

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

הדלקת נרות: 5:47 PM
מנחה: 5:55 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

שבת פרשת כי תשא - פרשת פרה

שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:04 AM
נמרא שיעור 4:50 PM
מנחה 5:35 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 6:48 PM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun., through Thurs.: 5:55 PM
Second מעריב Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויקהל-פקודי

הדלקת נרות: 5:55 PM
מנחה: 6:00 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 – משנה תורה להרמב"ם – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - נמרא 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

Bais Torah members can be proud of themselves. Over the Purim holiday, Rabbi Gottlieb was given almost \$6,000 to distribute for matanos l'evayonim.

Bais Torah can help you with your **Pesach wine** -- the wine list is available online on the Bais Torah website, baistorah.org. We have Kedem's full line of wines and juices available. If you have any questions (e.g. you want a wine that is not on the list, you need a copy of the wine list), please call Miriam Frankel (893-4983). Please place your orders by Thursday, March 30; wine will be available the following week. Thank you for making this a successful project.

Rabbi Gottlieb will begin his series of **Pesach shiurim** this 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.

Last chance to take advantage of discounted tickets to our March 25th **Melave Malka**. Reservations before March 20th are \$36 per person. After March 20th and at the door, admission is \$45. For further information, speak to Ruthie Lehmann or Dr. Moishe Kranzler or email baistorah@aol.com.

Bais Torah is planning a special program for **Yom Ha'atzmaut**, Tuesday evening, May 2nd. Stay tuned for further details 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.

Hamakom Yenachem

Feigie Weber on the p'tira of her husband, Al.

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 -

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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.

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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 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 Ki-Tisa – 5766 – A Purim Dvar Torah

Vashti, Queen before Esther, was an early advocate of feminism. Apparently she was ahead of her time and her efforts were not appreciated. We find in the Megilah, *“And Memuchan said... ‘Not against the King alone has Vashti the Queen done wrong, but also against all the princes and against all the nations that are in all the provinces of the King Achashverosh. For news of the Queen’s action will go forth unto all the women to cause them to consider their husbands contemptible in their eyes when they say, ‘The King Achashverosh commanded to bring Vashti the Queen before him and she did not come...’ If it please the King, let there go forth a royal proclamation from before him and let it be written among the laws of Persia and Media, that Vashti should never again come before the King Achashverosh; and her royal position let the King give to her peer who is better than she. And when the King’s edict which he shall issue will be heard throughout the entire Kingdom – for it is great – then **all the wives will give honor to their husbands**, to everyone, from the greatest, even to the smallest.’ And the matter was pleasing in the eyes of the King... and the King did according to the proposal of Memuchan. And he sent letters to all the provinces ... to every province according to its script, and to every nation according to its language, **that every man be ruler in his house...**”* (Esther 1:16-22)

An unsung and anonymous group of heroes in the Megilah are *“the King’s young men, his servants.”* They serve to move the action along when it would otherwise grind to a halt, and play a similar role to the famous, albeit anonymous, *“man,”* who finds Yoseph in Shechem where he has been sent by his father to visit his brothers, *“**A man** discovered him and behold! – he was lost in the field; **the man** asked him, saying, ‘What do you seek?’ And he said, ‘My brothers do I seek; tell me, please, where they are pasturing.’ **The man** said, ‘They have journeyed from here, for I heard them saying, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’”* (Bereshit 37:15-17) Were it not for this “man,” Yoseph would not have found his brothers, there would have been no plot to kill him, no sale of Yoseph into slavery, no famine, no going down to Egypt of Yaakov and his family, etc. etc. Similarly, we find the anonymous group in the Megilah moving the plot along in the direction of Esther, as we read that the idea of a beauty pageant analogous to the Miss America Contest came from them, *“**Then said the King’s young men, his servants**, ‘Let them seek out for the King young maidens, who are fair in appearance, and let the King appoint commissioners in all the provinces of his Kingdom, and let them gather every young maiden who is fair in appearance unto Shushan the Capital into the hands of Hegai, the King’s chamberlain, the custodian of the women... And the young maiden who will be most pleasing in the eyes of the King shall reign instead of Vashti.’ And the proposal was pleasing in the eyes of the King, and he did so.”* (Esther 2:2-4)

This group is present again on another occasion when the noose is tightening around Haman’s neck, so to speak. The King has had a sleepless night, and the Chronicles of the Kingdom have been read to him. He has discovered that there was a case where a palace rebellion was nipped in the bud because of the testimony of Mordechai. Achashverosh asks, *“What honor and greatness have been done for Mordechai for this?”* (Esther 6:3) Now here they are: *“**Then said the King’s young men, his servants**, ‘Nothing has been done for him.’ (ibid) The Megilah continues, “And the King said, ‘Who is in the courtyard?’ Now Haman had come into the outer court of the King’s house to speak to the King to hang Mordechai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. So the **King’s young men** said to him, ‘Behold! Haman is standing in the courtyard...’”* And now we come to “Haman’s Last Stand,” at Esther’s second wine-feast. Queen Esther has just said that there is a certain individual who is threatening her life and the lives of her People. An enraged King Achashverosh asks, *“...Who is he and where is he whose heart has emboldened him to do so?”* And Esther responds, *‘A man who is an adversary and an enemy – this evil Haman!’ ... And the King arose in his anger from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman remained behind to plead for his life from Esther the Queen, for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the King. Then the King returned from the palace garden to the house of the banquet of wine, and Haman was falling upon the couch upon which Esther was reclining. So the King said, ‘Would he even dare to force the Queen with me in the house?!’ The words went forth from the King’s mouth, and Haman’s face was covered with shame. **Then said Harvona, one of the King’s Chamberlains, before the King, ‘Behold the gallows which Haman has made for Mordechai, who spoke good for the King, is standing in Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.’** And the King said, ‘Hang him upon it.’ So they hanged Haman upon the gallows which he had prepared for Mordechai, and the King’s anger subsided.”* (Esther 7:5-10)

As we find in Esther 9:1, may it always be *“...on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to rule over them, **it was turned upside-down, that the Jews should rule – they over their enemies!**”* PF