

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

December 2, 2006 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY10901 (845)352-1343 [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ל'א כסלו שבת פרשת ויצא

## ערב שבת פרשת ויצא

הדלקת נרות 4:10 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

הלכות שבת 8:00 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb

## שבת פרשת ויצא

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

זמן קריאת שמע 9:24 AM

שיעור גמרא 3:15 PM

מנחה 4:00 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:10 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.: 4:10 PM

מעריב Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

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מנחה 4:15 PM

## Shiurim

**שבת** at 8:00 AM – דף היומי - Rabbi Gottlieb

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

Mondays at 7:30 PM – מסכת ברכות - Rabbi Chaim Wein

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 Shabbos – 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 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

The Rosenbaums will host an **Oneg Shabbos** this Friday night at their home, 8 Louis Ave. at 8:00 PM. Rabbi Gottlieb will be speaking at 8:30 PM. Come and join with your friends.

Jay and Hinda Kimmel are sponsoring the **kiddush** this Shabbos in memory of her mother, Chana Rivka bas Yaakov Aufrichtig.

To help prevent traffic accidents while walking at night, please wear **reflectors** while walking on the street.

**Shalosh Seudos** this week is co-sponsored by Katie Tannenbaum in memory of her father, Mordechai ben Yaakov. and Michael Loebenstein.

Our weekly **Avos U'Banim** learning program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, December 2nd at 6:15 PM and is being sponsored by David Gross and family. 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.

Join Us – Next Friday evening, December 8, 2006 – Parshas Vayishlach for inspirational and joyous zemiros and divrei hisorerus **CARLEBACH SHABBOS** with Elli Kranzler Seudas Shabbos followed by Around the Rebbe's Tisch with Rabbi Mayer Schiller, Elli Kranzler and Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb Seudas Shabbos - \$36.00 per person prepaid by November 26<sup>th</sup> \$50.00 per person after November 26<sup>th</sup> For reservations, please call Rachel Gross 845-357-4121 or email [rchlgrss@gmail.com](mailto:rchlgrss@gmail.com) Hospitality for Shabbat is available!

Please reserve Sunday, December 10th, for the **Sisterhood membership brunch**, featuring Chef Dennis of CaffelInne Spot. The program will start promptly at 9:45 AM in the Simcha Room.

Save the Date! Bais Torah Sisterhood is sponsoring a trip to **Avery Fisher Hall** on Tuesday, January 2nd to experience Peter Schickele and "The Very Least of P.D.Q. Bach." "Professor" Schickele is one of the today's most versatile composers, writers and humorists and "discovered" P.D.Q. Bach, the last and least son of J.S. and composer of the "1712 Overture," the "Schleppet in E-Flat" and "Eine Kleine Kiddiemusik." The fun begins at 7:30 PM and tickets are \$60. Contact Betty Schloss at 369-1833 or at bbless613@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

We are currently in the process of preparing the Chanuka issue of the Bais Torah newsletter. Anyone interested in contributing an article or advertising should contact Ruth Lehmann for rates and deadlines at [baberruthfive@aol.com](mailto:baberruthfive@aol.com) or at 426-6499.

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

## Mazel Tov

Raphael and Esther Gable on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yitzchok Bussu, son of Dovid and Rena Bussu of Monsey.

David and Ruth Lehmann on the birth of a grandson, born to Dovid and Hadassah Feinberg.

Teddy and Malkie Katzenstein on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Faige and Eli Braun.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Debbie Rosenberg on the p'tira of her father, Alan Zelinger.

## 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 -

Miriam Schiffer's son, Zev Kessin - זאב דוד בן מרים -

Ed Furman's sister, Marjorie Schwartz - מאשע בת שימה -

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin - איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה -

## How to Reach Us

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**Sisterhood Tribute Cards**, 352-1343

**Bais Torah Bulletins** Email baistorah@taxprof.net, Fax (845) 368-4172, or call (845) 368-2222. To receive e-mail updates, write to baistorah@gmail.com. This bulletin is now downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

## 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.

## Parashat Vayetze – 5767 - The First Exile

The "Parshat HaShavua," the Weekly Portion of the Torah that will be read this Shabbat, Parshat VaYetze, begins (Bereshit 28:10), "Vayetze Yaakov MiBe'er Sheva, vayelech Charanah," "And Yaakov left Be'er Sheva, and traveled towards Charan." Over and above the significance of this event in his life and in the life of his family, which was extremely great - perhaps still greater was its significance, from the perspective of the Jewish People as a whole. For, using the principle of "Maasei Avot Siman LeBanim," "Actions of the Forefathers are models for their descendants," this departure of Yaakov from Be'er Sheva can be seen as the first "Galut," the first Exile, of the Jewish People.

