

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

January 20, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) א' שבט שבת פרשת וארא

## ערב שבת וארא ראש החודש שבת

הדלקת נרות 4:39 PM

מנחה 4:45 PM

הלכות שבת 8:15 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb

## שבת פרשת וארא ראש החודש שבת

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

זמן קריאת שמע 9:42 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:45 PM

מנחה 4:30 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:40 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.: 4:55 PM

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

**ערב שבת פרשת בא**

הדלקת נרות 4:47 PM

מנחה 4:55 PM

## Shiurim

**שבת** at 8:00 AM – 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

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

היומי 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

Larry and Selman Seligson invite the entire congregation to a **Kiddush** after davening, in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Shalosh seudos** is being sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Irving Rohinsky.

Our weekly **Avos U'Banim** learning program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 and is being sponsored by the

Landas. 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](mailto:mkron@optonline.net) for information.

### Mark your calendar:

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – "**The Lighter Side of Aliyah**" Laura (Ginsberg) Ben-David, guest speaker

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, - The annual **Bais Torah Matzoh Baking** trip with Jossie Lieder, Jay Kimmel and Akiva Gottlieb.

A sign-up sheet is hanging on the main bulletin board and matzoh requests (your name, # of pounds, regular or whole wheat) should be filled in by Friday, Feb 16, 2007.

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Annual **Siyum Mishnayos** featuring Rabbi Jonathan Rietti, guest speaker

Shabbos, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - **End the Madness weekend** and melave malka. To host young singles, please contact

Allen Nussbaum, 357-7284 or write to [anussbaum@aol.com](mailto:anussbaum@aol.com).

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast with **Rabbi Berel Wein**

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, for the **Bais Torah Annual Dinner** which be held at the Crossroads Sheraton Hotel in Mahwah, New Jersey. This years Guests of Honor and the other honorees will be announced shortly.

Details on all events are available on our website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org)

Many thanks to Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz for opening their home to the Bais Torah family and hosting last weeks

Oneg shabbos. May we continue to share in smachot together with them in their home.

## Mazel Tov

Mendy and Rene Rosenbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Chaim and Anna Aliza Rosenbaum of Seattle.

Larry and Selman Seligson on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Murray Selzer on the p'tira of his mother, Gladys Selzer. He will be sitting at home, 1 Hillel Court, Monsey, until Monday AM.

## 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 - הלני 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 Vaera – 5767 – “Kal VaChomer”

Last Shabbat, in Shemot (3), Moshe led the flocks of Yitro deep into the Wilderness, to the Mountain of G-d, to the Burning Bush. It was there that HaShem, so to speak, recruited him, despite his protestations of inadequacy, to serve as His Messenger, with his brother, Aharon, acting as his spokesman, to lead the People of Israel out of Egypt, the House of their Bondage. At the end of Parashat Shemot, Moshe and Aharon appeared before Pharaoh and transmitted the Command of HaShem, “*Send out My People...*” (Shemot 5:1). Pharaoh responded, “*Who is HaShem that I should heed His voice to send out Israel? I do not know HaShem, nor will I send out Israel!*” (Shemot 5:2) Then the taskmasters of the Jewish slaves were commanded by Pharaoh to change the work rules; the slaves had to produce the same number of bricks, but now the slaves had to find the straw, a necessary ingredient for making bricks, by themselves! The foremen said to Moshe and Aharon, “*May HaShem look upon you and judge, for you have made our very scent abhorrent in the eyes of Pharaoh and the eyes of his servants, to place a sword in their hands, to murder us.*” (Shemot 5:21) And Moshe complained to HaShem, “*...My L-rd, why have You done evil to this People, why have You sent me?*” (Shemot 5:22) At the beginning of Parashat Vaera, HaShem renews His promise made to the Avot that He will redeem their descendants from slavery, and commands Moshe to transmit this message to the Children of Israel. And the Torah tells us, “*So Moshe spoke accordingly to the Children of Israel; but they did not heed Moshe, because of shortness of breath and hard work.*” Shemot (6:9) HaShem speaks to Moshe again, “*Go and speak to Pharaoh, King of Egypt, and demand that he send the Children of Israel from his land.*” (Shemot 6:11) To this, Moshe responds with a “**Kal VaChomer**,” an argument based on “a Fortiori” logic, that if one finds a stringency in the case of a minor premise, then this stringency must certainly apply to a major premise – “*And Moshe spoke before HaShem, saying, ‘Behold the Children of Israel have not listened to me, so how will Pharaoh listen to me? And I have sealed lips!’*” - where the Children of Israel correspond to the “minor premise” and the Pharaoh of Egypt corresponds to the “major premise.”

In his commentary on the Torah called “Kedushas Levi,” Rav Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev cites one of his teachers, Rav Dov Behr of Mezerich, as teaching that the Thirteen Principles by which the Torah is interpreted (taught by Rabbi Yishmael) correspond to the Thirteen Divine Attributes, revealed by HaShem to Moshe, the recitation of which forms the basis of our Prayers for Forgiveness: “*HaShem, HaShem, Almighty, Compassionate and Gracious, Slow to Anger, and Abundant in Kindness and Truth; Preserver of Kindness for thousands of generations, Forgiver of Iniquity, Willful Sin, and Error, and Who Cleanses...*”

Rabbi Yishmael’s Thirteen Principles, recited daily after the “Korbanot,” “Sacrifices” Section, begin: “Rabbi Yishmael teaches, ‘By Thirteen Principles is the Torah interpreted: 1) The “Kal VaChomer” (explained above)

2) The “Gezerah Shavah” – Tradition teaches that two independent laws or cases may shed light upon one another. The indication is that the same or similar words appear in both cases. For example, the word “BeMo’ado,” “in its proper time” (BaMidbar 28:2) is understood to mean that the Daily Offering is to be brought even on Shabbat. The same word in the context of Pesach teaches that the Pesach Offering is also to be brought even on Shabbat. And so on through Principle 13.

The Attribute of “E-L,” “Almighty,” corresponds to the Principle of “Kal VaChomer,” and allows for communication, so to speak, between the Infinite G-d and His frail, finite and mortal creature, the human being. Rav Dov Behr said that the faces of the “Keruvim” were the faces of children, and represented the teaching of Torah by a Master to his student, where the Master has lowered himself to the level of his student and, by analogy, between the Infinite Author of the Torah to His **mortal, but holy creatures**, the People of Israel. Similarly, the Attribute of “Rachum,” “Compassionate,” corresponds to the Principle of “Gezerah Shavah,” for in a manner corresponding to saying that two distinct cases have the same law, so is it, in the earthly manifestation of compassion, when a rich individual has mercy on a poor individual, that the rich individual must be able to **feel empathy** for the poor person; he must be able to imagine himself on the same economic level, and feel the same pain as the poor person. In the Divine manifestation of “Compassion,” we find an example in Shemot 3:7, “*And HaShem said, ‘I have indeed seen the affliction of My People that is in Egypt, and I have heard their cries because of its taskmasters, for I have known their suffering.’*” The Holy One, Blessed is He, as it were, contracts Himself, and descends to our level, in order to feel the pain of His holy nation, Israel.

May HaShem feel the danger that threatens His People now as well, and come to our aid. PF