

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

August 12, 2006 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org עקב שבת פרשת עקב

## ערב שבת פרשת עקב

\* מנחה: 7:00 PM  
\*\* הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:43 PM

## שבת פרשת עקב

שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:32 AM

5:55 PM by Rabbi Menachem Apter פרקי אבות  
6:45 PM by Rabbi Leibel Reznick גמרא שיעור  
7:30 PM מנחה  
סעודה שלישית  
8:41 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 מנחה-מעריב

Sun., through Thurs.: 7:40 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת ראה

\* מנחה: 7:00 PM  
\*\* הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM  
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:33 PM  
\* Early mincha for the summer  
\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Chaim Wein  
Mondays at 6:30 PM – מסכת ברכות – Rabbi Chaim Wein  
Mondays at 8:00 PM - Hachnosas Kallah of Monsey lectures for women. – No lecture this week.  
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah  
Monday through Friday after the second - פרשת השבוע עם רש"י – Rabbi Yosef Fischer  
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא shiur - Rabbi Leibel Reznick  
I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman  
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

New! Do you have a business or professional practice you'd like to **advertise** to Bais Torah members? Our quarterly newsletter, Bais Torah Highlights, is now accepting ads for the Rosh Hashana issue. Your ad will also appear on our online edition of Highlights. Rates are extremely reasonable, but don't delay; the deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Ruth Lehmann at [bareruthfive@aol.com](mailto:bareruthfive@aol.com) or at 426-6499 for details.

New Pricing for **Bais Torah Sisterhood Occasion Cards**--Cards may be purchased and picked up from Esther Garber at the Bais Torah office for \$5 per card or \$100 for 25 cards . Cards sent out from the shul will be \$10 per card.

Our shul is embarking on a fitting tribute to the memory of our founding rebbetzin: **The Rebbetzin Wein Sefer Torah Project**, The writing of a new Sefer Torah for Bais Torah. There are various dedication opportunities available, from writing letters at \$54 to donating silver and the mantel. Please join us in this beautiful tribute to a very special woman. For details and updates on dedication availability, visit the Bais Torah website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) or write to [mkron@optonline.net](mailto:mkron@optonline.net) or call Michael or Sharon Kronenberg at 845-368-1064.

DVDs of the **Azkarah for Rebbetzin Jackie Wein** are available for free by calling the office at 352-1343. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the cost of production and distribution.

## Mazel Tov

Manny and Chana Mayerfeld on the engagement of their granddaughter, Shoshana, daughter of Uri and Esther Mayerfeld of Los Angeles to Ari Lob of Chicago.  
Saul and Phyllis Siegel on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, the son of Shari and David Berger.  
Elliot and Roberta Shapiro on the birth of a granddaughter, Nechama, born to Avi and Stacey Shapiro of Jerusalem.  
Shaya and Rechy Hollander on the engagement of their daughter, Esti, to Yonti Heitner of Toronto..

## Hamakom Yenachem

Jerry and Roz Siegel on the p'tira of their son, Yoni.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman – יעטע בת שרה -  
Mr. Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה -  
Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה -  
Shirlee Aaronson - שרה חנה בת בלומא -

## How to Reach Us

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## 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 Eikev – 5766 – “What’s in a Name?”

“Am Yisrael,” the People of Israel, stands poised to enter the Promised Land, and “Moshe Rabbeinu,” Moshe, our Teacher and Master, their leader since Egypt, is giving them “Mussar,” reproof, and “Chizuk,” encouragement. He does this by reminding them of the spiritual meaning of their names.

“Vehaya Eikev Tishmeun...,” “It shall be that when you determine to obey...” (Devarim, 7:12). The word “eikev” means “the heel” and it also means “as a consequence of.” The heel is the back-most part of the foot, the part of the body that most defines how one stands or, metaphorically, on what issues one is willing to make his or her “final stand.” It is the root of the name “Yaakov,” the original name of the Founder of our People, “Yaakov Avinu,” Yaakov our Father.

