

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

August 19, 2006 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ה מנחם אב שבת פרשת ראה

ראה ערב שבת פרשת ראה

- * מנחה: 7:00 PM
- ** הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM
- Regular Candle Lighting 7:33 PM

ראה שבת פרשת ראה

- שחרית 8:45 AM
- 9:35 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
- מברכים החודש אלול
- 5:45 PM by Dr. Avraham Becker פרקי אבות
- 6:35 PM by Rabbi Leibel Reznick גמרא שיעור
- 7:20 PM מנחה
- סעודה שלישית
- 8:31 PM מעריב

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

- Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
- Tues. and Wed.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM
- Thurs. and Fri.: 6:15 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

- Sun. through Thurs.: 7:30 PM

ערב שבת פרשת שופטים

- * מנחה: 7:00 PM
- ** הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM
- Regular Candle Lighting: 7:22 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
- Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman I, דף היומי
- Monday through Thursday 1 hour before מנחה and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer II, דף היומי
- Women's תהלים group meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

- סעודה שלישית this week is co-sponsored by Shirley Landau in memory of her parents, Sally and Max Czuper and Miriam Schiffer in memory of her mother, Bluma Lachtermann.
- 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 1st. Contact Ruth Lehmann at baberuthfive@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 or write to 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

- Chatz and Libby Lazaus on the birth of a grandson, born to Moshe and Nikki Lazarus.
- David and Judy Rhine on the birth of a granddaughter, Bayla Nechama, born to Mordechai and Yittie Rhine of Cherry Hill, NJ.

Hamakom Yenachem

- Shulamith Grandovsky on the p'tira of her mother, Ethel Bernstein.

Refuah Shelaimah

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

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Youth Felise Katz 357-0129

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

Reb. Wein Sefer Torah Project 368-1064

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 Re'eh – 5766 – “ ‘Choosing Judaism’ on ‘The Day After’ ”

Parashat Re'eh begins with an exhortation by Moshe, “*See that I have placed before you **today** a blessing and a curse. The blessing: that you obey the Commandments of HaShem your G-d, which I command you **today**. And the curse: if you do not obey the Commandments of HaShem your G-d, and you deviate from the path that I command you **today**, to follow after other gods whom you do not know...*” (Devarim 11:26-28) Moshe charges the People of Israel for all generations, to view the Torah and its Commands with the immediacy of **today**.

Last Friday night, I read through the summer issue of the OU's Jewish Action Magazine. I found the contents thrilling and, initially, frightening. What frightened me was the challenge to some of my long-held assumptions, but ultimately, I understood the article in question to be reflective of an evolution of perspective, and a clearer perception of reality. What thrilled me was the lead article: “Choosing Judaism,” actually a series of articles describing the spiritual paths of six very unlikely converts to Judaism, from a Japanese Christian Minister to an African Prince. These individuals had been awakened by the light of Torah, and had been led by HaShem, by messages interpreted by these pure souls, despite their widely divergent past histories, to find their spiritual home among the People of Israel. Perhaps the most thrilling aspect of these articles was the realization that HaShem is active in the world even **today**, collecting souls, “Nitzotzos,” Divine Sparks, from among the nations.

The frightening article was entitled “The Day After,” sub-titled “A Religious Zionist Youth Speaks Out,” in which Yaakov Eisen, a young Israeli, now a student at Yeshivat Merkaz HaRav Kook, who'd been imbued with the principles of Religious Zionism, told of his alienation, not from the principles of that ideology, but of the way they'd been subverted in the State of Israel; especially in the last quarter century. The main focus of the article was the expulsion and destruction of the Gush Katif community last summer, to which he and his family had relocated in the weeks leading up to the expulsion. He recalls his introduction to the IDF which, based on his qualifications, had offered him his choice of “ten of its most enviable assignments, including joining either an elite unit of military intelligence, or the special operations unit of the Mossad.” He writes that he “responded with gusto, enthusiastically attending each of these auditions and seriously weighing my opportunities to dedicate myself, life and limb, to the State of Israel and its defense forces. I was an exemplar of Religious Zionism at its most motivated, patriotic best. I was truly the ‘salt of the earth’ – as the judge called me at my arraignment hearing, following my brutal arrest for criticizing a high-ranking police officer physically abusing a **five-year-old** protester at a non-violent anti-disengagement demonstration.”

“Yet, much has changed here in Israel in the months following my arraignment...**Today**, I, along with countless friends and like-minded contemporaries, view military service in particular and service to the State in general, as something to minimize, avoid or evade outright. We are not jaded; we have simply relinquished our illusions.”

After the confrontation with the IDF at Gush Katif, Eisen asks, “Could I ever see myself standing shoulder to shoulder with them as comrades in arms? Moreover, how can I possibly conceive of joining forces with such people in executing the orders of the State that sent them to perpetrate this crime against my brethren?”

“The same applies to kippah-clad judges. Supposedly observant judges, in the worst tradition of ‘court Jews,’ gave the stamp of judicial approval – against a virtually unanimous rabbinical ruling – to the government's plan to destroy all the synagogues of Gush Katif...”

“Our community – especially the youth – represents the ultimate and most terrifying challenge to the secularist ruling class: We unabashedly proclaim our intention to take over. We do not conceal our desire and intent eventually to wrest control of the government, the judiciary, the armed forces, the media – all the focal points of power, which are currently leftist-dominated fiefdoms...”

“Regrettably, when we see a soldier in uniform, we envision before us not those who liberated the Temple Mount, but those who ruthlessly expelled us from Gush Katif. When we see police officers, our reflexive associations are not with legitimate law enforcement but with uniformed thuggery and brutality.”

“Yet paradoxically, if any ray of optimism is to be found, it is in my frustrated generation. This strip of land, soaked with the blood, sweat and tears of our People, remains the one G-d gave us. Our presence here, in Eretz Yisrael – as opposed to anywhere else in the world – remains the most meaningful commitment to, and investment in, the future of the Jewish People. And we are not running away. This, ironically, this wonderful youth, brimming with dedication and idealism – battered by the police, imprisoned by the courts, expelled by the army, harassed by the government, vilified by the media and silenced by the supposed Religious Zionist leadership – is the nation's only hope.”

In view of what happened in Lebanon, where Israel received the unqualified support of George Bush, but not, apparently, the unqualified support of the Ribbono shel Olam, we pray, with Yaakov Eisen, for the salvation, with immediacy, by HaShem – “...if G-d willing, our generation wrests the reins of power from both the secularist oligarchy and our own detached and antiquated leadership, I can truly see a bright future ahead. May we live to see it, **speedily, in our days.**” PF