

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 17, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org כ"ז אדר שבת פרשת ויקהל-פקודי

ערב שבת פרשת ויקהל-פקודי
הדלקת נרות 6:46 PM
מנחה 6:55 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM
Weekday שחרית
Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
Tues.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)
Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM
Weekday מנחה-מעריב
Sun. through Thurs.: 6:55 PM

שבת פרשת ויקהל-פקודי פרשת החודש
דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 10:05 AM
שבת מברכים ניסן
גמרא שיעור 4:45 PM
Rabbi Wein's lecture 5:35 PM
מנחה 6:35 PM
סעודה שלישית with special presentation to Rabbi Wein
מעריב 7:47 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויקרא
הדלקת נרות 6:53 PM
מנחה 7:00 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 8:00 PM – פסח – 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

This Shabbos, **Rabbi Berel Wein** will be joining us for a special event sponsored by Carl and Sara Markowitz in memory of Zipora and Eli Muller, a"h. Rabbi Wein will deliver the sermon on Shabbos morning and also speak in the afternoon at 5:35 PM in the Main Shul. At Shalosh Seudos, the shul will present Rabbi Wein with a "Book of Tributes to Rebbetzin Jackie Wein, a"h". Please join us.

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** after davening, co-sponsored by Saul and Phyllis Siegel in honor of the birth of a grandson, Tuvya Yigal, born to Ariel and Atara Siegel, and by Sam and Rena Wilen on the birth of a grandson, Avi Dani, born to Arielle and Elliot Kwestel, visiting this Shabbos with the Wilen family and the Bais Torah community.

Shalosh seudos is being sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg in memory of Sara Markowitz's parents, Zipora and Eli Muller a"h

Bais Torah is selling **wine for Pesach**. If you do not have the wine information and would like to order, please go to the Bais Torah website or call Miriam Frankel at 356-8558. The last day for Pesach wine orders will be Friday, March 23.

Rabbi Gottlieb's series of **shiurim on Pesach** will continue this Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 PM. The topics are: Products and Shopping for Pesach this week, and The Seder and Haggadah on March 28th. Everyone is welcome to attend. In order to enhance your Pesach experience, on March 30th and 31st, back by popular request, the shul will be serving full meals on Friday night and Shabbos morning on **Shabbos Hagadol**, Parshas Tzav. Please contact Felise Katz at felisek@gmail.com for reservations.

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.

Bais Torah would like to **thank** the Adult Education Committee, Rabbi Gottlieb, Rabbi Twerski and the Rossmans for making the End the Madness and Melave Malka weekend so special. Thank you to all the hosting families: Becker, Colman, Cooper, Deutsch, Fischer, Friedman, Gottlieb, Helprin, Katz, Kimmel, Levi, Lieder, Lutwak, Pomeranz, Wilen and Zamore. and special thanks to Miriam Rosenberg and Allen Nussbaum for all their hard work.

Mazel Tov

Irwin and Ann Citron on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Alan and Chana Citron.
Max and Gina Frommer on the marriage of their grandchildren, Judah and Aryella Frommer, children of Ari (A" H) and Ruthie Frommer.
Abie and Sunny Fogel on the birth of a great-grandson to Dani & Yaffa Blendis in N'Vei Daniel.
Bob and Rita Landa on the engagement of their son, Avi, to Ruchama Frager of Monsey.

Hamakom Yenachem

Ralph Gable on the p'tira of his mother.

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
Rachel Gross' sister - לאה בת חנה

הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein
זאב דוד בן מרים - Miriam Schiffer's son, Zev Kessin
Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -
איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה
Yoel Adler - יואל בן מירל -

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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.

Parashiyot VaYakhel/ Pekudei/ HaChodesh - 5767 "Va-Yakhel Moshe...", – "And Moshe Assembled"

Parashat VaYakhel begins, "VaYakhel Moshe ...," "And Moshe assembled all the congregation of the Children of Israel, and said unto them, 'These are the words that the L-rd has commanded:...' (Shemot 35:1) The choice of word by the Torah, "VaYakhel..." is, as always, precise. It suggests that Moshe gathered the People into a "kehilla," a "community," before he introduced them to the Laws of Shabbat, which help define the community of Israel.

