

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

January 6, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ט"ז טבת שבת פרשת ויחי

## ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

הדלקת נרות 4:24 PM

מנחה 4:30 PM

שבת הלכות 8:15 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb

## שבת פרשת ויחי

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

זמן קריאת שמע 9:42 AM

שיעור גמרא 3:30 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:25 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

Mon. through Thurs.: 4:35 PM

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

## ערב שבת פרשת שמות

הדלקת נרות 4:31 PM

מנחה 4:40 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

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM - מהר"ל - Dr. Murray Kuhr

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – קהלת – Rabbi Gottlieb

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

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

דף 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

**Bruchim habaim** to the young families visiting Bais Torah this Shabbos. There will be refreshments after the Rabbi's Friday night hilchos Shabbos shiur in order to give our members a chance to meet everyone and say hello.

**Shalosh seudos** is being co-sponsored by Pinky Frankel in memory of his mother, פנחס בת דבורה and Michael Kronenberg in memory of his father זעליג זעליג בן אזריעל יוסף הרב מרדכי יוסף.

Our weekly **Avos U'Banim** learning program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, January 6th at 6:30 PM and is being sponsored by the Rosenstocks. 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.

Please join us on Motzoei Shabbos, January 13th at 8:30 p.m. for a delightful evening with Velvel Pasternak, who will speak on "**Chassidic Music, a Joyous Celebration!**" Don't miss the fun; Velvel Pasternak received rave reviews at his last Bais Torah appearance in 2000.

Please reserve March 10th for our **End the Madness** weekend and melave malka.

All parshios in the **Rebbetzin Wein Sefer Torah** have been sponsored. If you've made a pledge to contribute, thank you. Your payment would be most appreciated at this time. For further information, contact Michael or Sharon Kronenberg.

Thank you to the **Sisterhood** for arranging a lovely evening at Avery Fisher Hall to see the least impressive works of P.D.Q. Bach. Everyone had a good laugh and a great time being entertained by "Professor" Peter Schickele and his antics.

## Mazel Tov

Yehuda and Judy Eliezri on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Avi and Nechama Becker on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary.

Michael and Rena Rossman on the bas mitzvah of their daughter, Tziporah Leah..

## Hamakom Yenachem

Yehuda Eliezri on the p'tira of his father, Rabbi Avraham Eliezri.

## 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

Yoel Adler - יואל בן מירלא

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

## How to Reach Us

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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.

## Parashat Vayechi – 5767 – An Extraordinary Event

Last Sunday was “Asarah B’Tevet,” a day of public fasting and prayer, a day designed as one of atonement. This week’s Parashah, Vayechi, contains the “Birchot Yaakov,” words uttered by Yaakov Avinu to his sons, which elevated them to the level of the “Shivtei Kah,” the Tribes of G-d. On Sunday, we also heard words uttered in honor of a great departed soul, which elevated us. We gathered to pay our final respects to Rabbi Avraham Eliezri, father of Yehuda and his two sisters. The tribute paid to him was unusual in the deep-felt emotions, the articulate expressions of love by children, grandchildren and admirers. First, several grandchildren were asked to say Tehilim. Rabbi Gottlieb, the Mora D’Asra of Congregation Bais Torah then spoke eloquently about the extraordinary devotion of Yehuda towards his father that all shul attendees witnessed. He introduced Sharon Kronenberg as a former student of Rabbi Eliezri’s at “Central” (YU’s High School for Girls in Manhattan). Sharon spoke of the love and respect she and thousands of other students had for her great Chumash teacher. She spoke of how Rabbi Eliezri made Chumash come alive for his students.

One of Rabbi Eliezri’s granddaughters spoke eloquently of his great loves – for Torah, for Israel and for his wife. She echoed Sharon’s words of the excellence of his teaching abilities and how he would tell his children and grandchildren and great grandchildren Parasha stories that made the Chumash come alive for them. She spoke movingly of the difficulties of her grandparents’ early lives. Her grandfather left Poland to study in the Land of Israel in 1934. He kept a correspondence with his future wife via a secret post office box, named “Ahava 18”. He returned to Poland in 1939 where they married shortly before Germany invaded Poland. They were able to survive a dangerous and long journey through Europe, detention by the British, and finally a return to the Land of Israel. Their granddaughter related that once at a wedding she heard a rabbi say that only in a marriage, do you find that husband and wife can fulfill, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself” and then described how her grandfather loved his wife far more than he loved himself. She described a love affair between her grandparents that lasted until his dying day.

Yehudah said that he never remembered his father getting angry and would only get upset if he felt that someone was not giving the proper respect to Mrs. Eliezri. Yehuda said that he never knew of any animosity that anyone ever had against his father; he was universally respected. He said that his father had been unsuccessful with one of his children, namely Yehuda, who did not have the patience to sit and learn with his father when he was a child. But he said that he was fortunate to have matured a little and to have the opportunity in recent years to learn Chumash with his father. (Of course, we can testify that Yehuda must have been listening with at least half of an ear to his father, because he has been known for many years as an excellent Chumash teacher.)

Rabbi and Mrs. Eliezri have lived for the past few years across the street from Yehuda and Judi, in a house picked for them by Yehuda and decorated by Judi. Yehudah gave thanks to the caretaker who has been helping his parents for the past few months, to his two sisters who cared for their parents with respect and dignity and to his wife, Judi, who gave of her talent and time to help her in-laws. Both parents have been in failing health and there have been several crises. Yehuda brought his father to Shul in a wheelchair every Shabbos that his father was able to come. Yehuda helped him with the deepest respect. He helped him with his every physical need. I, along with everyone in Shul, would watch Yehuda and his father. Yehuda helped him stand to daven and enveloped his father with love. He accompanied his father to the bimah for an aliyah, supporting him when he needed support. Yehuda related how his father held the Sefer Torah, written by the Kronenbergs in memory of departed parents, on Kol Nidrei. He spoke poetically of how he felt that he was holding one holy object, that his father had merged with the Sefer Torah. He spoke of his father’s failing health and how he feared this would be his father’s last Yom Kippur. It would be wonderful if the filial devotion we witnessed could be something that we all learn from and attempt to emulate.

Yehudah related that this past Shabbat, his father was not strong enough to make Kiddush, so Yehuda said it out loud, while his father mouthed the words, Yehuda kneeling on one knee next to his father’s chair. His father took a sip of wine and started to slip away. Yehuda moved his father to a couch and enveloped in the son’s embrace, the father breathed his last. Yehuda put it beautifully, saying that his father moved from his embrace, to the embrace of HaShem. It is not possible to adequately do justice to the beautiful words that were delivered by so many talented speakers. May his memory be blessed and may the memories of Rabbi Eliezri and his interactions with his family inspire us to greater deeds.

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