

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

November 11, 2006 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org כ' חשוון שבת פרשת וירא

ערב שבת פרשת וירא

הדלקת נרות 4:24 PM

מנחה 4:30 PM

שבת פרשת וירא

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

זמן קריאת שמע 9:10 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

שיעור 3:25 PM גמרא

מנחה 4:10 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:23 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Tues. Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:25 PM

מעריב Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM Second

ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

הדלקת נרות 4:18 PM

מנחה 4:25 PM

Shiurim

Sabbath at 8:00 AM - דף היומי - Rabbi Gottlieb

Sundays at 8:30 AM - מסכת סנהדרין - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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

Monday at 8:10 PM - Hachnosas Kallah of Monsey lectures for women. - Rabbi Nissel - "MY PERSONAL AKEIDA"

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM - Partners in Torah

Wednesday at 8:15 PM - קהלת - Rabbi Gottlieb

Thursday at 8:15 PM - עובדיה - Dr. Avi Becker

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית 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 10:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

Shul Announcements

Congregation Bais Torah's annual **Scholar in Residence** weekend is being held this shabbos. Rabbi Dr. David Pelcovitz will speak on, "Dealing with Life: The Secular and Jewish Views." For further information, or to be listed as a sponsor, please contact Dr. Moshe Kranzler at 352-8410 or visit our website at www.baistorah.org.

To help prevent traffic accidents while walking at night, Jennifer Herrmann has procured enough **reflectors** for everyone to wear on the way home from shul on Friday night. A box of the reflectors will be located in the alcove adjacent to the Simcha room. During the week, please return them, so they will be available for the following Friday night.

Our annual **Avos U'Banim** learning program begins this Motzoei Shabbos, November 11th at 6:30 PM. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring the kids and enjoy a pizza Melave Malka each week. Contact Michael or Sharon Kronenberg at 845-368-1064 or mkron@optonline.net for information.

Congratulations to Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann who are being honored at this year's **American Friends of Migdal Ohr** Gala Dinner which will be held on Sunday Evening, November 12, 2006 at Pier Sixty in New York. Bais Torah is putting together a few tables for members at the dinner and anyone wishing to join us should please contact Michael or Peter. For reservations or more information, please see Max Thurm or Michael Kronenberg.

Reserve December 8th for our second annual **Carlebach Shabbos** with Elli Kranzler. Details to follow.

Anyone interested in **knitting scarves** for the IDF, please contact Rena Wilen at 357-1588 for instructions and information.

The Rebbetzin Wein Sefer Torah Project is moving forward successfully. If you have not yet made a contribution or would like to increase the amount of your donation, please contact Michael or Sharon Kronenberg at 845-368-1064 or mkron@optonline.net. There are still many dedication opportunities available. Visit our website or stop by the shul bulletin board for a list of remaining sponsorships.

Mazel Tov

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Mordechai, son of Larry and Chavi Stern of Wesley Hills.

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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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.

RABBI AVI WEISS

Shabbat Forshpeis

Years ago I was privileged to be in Rav Ahron Soloveichik's shiur (Torah class). Although most know him for his extraordinary Talmudic knowledge, it was his Thursday classes of Hashkafah in which he taught the portion of the week that I especially loved.

To this day I remember the class he gave on this week's portion. He asked a very simple question: Why did Avraham have to acquire land - the cave of Mahpelah in Hevron - to bury Sarah? Over and over G-d had promised the land to Avraham. The acquisition

process seems unnecessary. Here, Rav Ahron distinguished between legal ownership and psychological ownership. The former means that one has the legal contractual right to a particular object or piece of land. The latter means however, that the property which is mine was acquired through personal effort, extraordinary input and a serious expense of energy.

From this perspective, an inherited business is legally owned. It's the heir's even if the inheritor has not toiled in the business. But it is only psychologically mine if I have worked through my own efforts to create the business.

In this spirit, the Talmud declares that if one is given a bushel of apples to watch and the apples begin to rot, it is best not to sell them for good apples. The Talmud explains that the owner would prefer to have returned the original apples that he produced rather than those that were the work of someone else. (Baba Metzia 38a)

I can still hear Rav Ahron as he illustrated this point with a delightful tale. In Europe, Yeshivot were often engaged in good-natured competition. The Telshe Yeshiva was known for its sharp students who were geniuses in pilpul and whose logic sometimes turned on the splitting of a hair.

As the story goes, a student in a competing Yeshiva declared that in Telshe they'd even ask how tea became sweet. Is it the pouring of sugar into the water or is it the actual stirring. The conclusion reached in laughter was that at Telshe it would be said that it is the stirring that makes the tea sweet but with one prerequisite - that the sugar was first placed in the tea. With a smile Rav Ahron declared that for him it is the stirring that is paramount. When you stir the tea

you are using energy and thus you feel you have invested part of yourself in the making of the tea.

This difference between legal and psychological ownership especially resonates for me. I

appreciate having had the opportunity to grow along with the congregation at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, and with the students at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. The Torah I treasure most is that which I have the privilege to work through-realizing what Rav Ahron would call psychological ownership.

And so it is with life. And so it is with that that is most precious. The more we toil, the more we struggle, the more it becomes ours. No wonder Avraham acquires Hevron. And no wonder our nations sacrifice for Hevron makes many feel that Hevron is ours, not only legally but psychologically. © 2005 Hebrew Institute of Riverdale & CJC-AMCHA