

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

July 14, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · כ"ח תמוז שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי

ערב שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי

מנחה 7:00 PM *

הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **

Regular Candle Lighting: 8:11 PM

שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:19 AM

מברכים החודש אב

פרקי אבות 6:25 PM

גמרא שיעור 7:15 PM

מנחה 8:00 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 9:10 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

שחרית Weekday

Mon.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

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

Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun. through Thurs.: 8:15 PM

ערב שבת פרשת דברים

מנחה 7:00 PM *

הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **

Regular Candle Lighting: 8:06 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 7:30 PM – קהלת – Rabbi Gottlieb

I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - 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

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 אבות פרקי.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית is being co-sponsored by

General membership meeting is scheduled for this Sunday morning, July 15, 2007, at 9:30 AM in the shul's Simcha Room. Full members will be asked to vote on the proposed slate of new officers and Board of Directors.

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. Please save the date.

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.

Everyone is invited to see "**As You Like It**" performed by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival at Boscobel on Sunday, August 5th at 6 p.m. The grounds will be open for picnicking at 4 p.m. Boscobel is located in Garrison, New York on Route 9D, eight miles north of the Bear Mountain Bridge. Tickets are \$35. per person payable in advance and you will need to provide your own transportation. If you would like to attend, please contact Marilyn Sapir at mshs1@aol.com as soon as possible. Ticket availability is now limited and please visit <http://hvshakespeare.org/> for further information.

Mazel Tov

Ben and Hilde Zauderer on the birth of a great grandson, Moshe Gavriel, born to Sarit and Elliot Bekritsky.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Gavriel, born to Sarit and Elliot Bekritsky.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a great granddaughter, Chana Temima, (Tami), born to Michael and Aviva Rohinsky

Teddy and Malkie Katzenstein on the marriage of their children, Chana Miriam and Yehuda Gross.

Hamkom Yenachem

Rabbi Shlomo Horowitz on the p'tira of his mother, Ellen Horowitz. He will be sitting at his home, 3 Clay Court from Sat. night until Sun. morning.

Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman

יעטע בת שרה

Mr. Henry Shapiro

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Ben Zauderer בן בילה בנימין

Manny London מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

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 מירלא

Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York

רחמה פייגל בת רבקה

Shira Steinberg - שירה רות בת שרה

Eli Hirsch - שמואל בן זיסל

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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.

Parashiot Matot-Masei – 5767 - A Review of Beneficial Behavior

The Parashiot of Matot-Masei that we read this Shabbat, provide various insights into desirable Jewish behavior. The first behavior mentioned is the requirement of each individual to keep his word. Parashat Matot begins, *“If a man takes a vow or swears an oath to establish a prohibition upon himself, he shall not desecrate his word; according to whatever comes out of his mouth, shall he do.”* (Bamidbar 30:3)

The People of Israel are generally a peaceful lot. But there are occasions when this peaceful exterior must be dropped. The next Command that comes up is HaShem’s Command to Moshe, *“Take vengeance for the Children of Israel against the Midianites”... Moshe spoke to the People, saying, “Arm yourselves for the legion that will be against Midian to inflict HaShem’s vengeance against Midian...”* (BaMidbar 31:2-3) Midian had seduced the People of Israel into “Avodah Zarah,” using their women. No greater affront to the G-d of Israel, “Who hates sexual immorality,” could be imagined.

Another occasion when violence is resorted to is when the Jewish People enter the Holy Land, and are commanded to eradicate the Seven Canaanite Nations, who consider themselves the legitimate residents of “Eretz Yisrael.” In the first Rashi in the Torah, Rabbi Yitzchak, a “Tanna,” a Scholar of the Mishnah, says “The Torah should have begun with *‘This Month is for you’* (Shemot 12:2), which is the first Command that the People of Israel was commanded. Why then does it begin with *‘Bereshit’?* – because it wanted to teach the idea of *‘The power of His deeds did He tell His People; to give them the inheritance of the nations’* (Tehilim 111:6); So that if the nations of the World would say to Israel, ‘You are robbers, for you stole the Land of the Seven Nations,’ Israel would respond to them, ‘All of the World belongs to the Holy One, Blessed is He; He created it and gave it to those who were appropriate in His eyes; He gave it to them out of His Free Will, and out of His Free Will, He took it from them, and gave it to us.’ (Bereshit Rabbah 1:2)

But even the Seven Canaanite Nations are not annihilated indiscriminately by the People of Israel. The Rambam, in “Hilchot Melachim” (6:1), writes, “It is forbidden to make war against anybody in the World, until one offers Peace; be it a voluntary or an obligatory war; as it says, *‘When you approach a city to engage it in war, you must make an offer of peace to it...’*” On the other hand, if those Seven Nations or Amalek reject the peace offer, the Jewish People is obligated to wage all-out war against them. The operating principle is that if one has mercy on the wicked, the result will be causing wickedness to be inflicted upon the merciful.

At the beginning of Parashat Masei, we find a complete record of the Sojourn of the Jewish People in the Wilderness, with mention made of the locations at which positive events occurred as well as those at which negative events took place. At the end of the catalog, Moshe begins his valedictory address to the Jewish People, warning of troubles they will face, and must overcome. Moshe then traces the boundaries of the beloved Land, which HaShem has decided that he will not be granted the privilege to enter. We hear and feel his anguish at being excluded from the Holy Land.

Moshe teaches the Laws of the “Ir Miklat,” the “City of Refuge,” where accidental killers must reside until the death of the “Kohen Gadol.” He reviews the tremendous seriousness of premeditated murder, and he exhorts the People, *“You shall not bring guilt upon the Land in which you are, for the blood will bring guilt upon the Land; and the Land will not be granted atonement for the blood that was spilled in it, except by the blood of the one who spilled it. You shall not contaminate the Land in which you dwell, in whose midst I reside, for I am HaShem, Who resides amongst the Children of Israel.”* (BaMidbar 35:33-34)

Finally, the Torah gives an example of compromise. Earlier, the leader of the Tribe of Menashe had been commanded to give a share of the inheritance of Tzelophehad to his daughters, who had protested their exclusion from property ownership in “Eretz Yisrael.” And they were also permitted to marry outside of the Tribe. The leader now foresaw a problem; if the daughters would marry outside the Tribe, at “Yovel” some of the Tribe’s property would leave the Tribe’s inheritance. So the compromise that was reached was that the daughters were given a share in their father’s inheritance, but they were required to marry within the Tribe. PF