
CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

October 7, 2006 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ט"ו תשרי שבת סוכות

Succos Schedule

on separate sheet

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb. – Not this week

Mondays at 6:30 PM – מסכת ברכות – Rabbi Chaim Wein

Tuesday at 8:00 PM - Hachnosas Kallah of Monsey lectures for women. –.

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Monday through Friday after the second פרשת השבוע עם רשי - שחרית – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Thursday following מעריב and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

Shul Announcements

On behalf of the entire kehilla, we wish to express our sincere appreciation and **Yasher koach** to all those who made the Yomim Nora'im at Bais Torah so very dignified, beautiful and inspiring; the gabbaim, the ba'alei tefillah, the ba'alei kriah, the ba'al tokeah (who really blew it), and of course, Rabbi Gottlieb. Thanks are due also to the Seating Committee for their patience, and lots of hard work.

The **Simchas Torah kibbud Auction** will be held on Saturday night, Motzoei Shabbos, October 14. You do not have to be present to bid and proxy bids can be given to Steve Fessel, Jack Gross, Raizy Lutwak or Allen Nussbaum. Your participation is very important and strongly requested.

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

Jackie and Diane Schuster on the birth of a grandson, born to Yonina and Shaulie Taub.

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 -

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Chevra Kadisha Steve Fessel, 425-1713, Ephraim Pessin, 914-420-6714 or Gloria Gordon, 425-1276

Sisterhood Tribute Cards Esther Garber, 352-1343

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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.

“Chag Succot” – 5767 – A Commemoration of Rav Avraham Pessin A Great “Succah” for the Jewish People

In Vayikra (23:43), we find the verse explaining the theme of the Holiday of Succot, “So that your generations will know that I caused the Children of Israel to dwell in ‘succot’ when I took them out of the land of Egypt...” Rashi comments on that verse that “it is a reference to the Divine Clouds of Glory.” And indeed, in Masechet Succah 11b, we find a dispute between the great Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrkanos and his student, Rabbi Akiva, as to the meaning of the word “succot” in the verse cited. We find “They were the ‘Clouds of Glory’ – in the opinion of Rabbi Eliezer. Rabbi Akiva says, ‘They were actual succot.’” Unless, as is frequently the case, “Both these and those are the words of the Living G-d.” There is no dispute; both opinions are true. Both the actual “succot,” booths or huts that we are familiar with and the Divine Clouds of Glory were examples of HaShem’s miraculous capabilities. “Succot Mamash” refers to HaShem’s protection of the Jewish People from the natural perils of the desert, blazing hot temperatures by day and frigid cold by night. This went along with the provision of life-giving water from the “Well of Miriam” and “Mohn,” the “Bread from Heaven.” The “Clouds of Glory,” while also protecting them from the sun, were also the embodiment of the “Shekhina,” the Divine Presence, that accompanied the Children of Israel over their forty-year sojourn.

Rabbi Pessin’s shul, the Jewish Community of Monsey, the Yeshiva world, the world-wide Jewish Community, indeed all of humanity, lost a spiritual giant in the person of Rav Avraham Pessin, who was taken from our midst this past Rosh HaShanah. This great Rav could be thought of as a “Succah” protecting us, as a “Succah Mamash,” an Actual Succah, who as a world-expert in the area of “She’elot U’Teshuvot,” Responsa, assisted his fellow Jews to live their lives in accord with the standards of holiness required by “Halachah,” Jewish Law, and in helping them resolve the conflicts that would inevitably arise within a family, a business, or within the Jewish Community. Sometimes a person would ask the same simple “shailah” time after time, but Rav Pessin would always respond pleasantly and courteously. The Rav explained that he always answered in that manner because he knew that this person would one day have an important question to ask, and he wanted to be sure that the questioner realized that there was a patient and sympathetic ear ready to listen.

In BaMidbar (14:9), we find an example of an individual acting as a “Succah.” In the context of the Sin of the “Meraglim,” we find the following argument by Calev and Yehoshua, “But do not rebel against HaShem! You should not fear the inhabitants of the Land, for they are our bread. **Their shade has departed from them; HaShem is with us...**” Rashi comments on the word “tzilam,” “their shade,” as follows: “Their protector, and their strength; the worthy among them, have passed away – **lyov, who used to protect them.**” Here we see the idea of the “Tzaddik,” the Righteous Person, such as “lyov,” Job, serving as a “Succah,” protecting a population from the intense heat and from their moral failings.

