

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 9, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · כ"ג סיון שבת פרשת שלח

## ערב שבת פרשת שלח

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:09 PM

## שבת פרשת שלח

8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
9:10 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע  
מברכים החודש תמוז  
6:25 PM פרקי אבות  
7:15 PM גמרא שיעור  
8:00 PM מנחה  
שלישית סעודה  
9:10 PM מעריב

## 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 7:30 PM - קהלת - Rabbi Gottlieb  
I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM - דף היומי  
Mordechai Rudman  
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - גמרא מסכת ברכות - Mordechai Rudman  
Rabbi Yosef Fischer  
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - פרשת השבוע  
Rabbi Leibel Reznick  
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור -  
II, Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM - דף היומי  
Rabbi Yosef Fischer  
Women's תהלים group meets on שבת right after the שיעור.

## Shul Announcements

**Seudas Shlishis** is being co-sponsored by Josh and Miriam Pomeranz, Sam and Rena Wilen and Bernie and Doris Kushner. Bais Torah will be honoring this year's graduates at its **Annual Graduation Shabbos** on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to be included in the celebration and listed in the scroll of honor should contact Felise Katz at felisek@gmail.com. A share in the graduation kiddush costs only \$50.

Our Sisterhood's Bais Torah Players are hard at work practicing for the **Annual Simcha Tea on June 16th**. But to make the Simcha Tea a success, we need your help. If you have a kallah or bas mitzvah in your family, we would like to honor her. Please send her bio in writing to Sharon Kronenberg at 2 Misty Lane, Suffern, NY 10901, e-mail her at mkron1950@gmail.com or fax to 845-368-1074.

**Defensive Driving** to be given at Community Synagogue on Sunday, June 17, 9:30-11:30 AM. Call Shirley at 425-1630 for details. We're pleased to announce that the **Sefer Torah written in memory of Rebbetzin Jackie Wein a"h** is nearly complete. The Hachnosas Sefer Torah is planned for October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to dedicate either the Atzei Chaim or Mantel, please contact Michael Kronenberg at mkron@optonline.net.

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.

Planning a simcha? To avoid choosing a date that **conflicts** with other events, please notify our shul secretary, even if your simcha is not taking place at Bais Torah. Aviva can be reached at 352-1343 or write to [aviva@baistorah.org](mailto:aviva@baistorah.org).

## Mazel Tov

Irving & Ruthie Safrin on the birth of a granddaughter, Rivka Zeesel, born to Muttty & Shira Safrin of Yerushalayim.  
Rhoda Burstein on the bar mitzvah of her grandson, Avraham, son of Binyamin Zev A"H and Dena Sanger  
Phil and Marcia Holzer on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Batsheva, daughter of Daniel and Tova Reich.  
Avromy and Renee Fein on the marriage of their children, Dahlia and Boruch Goldbrenner.  
Nechemia and Pesi Zyskind on the marriage of their children, Navah and Jay Zyskind.  
Robin and Kathy Resnick on the birth of a grandson, born to Sari and Michael Resnick.  
Moshe & Eileen Frommer on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Shlomo & Sara Rosenzweig of Flatbush.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman  
יעטע בת שרה  
Mr. Henry 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

## 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

## Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 8:15 PM

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\* Early mincha for the summer  
\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

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  
Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York  
רחמה פיגל בת רבקה

## How to Reach Us

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

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

**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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## 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 Shelach – 5767 The “Twelve Meraglim” and “The Four Who Entered Paradise”

Parashat Shelach begins with the initiation of a mission by the “Meraglim” to enter “Eretz Yisrael” in advance of the People, and to deliver to them a report as to the characteristics of the Holy Land. Moshe chose the participants, all great men and leaders of their Tribes. Two of the participants, who completed the mission successfully, were Calev ben Yephuneh, from the Tribe of Yehudah, and Hoshea bin Nun, from the Tribe of Ephraim. Fearful that the mission would end disastrously, Moshe added a “Yud” to Hoshea’s name, changing it to Yehoshua, meaning “HaShem will save,” indicating that Moshe prayed for his disciple, “May HaShem save you from the conspiracy of the Meraglim.” The commentary to the Stone Edition of the Art Scroll Chumash cites the Chofetz Chaim, as explaining that Moshe realized that Calev would hide his true intentions from the conspirators in order to learn their plans while Yehoshua, as a loyal disciple would, without the protection of the change in his name, speak up immediately in defense of his Master, Moshe and might cause harm to himself.

There is another story in Jewish Tradition, concerning a group of four outstanding Torah scholars, all historical figures, who lived in the period after the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans, who crossed a boundary in search of the lost Book of Raziel, the recovery of which was somehow necessary in order to preserve the chain of Torah scholarship. The boundary they crossed was that between “This-World” and Paradise, and the account of their journey and experiences is contained in a book called “The Four Who Entered Paradise,” by Howard Schwartz, a Jewish poet, writer and anthologist.

There are major similarities between the Chumash’s account of the “Meraglim” and the mystical tradition’s account of the four great Torah scholars, and there are major differences.

The most striking similarity is that both groups entered Paradise, as it were; the “Meraglim” entered the earthly Paradise of “Eretz Yisrael,” the Holy Land, while the great scholars of revealed and hidden Torah entered the Heavenly Paradise.

Another similarity is that although all participants in the missions were great men, only a small percentage returned whole. Among the “Meraglim,” whose basic problem was that their faith in HaShem could not overcome their fear of life in an environment full of enemies, but shorn of the miraculous interventions by HaShem, such as “Mohn,” the bread from Heaven, the pillars of Cloud that led them during the day and of Flame by night, and the miraculous Well of Miriam. Only Calev and Yehoshua returned with their “Emunah,” intact. Of the four great scholars, only Rabbi Akiva returned sound in mind, with the Book of Raziel in his possession. Ben Azzai died by a “mitat neshikah,” a “Kiss of the Shechinah,” at the end of the journey. Ben Zoma lost his mind when he unexpectedly came upon the “Tohu Va-Vohu,” the chaos and void that preceded the Utterance of “*Yehi Ohr*,” *Let there be light*.” And Elisha ben Avuya, upon seeing the Angel Metatron seated in the heavenly court, pronounced the blasphemy of “G-d Forbid, there must be two powers in Heaven,” which led him to the further self-destructive act of uprooting a flower in which his soul was rooted.

The most important difference is that the mission of the “Meraglim” was basically not in accordance with the Will of HaShem, and contained the seeds of Rebellion against Him. Whereas, the entry of the four Torah scholars into Paradise represented a positive effort on their part to preserve the Torah Tradition.

Rabbi Akiva, upon his return to earth, thought that “Bar Kochba,” the “Son of the Star,” was Mashiach, declared him so, and participated with him in a revolt against Rome. Unfortunately, “Bar Kochba” failed in his mission, and was called by the Rabbis at the end, “Bar Kosiva,” “Son of the Lie.” May the vision of Rabbi Akiva be fulfilled in the emergence of the true “Son of the Star,” the Mashiach, may he build the Third Temple, and be the representative of HaShem in the Redemption of His People.

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