

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 5, 2007 · 89 W. Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) · ל"ז אייר שבת פרשת אמור

## Aufruf of Avi Steinberg

### ערב שבת פרשת אמור

מנחה 7:00 PM \*

הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*

Regular Candle Lighting: 7:38 PM

### שבת פרשת אמור

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:21 AM

פרקי אבות 5:50 PM

גמרא שיעור 6:40 PM

מנחה 7:25 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 8:39 PM

ל"ג בעומר 7:45 AM שחרית **Sunday**

שחרית **Weekday**

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Tues. Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

מנחה-מעריב **Weekday**

Sun. through Thurs.: 7:45 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת בהר-בחוקתי

מנחה: 7:00 PM \*

הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*

Regular Candle Lighting: 7:45 PM

\* Early mincha for the summer

\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## **Shiurim**

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 רשי - פרשת השבוע – 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**

Shira Steinberg invites the entire congregation to a **Kiddush** this shabbos after davening, in honor of the aufruf of Avi.

The entire community is invited this Shabbos, May 5th to a Daf Yomi Siyum on Seder Moed. It will take place at **Seudah Shlishis** and is being sponsored by Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos morning Daf Yomi class.

Our **annual dinner** will take place next Sunday, May 13th, at the Sheraton Mahwah. For last minute ads and reservations, call or send a fax to Laurence and Gloria Gordon by this Sunday morning. Our website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org), has additional forms, information and directions to the Sheraton. We look forward to a greeting all of you at our most important shul fundraiser of the year. It promises to be a wonderful event!

Are you aware that Bais Torah has a fully stocked **Torah Cassette Library**? This Torah Audio Library, which is located in the back of the main hallway, is open to the entire Monsey community. You can borrow cassettes by visiting the shul and speaking with Rabbi Gottlieb, Yis Helprin, Doniel Cohen, or Jonathan Rosenstock.

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**

Shira Steinberg on the aufruf of her son, Avi.

Ben and Fran Horwitz on the birth of a grandson, born to Tal and Chaim Feigenbaum.

## **Hamakom Yenchem**

Yis Helprin on the p'tira of his mother, Dora Helprin.

## **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

Rachel Gross' sister לאה בת חנה

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 מירלע

Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York

רחמה פייגל בת רבקה

## How to Reach Us

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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.

## Parashat Emor – 5767 – Parashat Emor and the Feminine Side

Parashat Emor begins with a verse which is somewhat enigmatic, because of its use of a verb twice; actually three times. The verse begins, **“VaYomer HaShem el Moshe...”** – **“And HaShem said to Moshe...”** But let’s put that part of the verse aside for the moment, because Chaza”l don’t seem to have focused on it. The verse continues, **“...Emor el HaKohanim, bnei Aharon; ve-Amarta aleihem, le-nefesh lo yitamu be-amav;”** – **“...Say to the Priests, the sons of Aharon, and you should say to them, you are not to contaminate yourself to a dead person among his people.”** (Vayikra 21:1) Chaza”l are puzzled by the repetition of **“Emor”** – **“ve-Amarta”** – **“Say”** – **“You should say.”** A number of answers are given. Rashi cites Yevamos 114a, “to warn adults concerning the children,” meaning that the verse is warning adults not to permit children to violate the prohibition taught by the verse. I’m not going to get into the controversy regarding the reason for the repetition of the expression. I will focus in this essay on the significance of the term **“Emor”** – **“Say”** versus the more common **“Daber”** – **“Speak.”**

Shortly before the Revelation at Sinai, we find the following instruction of HaShem to Moshe, **“Koh tomar le-vait Yaakov, ve-tagayd li-veneiv Yisrael”** – **“So shall you say to the House of Yaakov, and tell the Children of Israel.”** (Shemot 19:3) Rashi comments on this verse as follows: **“To the House of Yaakov:”** “This refers to the women; say your words to them in a soft voice.” **“And tell the Children of Israel.”** “Punishments and stringencies explain to the men; things which are hard as ligaments.” (Mechilta; Shabbos 87a) We see here that the grammatical root **“Amor,”** **“Say”** – directly related to the first word in our Parashah, **“Emor,”** which is the command-sense of the verb, and possibly related to the word meaning **“love,”** **“amor”** in the Romance languages, is appropriate for the gentler women. While the stronger word, **“tagayd,”** **“tell”** referring to the harsher aspects of the laws, is more appropriate for men.

The letter **“M”** and the **“M”** sound, part and parcel of the word **“Emor,”** is found in nearly all languages in the word for **“Mother.”** In Hebrew, the word is **“Imma,”** in Spanish and Italian, **“Madre,”** in German, **“Mutter,”** etc. It is possible and probable that this is related to the position of the baby’s lips in the act of nursing.

The Midrash tells us that HaShem first had in Mind to create the World with his Attribute of Strict Justice. But he immediately realized that the World would not last long if it were created in that mode, and He used instead His Attribute of Compassion. We find in Pirkei Avot (5:1), **“BeAsarah Ma’amarot Nivra HaOlam”** – **“The World was created with Ten Utterances,”** where the Hebrew version uses the **“Amor”** form to create the noun.

And indeed we find at the beginning of Parashat Bereshit, where the Torah describes the Creation of the World in Six Days, with the verb **“VaYomer”** using the Hebrew root **“Amor:”**

**“VaYomer Elokim, ‘Yehi Ohr...’** – **“And G-d said ‘Let there be light...’”**

**“VaYomer Elokim, ‘Yehi Rakia besoch HaMayim...’** – **“And G-d said ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters...’”**

**“VaYomer Elokim, ‘Yikavu HaMayim...’** – **“And G-d said ‘Let the waters be gathered...’”**

**“VaYomer Elokim, ‘Yehi Me’Orot Birkia HaShamayim...’** – **“And G-d said ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the Heavens’”**

**ETC.**

**“VaYomer Elokim, ‘Na’aseh Adam B’Tzalmeinu ...’** – **“And G-d said ‘Let us make Man in our image...’”** (Bereshit, Chapter 1)

I don’t know what the Compassionate, Motherly or Feminine Aspect of G-d has to do with the Kohanim, the sons of Aharon. Except that **“Sefer VaYikra”** is called **“Torat Kohanim,”** the Torah of the Kohanim, and this Parashah of all the Parashiot is the Parashah of the Kohanim. Aharon, the Forefather of the Kohanim, was described as a **“man who loved ‘shalom,’ ‘peace,’ pursued peace and attempted to restore peace...”** And one of the Names of G-d, the Reconciler of Opposites, is **“Shalom.”** The Temple, where the Kohanim served their G-d, was the Abode of the Shechinah, the Divine Presence, which is spoken of in feminine terms. PF