

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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Bar Mitzvah of Yossi Colman

ערב שבת פרשת בא

הדלקת נרות 4:58 PM

מנחה 5:05 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb's הלכות שבת shiur at 8:30 PM

שבת פרשת בא

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:37 AM

נמרא שיעור 4:00 PM

מנחה 4:45 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:59 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 lectures for women. This week's lecture by Rabbi Kohl.

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 - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

Friday night at 8:15 PM – Hilchos Shabbos shiur – Rabbi Gottlieb

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

The next **Bais Torah oneg** will take place in the shul, this Friday evening at 8:30 PM. It is being sponsored by Yaakov and Phyllis Colman in honor of the bar mitzva of their son, Yossi.

Seudah shlishis will be jointly sponsored by Yaakov & Phyllis Colman in honor of the Bar-mitzvah of their son Yossi, Elle Arnot to commemorate the yartzheit of her father, Tanchum ben Yehuda Leib, and Yossie Stern to commemorate the yartzheit of his mother, Malka Fradel bas Meir Yechiel Yehudah.

The **Avot U'Banim Learning Program** continues this Motzoei Shabbos at 7:00 PM in the library. Parents, children and grandchildren are invited to enjoy the learning, the pizza and the prizes. This week's program is sponsored by the Colman family.

Bais Torah invites everyone to "see the stars appear after Shabbos" at a fun-filled **melave malka** on March 25th. (Note the change of date.) There will be a delicious buffet, a live performance by comedian Marc Weiner and music by Omek Hadavar. Our own rav, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb will be the emcee. For further information on how to order tickets, log on to www.baistorah.org.

For details and further information on shul events, be sure to visit our **website**, www.baistorah.org. To subscribe to **e-mail updates** on late-breaking shul news, write to 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 reserve Sunday May 14th (Mothers Day) for the shul **Annual Dinner** honoring Steve and Jackie Fessel. Further details and journal ad blanks will be forthcoming shortly. Kindly see Laurence Gordon or Moe Tilson, Dinner Co-Chairs, for further information.

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** in honor of the bar mitzvah of Yossi Colman sponsored by his grandparents, Sam and Shifra Colman and Jack and June Rosenberg.

Mazel Tov

Barry and Emily Lifschitz on their son Joey, who completed the Miami Marathon (26.2 miles) on behalf of Chai Lifeline this past Sunday. He and his 25 friends, who ran with him, collectively raised over \$120,000 for Chai Lifeline.

Yaakov and Phyllis Colman on the bar mitzvah of their son, Yossi.

Refuah Shelaimah

Yis Helprin's mother, Dora - דבורה בת בריינה

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

Sandy Rosenwasser - שולמית חנה בת מטל

Ruth Levi - שרה בת קילה

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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.

Shabbat Parshat Bo – 5766 – Rosh Chodesh Shevat Will there be Sacrifices in the Time of the Mashiach?

Last Monday was Rosh Chodesh Shevat. While looking over the “layening” that morning, I focused on the meaning of the words of HaShem to Moshe (BaMidbar 28:1-3), “*Command the Children of Israel and say to them, ‘My offering, My bread, for My fires, My satisfying aroma – you shall be scrupulous to offer to Me in its appointed time.’ And you shall say to them, ‘This is the fire-offering that you are to offer to HaShem: male lambs in their first year, unblemished, two a day, as a **Perpetual Elevation-Offering.**’*” After the daily Perpetual Offering is described, the Torah goes on to describe the Shabbat Offering, concluded by verse Bamidbar (28:10), “*The same Elevation-Offering on each Shabbat, in addition to the daily Perpetual-Offering and its libation.*” Which was followed by the Torah’s specification for the Elevation-Offering of Rosh Chodesh, which concluded with verses BaMidbar (28:15-16), “*...the same Elevation-Offering of Rosh Chodesh, for every month of the year. And one male goat for a Sin-Offering to HaShem, in addition to the Perpetual Elevation-Offering, shall it be made, and its libation.’*”

The question arises, “will the Jewish People resume these Offerings in the Time of the Mashiach, when the Third Temple will be built?” By way of attempting to answer this question, let us examine Parashat Bo to see if it offers clues that will enable us to make an informed speculation regarding an answer.

On Rosh Chodesh Nisan, HaShem gives Moshe and Aharon information as to how the Children of Israel should prepare themselves for the Plague of the Killing of the Firstborn. They are commanded to place blood of the Pesach-Offering upon their lintels, following which HaShem says, “*And that blood shall be a sign on the houses in which you are, and I will see that blood and I will pass over you, and the plague of death will not affect you, when I smite the Land of Egypt.*” (Shemot 12:13) We see in this verse that **blood was the Sign of Salvation** for the Children of Israel when they left Egypt.

We find additional explanation of this event in Yechezkel (16:6), “*And I passed over you, and I saw you rolling in your blood. And I said to you, ‘In your blood, you shall live; in your blood, you shall live.’*” Rashi explains the double language based on the Midrash that ascribed the Redemption of the Children of Israel to their merit for having performed two commands that involved blood; namely, circumcision and the Pesach Sacrifice.

We also find elsewhere in the Torah, in connection with the prohibition against eating the blood of an animal (VaYikra 17:11), “*For the soul of the flesh is in the blood and I have assigned it for you **upon the Altar** to provide atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that atones for the soul.*” Rashi explains that the existence of the soul within the body depends on the presence of blood, and therefore I have assigned it for you to use on the Altar to atone for the soul of Man. Let a soul come and atone for another soul.” The above accords nicely with the explanation of the Ramban of the sin Offering, where the human being feels that his own fat and blood really should be on the Altar, were it not for the Compassion of HaShem, Who accepts instead the fat and blood of an animal.

There are some quarters in the Modern Orthodox world where the feeling is that mankind has advanced beyond the so-called “primitive” act of sacrificing animals. The Haftarah of Parashat Emor suggests otherwise for in Yechezkel (44:15) we find the righteous Kohanim of the Third Temple, descendants of Tzadok, standing before HaShem and approaching Him with the fat and blood of animals.

I will conclude with a citation from the “Haggadah,” the text of the Liberation from Egypt recited at the Seder, “Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, Who Redeemed us and Redeemed our Fathers from Egypt, and has brought us this night to eat Matzah and Marror. So May the L-rd our G-d and the G-d of our Fathers, bring us to Holidays and other Pilgrim Festivals that are coming towards us, in Peace; happy in the building of Your City and Joyous in Your Service. **And May we eat there from the Offerings and the Pesach Sacrifices that will reach the wall of Your Altar, according to Your Will,** and we will sing to You a new song, celebrating our Redemption and our Salvation. Blessed are You, O L-rd, Who Redeemed Israel.” PF