I'd like to discuss the meaning of the word "Kehilla" as understood and implemented by three "gedolim," giants of Israel, Rabbi Shimshon Rephoel Hirsch, who molded the Jews of Frankfurt-am-Mein into a "Kehilla," his son-in-law and successor, Rabbi Shlomo Breuer and his son and successor, Rabbi Yoseph Breuer, who continued their legacy on the shores of the Hudson. There he created the Kehilla known as K'hal Adas Yeshurun, "the community of the upright," where "Yeshurun" comes from "Yashar," straight and upright and incorruptible, as good a definition as any of the character of the great Rabbi who led the Kehilla. For evidence of this I rely on the excellent work, "RAV BREUER - His Life and His Legacy," by Dr. David Kranzler and Rabbi Dovid Landesman. What is different about the Kehilla that is known still as "Breuer's," although the late Rav Breuer retired from active participation in its affairs in 1967? One part of the answer seems to be that, from the first, it was conceived of as a full-service community. The Kehilla offers its members a mikveh, schools for boys and girls, Kashrus supervision and Shechitah, still considered by many the most reliable. It also offers an independent Chevrah Kadishah, free-loan funds, Beis-Din, Shiurim, youth groups, and an accommodation, after much thought by Rav Breuer, to the rest of the Torah world, a Kollel and Beis Midrash Program.

Kehilla Great Individuals and Families (many omissions due to space considerations)

Of course, the Kehilla, like any community, rested on the shoulders not only of its great Rav, but also on the shoulders of its great members. As stated in Kranzler's and Landesman's book, "no history of Rav Breuer's leadership would be complete without mention of *Moreinu* Dr. Raphael Moller, president of the Kehilla for almost forty years... Many residents of Washington Heights vividly recall the late Dr. Moller trudging through the snow to make house calls on Shabbos."

"The story is told that a chasid once came to the late R. Yoel Teitelbaum, the Satmar rebbe, to ask what he should do regarding a complex medical problem that he faced. The rebbe told him that he should consult with Dr. Moller before going to anyone else. When the chasid complained that it took quite some time to be able to arrange an appointment with Dr. Moller (*not my recollection - pf*), the rebbe replied: 'There will be even longer lines waiting to come close to Dr. Moller in gan eden.' "

The late Harry Levi, together with his beloved wife, the late Marguerite, dedicated super-human effort to the Breuer's Yehivos and their Dinner and Journal and many other activities.

"Beginning in 1949 until his passing in 1990, Levi served as chairman of the board of the yeshiva's directors, taking personal responsibility for the school's financial well-being, frequently dipping into his own pocket to make sure that the staff was paid on time... many board members recall how Levi would end discussions by flatly declaring: 'If this is what the Rav wants, then this is what will be.' "

Mrs. Levi ran the Breuer's office that was the central outpost for the Journal and many other community-oriented activities. When the Orthodox world moved to the right, there came a demand for only *Glatt Kosher meat*. At first, Rav Breuer resisted this change, for the basic reason that he explained in one of his most famous essays - entitled *Glatt Kosher - Glatt Yoshor* - where he wrote: "Kosher is intimately related to yoshor. G-d's Torah not only demands the observance of kashruth and the sanctification of our physical enjoyment, it also insists on the sanctification of our social relationships. This requires the strict application of the tenets of justice and righteousness which avoid even the slightest trace of dishonesty in our business dealings and personal life. We would welcome a campaign to link a drive for *glatt kosher* with an equally intensive one for *glatt yoshor*. This objective is given hopeful expression by the Prophet Zephaniah (3:13): 'The remnants of Israel will do no iniquity, nor speak lies, neither will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth.' "

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