

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

February 24, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org ו' אדר שבת פרשת תרומה

ערב שבת פרשת תרומה

הדלקת נרות 5:22PM

מנחה 5:30 PM

הלכות שבת 8:30 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb

שבת פרשת תרומה

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:24 AM

גמרא שיעור 4:25 PM

מנחה 5:10 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 6:23 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

Thurs.: 6:10 and 7:45 AM (תענית אסתר)

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Wed.: 5:30 PM

Thurs.: 5:10 PM (תענית אסתר)

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

ערב שבת פרשת תצוה

הדלקת נרות 5:30 PM

מנחה 5:35 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 רשי"י - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

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

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

Ted Kallner invites the entire congregation to a **Kiddush** this shabbos in honor of his 80th birthday.

Shalosh seudos is being co-sponsored by Jossi Lieder in memory of his mother, רייזל מרים בת נפתלי,

Barry Lifschitz in memory of his father, דוד אליעזר בן יצחק and Moe and Bayla Tilson in honor of the sheva brochos of Benjay and Miri Tilson.

תענית אסתר is this Thursday. The fast will begin 5:19 AM and end 6:27 PM

A full complement of domestic and imported **wines** can once again be purchased from Bais Torah for Purim. The list and order form are in the mail and also on our website, www.baistorah.org. For further information, contact Miriam Frankel at 893-4983. The deadline for orders is February 23rd.

Bais Torah invites the community to its Twenty-Eighth **Siyum Mishnayos** Celebration featuring Rabbi Jonathan Rietti, who will speak on "Is Life About Process or Results?" The siyum will take place next Sunday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Simcha Room. The cost is \$20 per person for dinner and reservations may be made by returning the respond card to the shul office or by calling Rabbi Josef Fischer at 425-2785.

Mark your calendar:

Shabbos, March 9th and 10th - **End the Madness weekend** and melave malka. To host young singles, please contact Allen Nussbaum, 357-7284 or write to anussbaum@aol.com.

Sunday, March 18th - Breakfast with **Rabbi Berel Wein**

Sunday, May 13th, for the **Bais Torah Annual Dinner** which be held at the Crossroads Sheraton Hotel in Mahwah, New Jersey. This year's Guests of Honor are David and Ruthie Lehmann.

Details on all events are available on our website, www.baistorah.org

Mazel Tov

Avromy and Renee Fein on the marriage of their children, Leora and David Neuman.

Moe and Bayla Tilson on the marriage of their children, Benjay and Miri Tilson.

Steven and Haley Frist on the marriage of their children, Ayal and Deena Chava Frist.

Shloime and Chaya Pollak on the marriage of their children, Ariella and Moishe Schulhof.

Larry and Elisheva Scheinson on the birth of a son.

Yussie and Barbara Fischer on the engagement of their granddaughter, Chava, daughter of

Ariel and Bracha Fischer, to Rafi Cohen of Riverdale.

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 -

Leni Loebenstein - הלני בת רחל -

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

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -

איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Yoel Adler - יואל בן מירלא -

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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 Terumah – 5767 - The “Mishkan,” the “Egel HaZahav” and the “Keruvim”

(From the discussion of Parashat Terumah in "Binah BaMikra," by Rav Yissachar Yaakovson):

Beginning with this week's Parshah, and continuing into the beginning of Ki Tisa, the Torah provides details regarding the Mishkan, and its associated objects and vessels. In Ki Tisa, we find an account of the disastrous fashioning of and worship of the "Egel HaZahav," the Golden Calf, which deteriorated as well into immorality and bloodshed, combining within it all three of the Cardinal Sins of Judaism. In Parshiyot VaYakhel and Pekudei, the Torah returns to a discussion of the Mishkan and the garments of the "Kohanim," the Priests, who serve within it. This strange organization of Biblical components calls for, as RASHI often says, even cries out for, an explanation!

The main point of the first explanation, stated in Midrash Tanchuma, is "Kapparah," Atonement. The Jewish People had sinned grievously in making the "Egel" and are compared in the Midrash to a "shameful bride who committed adultery while yet under her bridal canopy." Despite this, and due to the pleas of Moshe on her behalf, G-d chose to remain with the Jewish People in the desert. Indeed, the "Mishkan," the collapsible and movable Holy Temple is called "Mishkan HaEdut," the "Mishkan of Testimony," because its very existence **testifies** to the fact of G-d's forgiveness and His granting of Atonement to Israel.

Indeed, the RAMBAN, in his introduction to the Book of Shemot, sees as the theme of the entire "Sefer" the return by the process of "Teshuvah," Repentance, of the People of Israel **to the level of the "Avot,"** the forefathers, with whom the company of the Divine Presence was not uncommon. And the acceptance of their "Teshuvah" by Hashem was embodied in the Mishkan, the symbol of the Divine Presence. This would account for the great enthusiasm that the Jewish People displayed for the construction of the "Mishkan," for which they **donated** all the materials and all the labor.

A second approach, elaborated by Professor Yechezkel Kaufmann, focuses on the nature of the "Keruvim." In the mystical vision of the Prophet Yechezkel, found at the beginning of his Book (Yechezkel, 1:10), he describes a four-faced heavenly being, the faces being that of a man, a lion, an ox and an eagle. In the tenth chapter (Yechezkel 10:14), the face of an ox is replaced by the face of a "Keruv." In "Divrei HaYamim," Chronicles 1, 28:18, we find the "Kaporet," the Ark Cover with its projecting "Keruvim," described as the "Merkavah," the Chariot, so to speak, of G-d.

In "Tehilim," Psalms 18:11, and in his nearly identical Song of Praise to Hashem found in Shmuel 2, 22:11, David HaMelech describes G-d as a Heavenly Rider, "VaYirkav al Keruv, VaYauf," "And He rode upon a 'Keruv,' and He flew." Shmuel David Luzzatto explains the connection between the Hebrew words "Keruv" and "VaYirkav," "And He rode," as being related to the fact that these words are composed of variations of the same letters. Thus, according to this view, there is a connection between the "Egel," the young ox, in its manifestation in the "Throne-Room" of G-d in the vision of Yechezkel and in His "Chariot" in "Divrei HaYamim," and the "Egel HaZahav," the Golden Calf which the Jewish People constructed at the foot of Mt. Sinai, for they had experienced a vision at the Yam Suf greater than that of Yechezkel, about which the Midrash says, "What the Jewish maid-servant saw at the Yam Suf, Yechezkel ben Buzi did not see in his Vision of the Chariot."

Thus, the Jewish People were trying, in a terribly misguided fashion, and in their desperate need, as Yehudah HaLevi explained, for a physical object to incorporate in their worship, to re-create at the site of the Revelation the "Chariot" of Hashem and His "Throne-Room."

And the comment of the RAMBAN mentioned above, that the theme of the Book of Shemot is the return of the Children of Israel to the level of the "Avot" may also be relevant in this context. For the RAMBAN's language in his Introduction to the Book of Shemot is, "and when they came to Mt. Sinai, **and they made the Mishkan,** and Hashem returned and allowed His Divine Presence to reside among them, then they returned to the level of their fathers; for the close conversation of Hashem was upon their tents, **and the 'Avot' were the Divine Chariot.** And therefore this Book is complete with the completion of the Mishkan, and with the Splendor of Hashem filling it always." PF