

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

April 14, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) כ"ו ניסן שבת פרשת שמיני

## ערב שבת פרשת שמיני

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:16 PM

## שבת פרשת שמיני

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:38 AM  
מברכים החודש אייר  
גמרא שיעור 6:20 PM  
מנחה 7:05 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 8:17 PM

## Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

### Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM  
Tues. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM  
Wed. and Thurs.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

### Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 7:25 PM

## ערב שבת תזריע-מצורע

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:23 PM  
\* Early mincha for the summer  
\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## 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  
Wednesdays at 8:00 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 one hour before מנחה.

## Shul Announcements

**Shalosh Seudos** this week is sponsored by Michael Schiffer.

Ad blanks have been mailed for our **Annual Dinner**, which will be held on May 13th at the Crossroads Sheraton in Mahwah.

Avoid the last minute rush and send us your ads and reservations promptly! This year's honorees are David and Ruthie Lehmann, Yaakov Colman, Ruth Malinowitz and Irwin Goldress. Additional ad blanks and further information can be found on our website. [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org).

## Mazel Tov

Arthur and Shirley Landau on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Robin and Eric Aschkenasy.  
Manny and Marcia Frankel on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Michal and George Mordechai.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Marc Aaronson and Iris Sharon on the p'tira of their mother, Shirlee Aaronson.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman  
יעטע בת שרה -  
Mr. Shapiro  
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה -  
Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה -  
Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא -

לאה בת חנה - Rachel Gross' sister  
זאב דוד בן מרים - Miriam Schiffer's son, Zev Kessin -  
Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -  
איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה  
יואל בן מירלא - Yoel Adler

## How to Reach Us

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**Bikur Cholim** Eveline Kranzler, 352-8410 and

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**Chesed Committee** Charlie Grandovsky, 425-4683

**Sisterhood Liaison** Betty Schloss, 369 – 1833

**Lost and Found** Michael Loebenstein, 425-8895

**Chevra Kadisha** Steve Fessel, 425-1713, Ephraim Pessin, 914-420-6714 or Gloria Gordon, 425-1276

**Sisterhood Tribute Cards**, Mona Selzer 356-0129

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**Eiruv** 362-4302

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**Youth** Felise Katz 357-0129

**Hachnosas Orchim Facility** for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

**Reb. Wein Sefer Torah Project** 368-1064

## In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

## Issru Chag Pesach – 5767 - Why is this Holiday Different from All Other Independence Days?

The Holiday of Pesach is not only called “Zeman Cherutenu,” “The Time of Our Freedom,” which is common with many other nations and cultures. It is also called “Chag HaMatzos,” “The Holiday of Matzos,” at which time we **perform a Command of our Creator**, to eat Matzah, a food which is symbolic both of our freedom and our slavery, because the Torah records that we ate it on our way out of Egypt, but it is also called “Lechem Oni,” “Poor Man’s Bread,” because that was the staple of the diet of our People when they were slaves.

The Holiday of Pesach differs from the generic Independence Day because we celebrate not only the liberation of **our ancestors** from slavery, but the “Haggadah,” the text we use on the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, explicitly states that we are to use our national memory, and historical imagination to celebrate the following: “And in every generation one is obligated to **view himself as if he had left Mitzrayim**. For it was not only our ancestors that He redeemed but **we were also redeemed with them**, as it says, ‘And He **took us out of there** in order to bring us to the Land which He swore to our forefathers.’ ”

“Physical Freedom,” which we achieved on the Holiday of Pesach, was not at all the complete goal of our redemption. It was, rather, the beginning of a process which was designed to culminate in our achieving “Spiritual Freedom,” which we did in fact achieve seven weeks later, at “The Time of the Giving of the Torah,” which we commemorate on the Holiday of Shavuot. At that time, we received the Torah at Mt. Sinai from the Creator of the Universe. In fact, the Hebrew word “Cherut,” “Freedom,” is spelled identically as “Charut,” “Inscribed” in stone, referring to the Ten Commandments which were **inscribed** in stone by the hand of G-d. We went from being slaves to man to servants of G-d.

It is a core belief of Judaism that HaShem intervened in history on our behalf in order to fulfill his oath to our forefathers, but also so that we should realize our potential and become a holy nation. In fact, the Midrash states that when G-d was about to drown the Egyptian Army in the waters of the Sea of Reeds, the Angels protested, saying “Both these and those worship idols; why destroy one and save the other?...” Of the fifty levels of spiritual degradation, Egypt was on the 50<sup>th</sup>, and Israel was not far behind, occupying the 49<sup>th</sup> level. But G-d saw the potential within us, and gave us forty-nine days, the “Sefirat HaOmer,” to raise ourselves, level by level, till He was able to say to us, “And you will be for Me a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation.”

Most nations that celebrate their independence recall their birth, their rise to power, and their moment or two in the sunshine, only to disappear on the “ash heap” of history. The Haggadah describes a different path in history for the Jewish People, a “faith community” that continuously arouses the fear and hatred of the powerful nations that don’t understand its specialness, and threaten it with exile or extermination. It is only the Promise made by G-d to our forefathers that enables our survival, “It is this that has stood by our fathers and us; for **not only one** has risen against us to annihilate us, but in **every generation** they rise against us to annihilate us. But the Holy One, Blessed is He, rescues us from their hand.”

Until there will come a time when, at the End of Days, as foretold by the Haftarah read on the Eighth Day of Pesach, the Mashiah will come, who will usher in a new era of history when peace will rule the world; “A wolf will dwell with a sheep and a leopard will lie down with a kid... They will neither injure nor destroy in all of My sacred mountain; for the earth will be filled with the Knowledge of HaShem, as the water covers the sea bed.” (Yeshayahu 11:6,9) “You will say on that day, ‘I will thank you, HaShem, for You were angry with me, but now Your wrath has subsided, and You have comforted me. Behold G-d is my salvation; I shall trust and not fear. For G-d is my might and my praise – HaShem – and He is a salvation for me.’ You can draw water with joy from the springs of salvation. And you will say on that day, ‘Give thanks to HaShem, declare His Name, make His acts known among the peoples; declare that His Name is Exalted.’ Make music for HaShem, for He has acted with grandeur; make this known throughout the world. Exult and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great in your midst.” (Yeshayahu 12:1-6) PF