In a sense, it was also the first expulsion, for Yaakov was forced by events, and by the requirement to obey his mother, to leave the Land of Israel. And he was to travel to a dangerous place, a place rife with idol worship and thievery. His destination was the home of Lavan, his uncle who, in the end, would try to rob him of all his "possessions," including his wives, his children and all his property and who, in the words of the Pesach Haggadah, "**wanted to uproot everything.**"

During his stay with Lavan, Yaakov enacted the experience of his descendants in a thousand locations. We read (Bereshit 31:38-42), "These twenty years I have been with you, your ewes and she-goats never miscarried, nor did I eat rams from your flock. That which was mangled I never brought you - I myself would bear the loss. In the case of a theft, you would deduct it from me, whether it was stolen by day or stolen by night. By day, heat scorched me; frost consumed me by night; sleep wandered from my eyes. This was my twenty years in your household: I served you for fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for a percentage of your flocks; and **you changed my salary ten times!** Had not the G-d of my father - the G-d of Avraham and the 'One Who Aroused Dread in Yitzchak' - been with me, you would surely have sent me away empty-handed..."

In a sense, this journey of Yaakov was the reverse image of the journey that his grandfather, Avraham, had made early in the activities that he undertook in "partnership," so to speak, with the "Ribono shel Olam," the Master of the Universe. HaShem had commanded him, as we read several weeks ago (Bereshit 12:1), "...Go forth from your land, and from your birthplace, and from the house of your father, to the Land that I will show you." This was the first "Aliyah," the first "going up," especially in the spiritual sense, to the Holy Land.

Thus we see HaShem, operating in the world according to the principle that "He creates the healing before the injury;" the "Aliyah," the "Geulah," or Redemption, **before** the "Galut," or Exile.

Yaakov's own father, Yitzchak, having consecrated the "Har HaBayit," the Temple Mount, with the intended sacrifice of himself at the "Akeidat Yitzchak," had risen to the highest level of holiness and was never permitted to leave the Holy Land.

Yaakov teaches us how to fortify oneself for life in the "Galut." On the way to his uncle's house, he spends fourteen years in the "Yeshivah" of Shem and Ever, son and grandson, respectively, of Noach, the Captain of Noah's Ark, who saved humanity and all forms of non-aquatic life on earth, and who passed down all, or most, of his spirituality to his son, Shem. Shem and Ever founded a "Beit Midrash," an "Academy of Study" of the "Torah." Now the curriculum of this "Yeshivah" is a fascinating subject in itself, for there was taught the "Torah" generations before HaShem would give his "holy treasure" to the Jewish People on Mt. Sinai. But, whatever the subject matter was, it contained the Foundations of the Torah, principles of thought and behavior that would later be revealed at Sinai.

Having integrated this learning into his personality, Yaakov was prepared to deal with everything that the evil "Lavan," the hypocritical "White One," was able to throw his way. He would be able to say "Im Lavan garti, ve'Taryag Mitzvot Shamarti," "Although I lived with Lavan, I was still able to observe the **entire Torah!**"

This fortification with Torah is so necessary to survive spiritually in "Galut," in the embrace of a foreign culture. One bus-ride down Broadway, taking in the billboard ads, one walk in the "new" Times Square, is enough to undo years of religious upbringing. One's only chance at self-defense is the integration of a system of values, not man-made, that emphasizes "Kedushah," holiness, and enables one to come to grips with and defeat Lavan and "Saro shel Esav," the Representative of Esav, the "Yetzer HaRa," one's aroused Inclination towards Sin."

In our time, the struggle of "Medinat Yisrael" with the Palestinians, the Iranians and Anti-Semites of all stripes, and the infinitely more important struggle of "Yisrael Sava," "Grandfather Yisrael," the true Spirit of Jewish Destiny, with his "enlightened and sophisticated, willfully ignorant and self-destructive" descendants, are fully engaged. We pray that the outcomes of these struggles will be as it was with "Yaakov Avinu" (Bereshit 32:29), "for you have engaged in spiritual combat with Angels, and physical combat with men; and you have prevailed."

May we soon see the movement of our entire People "me'afelah l'or gadol," from thick darkness to great light. And, as we pray in the "Kinot," the Lamentations of Tishah B'Av, may the sorrow and travail of "betzaitainu miYerushalayim," of our "Departure from Yerushalayim" be replaced by the joy of the sons and daughters of Yaakov who became Yisrael, "beshuveinu liYerushalayim," "upon our return to Yerushalayim." PF