

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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Adiv Pachter's Aufruf

ערב שבת פרשת תצוה

הדלקת נרות 5:39 PM
מנחה 5:45 PM

פרשת זכור- שבת פרשת תצוה

שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:11 AM

נמרא שיעור 4:45 PM
מנחה 5:30 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 6:41 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.
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM - ספר עזרא - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – **Not this week**
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית - ספר מדע - שחרית - Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - ספר נמרא - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
Friday night at 8:30 PM – Hilchos Shabbos shiur – Rabbi Gottlieb
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

Leon and Rena Pachter invite the entire congregation to a **Kiddush** in honor of the aufruf of their son, Adiv.
Pick up your matzah on Motzoei Shabbos until 11:00 PM or Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5 PM at 75 College Road. Call i352-0122 if times are not convenient.
Bais Torah is **selling wine** for Pesach. The wine list is in the mail. If you want to buy wine from the shul and have not received your wine list, please contact Miriam (893-4983 – cell#). Orders can be placed until Thursday, March 30. We sell Kedem's full line-up of wines and juices.
Rabbi Gottlieb will begin his series of **Pesach shiurim** on Wednesday, March 22nd at 8:15 p.m. with "Cleaning and Kashering for Pesach." Wednesday, March 29th, the topic will be, "Products and Shopping for Pesach," and on Wednesday, April 5th, the Rabbi will speak on, "The Seder and the Hagaddah." Men and women are invited to attend..
The March 24th-25th **End the Madness Singles Shabbaton** is fully subscribed and there is now a waiting list for those wish to register. If you are a single between the ages of 25 and 35 and were closed out of registration, you are still welcome to join other singles at a Friday night Oneg Shabbas, Shabbas luncheon (\$25) **and/or** Melava Malka (\$25). Advanced reservations are required. To register for these events, send a check payable to Congregation Bais Torah to Ruth Lehmann, 5 Ruth Court, Monsey, NY 10952, or call 845 426-6499 for further information.
Make your reservations today to "See the Stars appear after Shabbos." Our fun-filled **Melave Malka** on March 25th will feature a delicious buffet, a live performance by comedian Marc Weiner and music by Omek Hadavar. To take advantage of the advanced ticket discount, send \$36 per person, payable to Congregation Bais Torah, to Ruth Lehmann, 5 Ruth Court, Monsey.
Please reserve Sunday, May 14th for our **Annual Dinner** at the Sheraton Crossroads. This year's guests of honor are Dr. Steven and Jacqueline Fessel. In addition, Dr. Moe Tilson will receive the Presidential Award, Betty Schloss will be honored with the Eishes Chayil Award and Michael Rossman is the Service Awardee. Save the date!
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.

Mazel Tov

Leon and Rena Pachter in honor of the aufruf of their son, Adiv.
David and Carol Abramczik on the birth of a grandson, born to Penina and Ely Weiss of Cedarhurst.

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
Al Weber - אברהם יצחק בן ראיוול

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:15 and 7:35 AM (תענית)^{2nd} מגילה at 9:15 PM
Tues.: 6:00 and 8:00 AM (פורים)^{3rd} מגילה at 10:00 AM
Wed, and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM
Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun., Wed and Thurs.: 5:50 PM
Monday: 5:35 PM – Tuesday: 4:00 PM (פורים)
Second מעריב Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 PM

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Simcha Room Reservations/Kiddushim Jack Gross, 357-4121

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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.