Rav Pessin was also a symbol of the “Ananei HaKavod,” the “Clouds of Glory,” for in his life he exemplified a level of spirituality that is extremely hard to find in today’s world, and he provided a model for his large circle of admirers to attempt to follow and live by.

The first “Maspid,” one of his closest friends, was Rav Moshe David Tendler, Shlit”a. Among the traits that Rav Tendler extolled in his friend was his encyclopedic knowledge of Torah. He said that in his own busy life, sometimes he recalled a Torah idea he wanted to present and discuss with his “shiur,” but he couldn’t remember the source. He would stop by at Rav Pessin’s home, and his friend would immediately identify the source. He was truly a “cistern that did not lose a drop of its precious water.”

Representatives of the Mirrer Yeshiva offered “hespedim.” First, Rabbi Asher Kalmanovitch, a “maggid shiur” at Mir and a nephew of the Rav, spoke, followed by Rav Shaul Birnbaum, the “Rosh Yeshiva” at Mir. They both described the illustrious career of Rav Pessin at the Mirrer Yeshiva, including being placed in the highest “shiur” from the day of his arrival as a young boy, and learning “B’Chavruta” with the “Rosh Yeshiva” at that time. Rabbi Kalmanovitch also spoke of the intense family loyalty of his uncle, and of his great “hasmadah,” devotion to the study of Torah, and of his significant “shimush,” practical experience in observing two of the great “Poskim,” Halakhic decisors, of the twentieth century, Rav Moshe Feinstein and Rabbi Eliyahu Henkin.

Another “Maspid” was Rabbi Dr. Chaim Presby, a physicist at Bell Labs and also a “Talmid Muvhak,” devoted disciple, of the Rav. He revealed another aspect of Rav Pessin, as a student of nature, who believed that it shed light on the Greatness of HaShem. He said that Rav Pessin (who held a doctorate in mathematics), also knew more physics than many of the physicists whom he knew. He said that he had conversations with Rav Pessin on a level that he could have with no one else, and he would miss the Rav most for those conversations.

Let us hope that the passing of this great and humble giant will provide a “kapparah,” an atonement for our generation, which surely needs one. And that this “kapparah” will elevate us to a place of “simchah,” happiness, as it says “Serve HaShem with happiness” (Tehilim 100:2) and “Strength and joy are in His Place” (Divrei HaYamim Aleph 16:27) as we approach the Holiday of Succot, the “time of our happiness.” PF

Succos Schedule

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Erev Succos ערב סוכות 10/6/06 – Friday

Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות 6:12 PM
Mincha מנחה 6:20 PM

1st Day of Yom Tov יום טוב א' 10/7/06 – Shabbos

Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM

Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:52 AM

Mincha מנחה 6:00 PM

Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות Not before 7:10

2nd Day of Yom Tov יום טוב ב' 10/8/06 – Sunday

Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM

Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:52 AM

Mincha מנחה 6:15 PM

Maariv מעריב 7:09 PM

1st Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד א' 10/9/06 –
Monday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:30 AM

Mincha מנחה 6:10 PM

2nd Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד ב' 10/10/06 –
Tuesday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:30 AM

Mincha מנחה 6:10 PM

3rd Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד ג' 10/11/06 –
Wednesday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:30 AM

Mincha מנחה 6:10 PM

4th Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד ד' 10/12/06 –
Thursday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:30 AM

Mincha מנחה 6:10 PM

Reading Sefer Devorim ספר דברים 9:00 PM

Hoshana Rabah הושענא רבה 10/13/06 - Friday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:30 AM

Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות 6:01 PM

Mincha מנחה 6:10 PM

Shimini Atzeres שמיני עצרת 10/14/06 – Shabbos

Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM

Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:54 AM

Yizkor יזכור Not Before 10:30 AM

Mincha מנחה 5:45 PM

Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות Not Before 6:59 PM

Simchas Torah שמחת תורה 10/15/06 – Sunday

Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM

Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:55 AM

Mincha מנחה 6:05 PM

Maariv מעריב 6:58 PM