On certain issues, a person digs in his heels and will not be moved. Yaakov worked for the evil Lavan for twenty years and afterwards, he could say to Esav (Bereshit 32:5), “Im Lavan garti,” “I have sojourned with Lavan,” and CHAZAL add “v’Taryag Mitzvot shamarti,” though I was in the house and under the corrupting influence of Lavan for twenty years, still I did not allow my loyalty to HaShem to become diminished, and I observed all His commandments. “Vehaya **Eikev** Tishmeun” thus means if you determine that you will obey the Mitzvot of HaShem, and if you are prepared to make your final stand on that, things will go well with you.

Moshe reminds the People of the meaning of their other name, Yisrael, originally given to Yaakov by the heavenly emissary of Esav, who struggled with Yaakov all night but was unable to defeat him (Bereshit 32:39). Therefore, he gave him the name Yisrael, “ki **sarita** im Elokim v’im anashim va-tuchal,” for you struggled with heavenly beings and with people, and you prevailed.”

HaShem Himself also confers the name “Yisrael” upon Yaakov, when Yaakov returns from Padan-Aram, “...Your name is Yaakov. But your name shall not again be called as Yaakov, but Yisrael shall be your name...” (Bereshit 35:10). But vis-à-vis HaShem, the meaning of the name “Yisrael”, using the same root, “sarita,” means to make the Divine Helper a “Sar,” or Master.

Yaakov knew how to make HaShem his Master. As was indicated in the verses that describe Yaakov’s reaction to the dream of the “Sulam,” the ladder that extended to Heaven, that he dreamt on his initial flight from Be’er Sheva. “And **he was fearful** and he said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of G-d and this is the gate of the heavens’ ” (Bereshit 28:17).

The nation Yisrael reached the height of “Yirat HaShem,” Fear of G-d, at another crucial moment in their history, when they stood redeemed, after HaShem split the Red Sea for them and brought it crashing down on the heads of the Army of Egypt. Before they sang the “Shirat HaYam,” the Bible records, “And Yisrael saw the great punishing arm that HaShem displayed against Mitzrayim, and **the People feared HaShem**, and they believed in HaShem and in Moshe, His servant” (Shemot 14:31).

Thus, when Moshe asks the famous question, “Now, O Yisrael, what does HaShem, your G-d, ask of you? **Only to fear HaShem**, your G-d, to go in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve HaShem, your G-d, with all your heart and with all your soul” (Devarim 10:12), he is only reminding them of earlier times when they had indeed reached that level.

And similarly, in Parshat Vaetchanan, where Moshe said to the People, “Hear O Yisrael, HaShem is our G-d; HaShem is the One and Only. You shall love HaShem, your G-d, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your resources” (Devarim 6:4-5), that too was a reminder to them of a level obtained earlier.

And also in Eikev (Devarim 9:1), when Moshe said to the People, “Hear O Yisrael, today you cross the Yarden, to come and drive out nations that are greater and mightier than you, etc.,” he was referring to that aspect of “Yisrael” that describes how the Chosen People would, through their reliance on HaShem, struggle with nations stronger than themselves, and prevail.

May HaShem, Whose eyes have never left the Holy Land and the Holy People, avenge the taunts of “Ikvot Meshichecha,” the final stands of the martyrs of Your People, who were done to death during the Holocaust, believing in the Coming of the “Mashiach,” Your Anointed One (Tehilim 89:52).

And May You “Go out ‘be-ikvei ha-tzon,’ ” among the “final stands of the sheep,” Your People, among the seventy wolves, the nations of the world, and bring into reality the words of Yeshayahu (51:3), from today’s Haftarah,

“For HaShem shall comfort Tziyon, He shall comfort all her ruins,  
He shall make her wilderness like Eden,  
And her wasteland as a garden of HaShem;  
Joy and gladness shall be found there,  
Thanksgiving and the sound of music.”

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