birth of a grandson, born to Keri and Aryeh Adler

Irv and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a new great-granddaughter, born to Chaim and Shani Cillo.

### Hamakom Yenacheim

Mr. Sam Haber, who sat shiva for his brother last week.

### Refuah Shelaimah

Yis Helprin's mother, Dora - דבורה בת בריינה

Phil Holzer - ירוחם פישעל בן שרה רבקה

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

Shirlee Aaronson - שרה חנה בת בלומא

Mr. Shapiro - חיים מאיר יהיאל בן מלכה לאה

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

## How to Reach Us

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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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## Shabbat Parashat Miketz - 5766 – Why Another Two Years?

We find at the beginning of this week's Parashah, *"It happened at the end of two years that Pharaoh was dreaming and behold! he was standing at the River..."* (Bereshit 41:1) This two-year interval refers to the two years that had passed since the birthday of Pharaoh mentioned at the end of Parashat VaYeshev, when Yoseph's interpretations of the dreams of the "Sar HaMashkim," the Chief Cupbearer, and the "Sar HaOfim," the Chief of the Bakers, came true with the return of the Cupbearer to his former position, and the hanging of the Baker.

The question addressed here is, "Why was Yoseph confined in jail an additional two years?" This is not a new question, and Chaza"l have provided an answer; because Yoseph put his trust in a human being, the cupbearer, whom he asked to remember him, rather than in HaShem, Yoseph was punished with two additional years of incarceration ("Bereshit Rabbah" 89:3). The following is a suggestion for an alternate answer to the question.

Rav Aharon Soloveitchik, ZT"L, used to give a Hashkafah Shiur weekly, based on the Parashat HaShavua. When he came to Parashat VaYeshev, he indicated that he had a problem. Usually, it was possible for him to identify heroes and villains. But in VaYeshev, he had trouble finding a hero. Consider the possibilities. Yaakov Avinu did not seem to be using good parenting skills. Alright, the verse says, "And Yisrael loved Yoseph most, of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age..." (Bereshit 37:3) But at least modern psychology suggests that the parent should not make the preference obvious to the other siblings. Yet the verse (Bereshit, ibid.) says, *"He made him a fine woolen tunic."* And, indeed, the verse reports that it was indeed painfully obvious to the other brothers, *"And his brothers realized that his father loved him more than all the other brothers, and they hated him; and they were unable to speak peaceably to him."* (Bereshit 37:4)

The brothers, great founders of the "Shivtei Kah," the Tribes of G-d, though they were, committed one of the major sins of the Jewish People, the sale of their brother into slavery for a pair of shoes. And though Yoseph would play a highly beneficial role in Egypt, in protecting the Jewish People, as well as the other inhabitants of the area affected by the devastating famine, the brothers had no way of knowing that in advance. Thus, the beneficial role played later by Yoseph does nothing to assuage the guilt of the brothers for the sin of "Sinat Chinam," causeless hatred, and atonement would be necessary throughout the generations of Jewish History.

Yoseph himself, though he would eventually be crowned with the title of "Yoseph HaTzaddik," Yoseph the Righteous, yet suffered from a fault described by Kohelet, *"There is no one so righteous in the land, that he does only good, and does not sin."* (Kohelet 7:20) His tragic flaw was that his great gifts caused him to be a "showoff," and not to be as concerned as he should have been about the feelings of others. We see this from the very beginning of his "career" as a dreamer. Why did he have to describe in full detail to his brothers the dream that foretold his majesty? *"And behold we were binding sheaves in the middle of the field when behold! your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf."* (Bereshit 37:7) And he continued in this vein, proclaiming his dreams of mastery to the rest of his family, *"...Look, I dreamt another dream, where behold! The sun, the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."* (Bereshit 37:9)

But to the two years! Yoseph found himself in the dungeon, along with the Chief of the Cupbearers and the Chief of the Royal Bakers. The two servants of Pharaoh had each dreamt a dream which sounded prophetic, but they could not determine their meaning, and became more and more morose. Yoseph, coming upon his cellmates, asked them, *"Why do you appear downcast today?"* (Bereshit 40:7) The Chief Cupbearer related his dream to Yoseph first, which involved three tendrils of a vine. Instantly comprehending its meaning, Yoseph said to his fellow prisoner, who waited for the interpretation with baited breath, knowing that his life was on the line, *"...This is its interpretation: The three tendrils represent three days. Three days from now, Pharaoh will lift up your head and will restore you to your post..."* (Bereshit 40:12-13) Then the Chief of the Bakers related his dream, which involved three wicker baskets. *"Yoseph said, '...This is its interpretation. The three baskets are three days. Three days from now, Pharaoh will lift your head from you, and will hang you on a tree...' "* (Bereshit 40:18-19) In each case, Yoseph did not get immediately to the point and reveal the true meaning – in one case, restoration to his former position; in the other, death by hanging. Instead, he inserted an unnecessary and ambiguous expression, *"Pharaoh will lift your head"* and made his listener wait for what must have seemed like an eternity. For this delay in delivering the verdict, **committed twice**, Yoseph was punished with an additional two years of incarceration. Thus, we see how precise are HaShem's judgments, particularly against the Righteous, whose job it is to use their gifts and blessings to serve HaShem and **help their fellow human beings**, not to play with them. PF