

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 6, 2006 · 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · ה' אייר שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

ערב שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

* מנחה: 7:00 PM

** הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM

Regular Candle Lighting 7:40 PM

שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:21 AM

פרקי אבות 5:55 PM

נמרא שיעור 6:45 PM

מנחה 7:30 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 8:41 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

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun., through Thurs.: 7:50 PM

ערב שבת פרשת אמור

* מנחה: 7:00 PM

** הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM

Regular Candle Lighting: 7:47 PM

* Early mincha for the summer

** Shul Accepts Shabbos

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 speaker is Rabbi Apter.

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM - ספר עזרא - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Monday through Friday after the second - פרשת השבוע עם רש"י - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

ה' דף I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

ה' דף II, Monday through Thursday 1 hour before מנחה and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Women's תהלים group meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

Bais Torah's Adult Education Committee invites the entire community to a viewing and discussion of "Ushpizin", this Sunday evening, May 7th at 8:15 p.m. Even if you've already seen the film, you don't want to miss the opportunity to hear a discussion by Rabbi Randy Eaton of Geshet on the revolution taking place in Israeli film and television. An exciting new documentary that explains Geshet's involvement in Ushpizin will be also be shown. This program has been approved by Rabbi Gottlieb as an educational event that is permissible during sfirah and everyone is encouraged to attend!

IME IS RUNNING OUT – PLEASE GET YOUR **DINNER RESERVATIONS** AND ADS TO RUTH LEHMAN. Sunday, May 14th we will be honoring Steve and Jackie Fessel, Moe Tilson, Betty Schloss and Michael Rossman at the CrossRoads Sheraton. Ad blanks are available at the Bais Torah website – www.baistorah.org. Bais Torah needs your support and Chizuk – please respond as quickly as possible!!

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.

The shul now has a **box to drop off checks**. It is in the coat room on the wall. It is not for outgoing mail.

Mazel Tov

Simone Ginsberg and Daniel Small, who met for the first time at Bais Torah's End the Madness Shabbaton, have become engaged. Mazel tov and thank you to all those who opened their homes to guests and helped bring this couple together!

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the birth of a grandson, born to Hindy and Tully Bryks of North Miami Beach.. Also a special mazel tov to the Rabbi and Amy on their new nephew. If you are going to be in the South Florida area on Wed. morning and would like to come to the bris, please call 305 999-9180 for directions.

Hamakom Yenachem

Renee Fein on the p'tira of her father, David Edelman. When she returns from Israel, she will be sitting in Cedarhurst at 29 Cedarhurst Ave. The phone number there is 516 374-3140. She will be sitting shiva through Monday morning.

Refuah Shelaimah

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

Mr. Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Irving Malinowitz - ישראל בן מרים

Shirlee Aaronson - שרה חנה בת בלומא

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

Sara Markowitz's father, Eli Muller - חיים אליעזר בן בתיה

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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.

Simcha Room Reservations/Kiddushim Jack Gross, 357-4121

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 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.

Parshat Acharei-Mot - Kedoshim – 5766 - Responsa of the “Kedoshim”

In one of this week's Parshiot, Kedoshim, we come to one of the most fundamental p'sukim in the Torah. VaYikra (19:2) reads as follows: "Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I, your G-d, am holy.'" What is the definition and what are the requirements of holiness? In our parshah, a wide-ranging list of commands is stated, each pertaining to the concept of holiness. It includes reverence for parents, observance of the Shabbat, rejection of idol worship, proper perspective when participating in the Divine Service, strict honesty, avoidance of abuse of power, sexual morality, continuous consciousness of the immanence and reality of G-d's Presence, among others.

But "Kedoshim" in Hebrew bears an additional, definitely related meaning; that is, "martyrs," individuals who sacrifice their lives in order to sanctify the Name of G-d. In his book "Responsa from the Holocaust" (actually a translated condensation of his "Sheilos U'Teshuvos Mima'amakim," "Responsa from the Depths," translated by Y. Leiman), Rabbi Ephraim Oshry presents 112 questions in Jewish Law that were asked of him in the Kovno Ghetto of Lithuania by "Kedoshim" of the Holocaust, that he hid on scraps of paper for someone in the future to find in the likely event that he would not survive those terrifying years, together with his responses. On the night of Shabbat Parshat Acharei-Mot, three years ago, my daughter-in-law, Elisheva, then a friend and roommate of my daughter and a student at Stern College, who was visiting with us, read through that book and mentioned on Shabbat some of the Responsa that had impressed her with their sense of compassion. One of those was the following:

"In the year 5702 (1942), Reb Moshe ben Aryeh, who prayed in the Beis Hamidrash (House of Study) where I taught and prayed, the Abba Yechezkel Kloiz in Slobodka, approached me. The man had been beaten so severely that he had lost his powers of speech and hearing. Even though the savages had cracked his bones, battered his flesh and left him unconscious, his intelligence had not been impaired at all. Though totally deaf and dumb, he was still able to communicate in writing."

"He posed a serious problem, expressing in writing his anguish at the cruelty done to him... He had not been able to look on and watch his fellow-Jews starving... Despite the danger involved, he had left his work place and gone into the fields during the potato harvest to gather some vegetables that might help his fellow-oppressed. But the accursed evildoers had caught him at his 'crime' and to serve as a warning to other hungry 'criminals,' they had beaten him so viciously that he became a deaf mute."

"Although he gradually learned to live within this new world of total silence, he was profoundly disturbed that he had been robbed of his ability to pray aloud. Also, since he could not recite a blessing to G-d with his own voice, he was afraid he might not be called up to the Torah any longer. In addition, since a deaf mute cannot be counted in a minyan (quorum of ten), he was worried whether his disability rendered him a deaf mute by halachic definition. He requested that I find a halachic solution that would allow him to be included in a minyan and, even more important, that would allow him to be called up to the Torah."

Response: I ruled that he was certainly to be included in a minyan. But including him as one of the allotted number of men called up to the Torah seemed to be impossible. To uplift his shattered spirit, I suggested that he be called to the Torah together with the reader and, while the reader recited the blessings, that he concentrate on each word."

"When he read my ruling, his eyes lit up and he wrote, 'Rabbi, you have revived me. May G-d console you and grant you life!' The main point of this book is to demonstrate what occupied the minds of the Jews, what kept them alive, what gave their lives meaning even as they awaited the grim fate prepared for them by the accursed Nazis.

Let us perform the commandments of the Torah relating to holiness with great purposefulness and intention, so that we may never again have to fulfill the aspects of holiness relating to martyrdom. As we said in the Haggadah, May HaShem pour His fury "upon the nations who do not know Him, and upon the kingdoms who do not recognize Him, for they have consumed Jacob and destroyed his place of residence." May HaShem accept the sacrifices of the "Kedoshim" of the Holocaust, the wars fought by Israel for her national existence and the Intafada as the "fire with which He has consumed it" and bring forth the Holy Temple, with "the fire with which He will rebuild it," as it says in Zechariah 2:9 and the Nachem Prayer of Tishah B'Av, "I will be for her, by the word of HaShem, a wall of fire around and I will be glorious in her midst." PF