

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

April 21, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org ג' אייר שבת פרשת תזריע-מצורע

ערב שבת פרשת תזריע-מצורע

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:23 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

שבת פרשת תזריע-מצורע

8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
9:32 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
5:35 PM פרקי אבות
6:25 PM גמרא שיעור
7:10 PM מנחה
שלישית סעודה
8:24 PM מעריב

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 7:30 PM

ערב שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

מנחה: 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:31 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 - shiur גמרא - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
דף היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
דף היומי 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 co-sponsored by Elliot Eichler and Yussie Deutsch.

We welcome the **Bruriah High School** for Girls graduating class of 2007 who have joined us for their annual Monsey shabbaton. Thanks to all those who are hosting the young ladies and we hope they come back to join our community again in the near future.

Bais Torah is co-sponsoring a **Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration** at Community Synagogue on Monday, April 23rd, beginning with Mincha at 7:30 p.m. Dr. David Berger will speak on the topic of "Jerusalem, the Land of Israel, and Three Competing Faiths." Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

The shul is critically low on **good spirits** (the alcoholic kind) and members are requested to contribute a bottle of their favorite Scotches, Bourbons and Brandies to help enhance our weekly shabbos kiddushim.

Mazel Tov

Rabbi Berel and Mira Wein on their recent marriage.
Saaul and Kreindy Stern on the engagement of their daughter, Yocheved, to Shalom Kornfeld of Yerushalayim.

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 -
איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה - Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -
יואל בן מירלא - Yoel Adler -

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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.

Parashiot Tazria – Metzora, Yom HaShoah - 5767 - “When He Comes From Edom”

On Monday of this week, the Jewish People commemorated “Yom HaShoah” – The Day that was selected to be the Day of Remembrance for the victims of the Nazis, those who were killed in various horrible ways, mainly by poison gas, those who were forced to dig their own graves before being shot to death, and those who were worked to death or near-death in the infamous concentration camps of the Third Reich. And the greatest achievement of the Nazis: the murder of 1.5 million Jewish children.

Our friends, the British, have seen fit to re-enact their act of appeasement of Hitler by their Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who ceded Czechoslovakia to Germany as a way to guarantee “peace for our time.” Now, in a manner which bears striking resemblance to Chamberlain’s act, schools are dropping references to the Holocaust from history lessons, in order not to offend their Muslim students, who have been taught that the Holocaust never occurred. Of course, the Jews themselves are not far behind the British in dismissing the historicity of the Holocaust. Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Weiss was an honored guest at Iran’s Convention for Holocaust deniers. At least, the Jewish Community had the self-respect to roundly denounce this mischief-maker and, unless there were human hands involved in the act, the house and shul (sic) of this “Churban”-denying Rabbi was burnt to the ground not long after his return from Teheran.

And now we come to the central world figure who has the Jews and Israel, primarily, and the United States and all it stands for, secondarily, in his sights, for destruction, G-d Forbid: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of Iran. This evil tyrant has declared in no uncertain terms that he intends to remove Israel from the face of the earth, G-d Forbid. And it is by no means unreasonable to believe that he means exactly what he says. The United States and the Soviet Union held each other at bay in the latter part of the 20th century by the threat of “Mutual Assured Destruction.” But it seems that Ahmadinejad, with his jihadist mindset, would view that outcome as a positive development, and the fact that millions of Muslim lives would be lost does not deter him, because there are many more millions to replace them.

Currently, the U.S. is at war with insurgent elements inside Iraq. It may have been an act of extreme foolishness to imagine that we could bring an end to the Civil War between the Sunnis and the Shiites that has lasted for 1,350 years! Perhaps there was too much confidence in American firepower. This brought the US into conflict with at least two p’sukim, even though we were wearing, ostensibly, the “white hats” in the conflict. In Zechariah (4:6) we find the prophet assuring Zerubavel that victory is obtained “not by might nor by power.” Neither bunker-busting bombs nor any other manifestation of great physical strength is significant, for it can be overridden instantly by the Almighty. Furthermore, Kohelet tells us in 3:15 that “...the L-rd is on the side of the pursued.” Even if one’s opponent is wearing a very black hat (in the “cowboy,” not Charedi sense), HaShem is generally not on the side of bullies. HaShem also detests arrogance. Names reflecting excessive hubris, such as “Shock and Awe” are like lightning-rods for punishment. Awe should be reserved for the One who is described in Devarim (8:15) as “the Almighty Who is Great and Mighty and Awesome.”

In the Seudah Shlishit of Shabbat, there is a zemer, a traditional song, the theme of which is the time preceding the Mashiach. It begins as follows:

“When He comes from Edom with bloodied clothing,
He will have made a slaughter in Botzrah, and an execution in Bogedim...”

It does not take a great leap of the imagination to identify Edom with the Christian world (the US), Botzrah with Basra, and Bogedim with Baghdad. The zemer thus seems to be speaking of a conflict between the western world and Islam near the “end of days.” And in Bereshit Rabbah 42 we find, “Rabbi Elazar ben Avina said, ‘When you see kingdoms fighting against each other, anticipate the footsteps of the Mashiach.’” PF