Parashat Tetzaveh – 5766 – Gaining a Clearer Understanding of the Concept of “Mitzvah”

This week's Parashah, Tetzaveh, begins as follows: *“Now you shall command the Children of Israel that they shall take for you pure, pressed olive oil for illumination, to kindle the lamp continually.”* (Shemot 27:20) Here the verb “Tetzaveh” has been translated as “you shall command.” The noun associated with this verb is “Mitzvah,” generally translated as “Commandment.” The skeleton and backbone of the Jewish religion consists of 613 Divine Commandments, 248 Positive Commandments, corresponding to the number of bones or significant organs in the body and 365 Negative Commandments, corresponding to the number of days in the solar year. This is the case so that every part of the human body can participate in the holiness that is part and parcel of the Divine Commandments, as Chaza”l, who formulated the “Birchot HaMitzvot,” the Blessings recited before performance of a “Mitzvah,” realized, because they used the language *“...Who sanctified us with His Commandments, and Who commanded us...”* And similarly with the Negative Commandments, the Torah teaches that its Author is above Time, to paraphrase, substituting time for space in the famous Chassidic saying “There is no place where He is not,” similarly, “There is no time where He is not.”

Another parashah that begins with an expression related to commanding is Parashat Tzav, where we find, **“Command Aharon and his sons, saying: ‘This is the Law of the Elevation Offering; it is the Elevation Offering that stays on the flame on the Altar, all night until the morning...’”** (VaYikra 6:2) Rashi, commenting on the first verse in Parashat Tzav, says. “The word ‘Tzav’ indicates that the command includes the idea of performing the indicated action with ‘zerizut’ (translated as agility, nimbleness and alertness), immediately and for all generations.” Here we have a first sign of the direct relation between the “Mitzvot” and the psychological and spiritual makeup of the commanded. “Zerizut” was always considered to be the attitude of the priests serving in the Temple. A Biblical indication of a connection between observing the “Mitzvot” and one’s attitude is found in the Ten Commandments, where HaShem promises to shower Kindness for thousands of generations upon *“...those who love Me and observe My Commandments.”* (Shemot 20:6)

The effect of the “Mitzvot” upon human emotions is indicated by the verse (Tehilim 19:9), *“The statutes of HaShem are right, rejoicing the heart; the ‘Mitzvah’ of HaShem is pure, enlightening the eyes.”*

There is a strong connection between “Emunah,” Faith and “Mitzvot.” Avraham Avinu was the Founder of our Faith in HaShem, and he was rewarded because he *“obeyed My voice, and observed My safeguards, My ‘Mitzvot,’ My decrees, and My Laws.”* (Bereshit 26:5)

King David, the “sweet singer of Israel,” loved the “Mitzvot” with an abiding passion:

“Your ‘Mitzvot’ are my delight.” (Tehilim 119:143)

“You are near, HaShem, and all Your ‘Mitzvot’ are true.” (Tehilim 119:151)

“My tongue shall speak of Your Word, for all Your ‘Mitzvot’ are righteousness.” (Tehilim 119:172)

“Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have believed in Your ‘Mitzvot.’” (Tehilim 119:66)

“...Fortunate is the man who fears HaShem and who delights greatly in His ‘Mitzvot.’” (Tehilim 112:1)

His son, Shelomoh, builder of the First Temple, carried on the great tradition of his father:

“For Your ‘Mitzvah’ is a lamp and the Torah is light itself...” (Mishlei 6:23)

“Observe My ‘Mitzvot’ and live.” (Mishlei 4:4)

At the end of Megilat Kohelet, after examining all philosophies of life, he states his conclusion: *“After everything has been said, and everything has been heard –Fear G-d and observe His ‘Mitzvot,’ for that is the sole purpose of Man.”* (Kohelet 12:13)

Finally, there are verses in the Bible that declare the Infinite Majesty of the One Who is the “Metzaveh,” the One Who issues the Commands. In Iyov (38:12), we find HaShem’s challenge to Iyov, issued before He restores that suffering hero’s good health and fortune, who met all of G-d’s expectations of him, *“Have you, in your lifetime, commanded the onset of morning?”*

In Tehilim (148:5) we find, *“For He commanded, and the universe came into being.”* With the approach of Purim and Pesach, two Holy Days when HaShem delivered Salvation of two types to His People, Israel, and now, when the situation of the Jewish People in the world seems less than hopeful, we issue with David the prayer and declaration of absolute trust in HaShem that we find in Tehilim (44:5), *“You are my King, O G-d, command Salvations for Yaakov.”* PF