

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 16, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · ל' סיון שבת פרשת קרח

ערב שבת פרשת קרח

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:13 PM

שבת פרשת קרח ראש חודש

8:00 AM - דף היומי - Rabbi Gottlieb
8:45 AM שחרית
9:10 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

6:25 PM פרקי אבות
7:15 PM גמרא שיעור
8:00 PM מנחה
סעודה שלישית
9:13 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
דף I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM - Mordechai Rudman
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - גמרא מסכת ברכות - ירושלמי - Mordechai Rudman
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
דף II, Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM - Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Women's תהלים group meets on שבת right after the שיעור פרקי אבות.

Shul Announcements

Bais Torah will be honoring this year's graduates at its **Annual Graduation Shabbos** this Shabbos. 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** this Shabbos. All women and girls are invited to come and enjoy. The tea will begin at 4:00 PM shabbos afternoon.

Seudas Shlishis is being sponsored by Shaul and Kreindy Stern. There will be a sheva brochos in honor of the marriage of their children, Yocheved and Shlomo Kornfeld.

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 14th. If you would like to dedicate a 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.

The next issue of our **shul newsletter** is about to be published. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement should contact Ruthie Lehmann at baberruthfive@aol.com or 426-6499.

Mazel Tov

Bob and Rita Landa on the marriage of their children, Ruchama and Avi Landa.
Shaul and Kreindy Stern on the marriage of their children, Yocheved and Shlomo Kornfeld.
Ralph and Esther Gable on the birth of a grandson, born to Eric and Chana Selmon.

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 (ראש חודש)

Weekday שחרית

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 8:20 PM

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** 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
Yoel Adler יואל בן מירלא
Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York
רחמה פיגל בת רבקה

How to Reach Us

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Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

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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

Bais Torah Bulletins Email baistorah@taxprof.net, Fax (845) 368-4172, or call (845) 368-2222. To receive e-mail updates, write to baistorah@gmail.com. This bulletin is downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

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 Korach – 5767 Moshe Rabbeinu and “The Waters of Noach”

In Parashat Korach, after the revolt of Korach and his band has come to a head, in BaMidbar (16:15) we find Moshe Rabbeinu engaging in extremely uncharacteristic behavior, *“And Moshe became very angry, and he said to HaShem, ‘Pay no attention to their sacrifices; I have not taken so much as one donkey from them, and have not harmed anyone of them.’”*

In response, HaShem speaks to Moshe and Aharon, *“Separate yourselves from this evil congregation, and I will destroy them instantly.”* (BaMidbar 16:20) The text continues, *“They fell on their faces and they said, ‘Almighty G-d of all flesh, shall one man sin, and You be angry with the entire assembly?’”* (BaMidbar 16:22) Afterwards, Moshe addressed the People of Israel (BaMidbar 16:28-32,35), *“Through this you shall know that HaShem sent me to perform all these acts; that it was not from my heart. If these die the deaths of all men, and the destiny of all men is visited upon them, then it is not HaShem Who has sent me. But if HaShem will create a phenomenon, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them and all that is theirs, and they will descend alive into the pit – then you shall know that these men provoked HaShem!”* *“When he finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them split open. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and all their households, and all the people who were with Korach, and all the wealth...A flame came forth from HaShem and consumed the two hundred fifty men, who had offered the incense.”*

This was so uncharacteristic of Moshe because previously, as the Shepherd of Israel, his “modus operandi,” his mode of operation, had always been to come to their defense, and he had flatly rejected HaShem’s suggestion that He do away with the People of Israel, and begin again with Moshe. Moshe had countered, (Shemot 32:32), *“If You will forgive them, well and good, but if not, erase me also from the Book which You have written.”*

The response of Noach to impending tragedy was vastly different from Moshe’s. Noach was also considered “righteous,” but on a much lower level than Moshe. When informed by HaShem of the impending “Mabul,” that would destroy humanity and the animal kingdom except the passengers in the Ark, Noach did not make a great effort to pray that the punishment be averted. He did not have sufficient faith or self-confidence to imagine that he could change that awesome decree of punishment by HaShem. The Ari, Z”L, writes, as cited by the Kedushas Levi, that Noach’s “neshamah” had to undergo a “gilgul” with Moshe’s, so that Moshe could teach Noach the true power of a righteous leader. Whether or not one believes in the transmigration of souls, the fact remains that Moshe was a far more effective leader, in that many times he prayed, as recorded by the “Chumash,” with all his strength, successfully, for the salvation of Israel.

Continuing the Moshe-Noach connection, the word *“Mecheni,”* “Erase me,” contains the same letters as “Mei Noach,” “the waters of Noach,” that did indeed erase nearly all the inhabitants of earth, indicating the tremendous difference between the two righteous leaders in the degree of their readiness for self-sacrifice. Another indication of connection is that Moshe’s life was also saved by being set afloat on the Nile in a tiny “Tevah,” as it says regarding Yocheved, Moshe’s mother, (Shemot 2:3), *“She could not hide him any longer, so she took for him a wicker basket and smeared it with clay and pitch; she placed the child into it and placed it among the reeds at the banks of the River.”* (This is very reminiscent of HaShem’s command to Noach, *“Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood...cover it inside and out with pitch.”* (Bereshit 6:14)) Ultimately, Moshe was saved by Bithia, the daughter of Pharaoh, who named him “Moshe,” *“...for I drew him from the water.”* (Shemot 2:10) Having been saved from the water, Moshe was always loath to be involved in any of the Plagues involving water, and it took his father-in-law, Yisro, to express the insight *“...for in the very matter in which they conspired against them!”* (Shemot 18:11) Rashi explains, “They tried to destroy them by water (the waters of the Nile), but they themselves were destroyed by water (the waters of the Sea of Reeds)” (Mechilta).

Would that our current enemies, who have as their sacred (sic!!) mission the destruction, G-d Forbid, of Israel, have their tables turned on them, and **be destroyed in the same manner** they have in mind, G-d Forbid, for us.