

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

July 28, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · ואתחנן פרשת ואתחנן

ערב שבת פרשת ואתחנן שבת נחמו

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:00 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 ואתחנן שבת נחמו

8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
8:45 AM שחרית
9:25 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. thru Thurs.: 8:10 PM

6:10 PM פרקי אבות
7:00 PM גמרא שיעור
7:45 PM מנחה
שלישית סעודה
8:59 PM מעריב

ערב שבת פרשת עקב

מנחה: 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:53 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 7:30 PM – קהלת – Rabbi Gottlieb
דף היומי 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 - פרשת השבוע עם רשי - Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
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 right after the שיעור אבות פרקי אבות.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישיית is being co-sponsored anonymously and by Herman Fialkoff in memory of his wife.

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.

The Adult Education committee **thanks** Sandra Thurm for the outstanding job she did arranging a meaningful Tisha B'av afternoon of video programming. Thanks to Peter Katz for his technical assistance, and also to Yosef Gottlieb, Rachel Gottlieb, Akiva Gottlieb and Mindy Gottlieb for their help.

Bais Torah has secured seats for the **NY Knicks vs. the Maccabi Elite Tel Aviv** basketball team. They will be playing in Madison Square Garden on October 11th, for the benefit of Migdal Ohr. The number of seats are very limited so they will be sold on a first come first served basis. We are going to have a bus going from the shul to the game and back. Preliminary reservations can be made by emailing baistorah@taxprof.net. The cost of each seat plus the bus is \$80.00. Checks are to be made out to Bais Torah and only reservations that are paid for will be valid. Kosher food will be available at the Garden supplied by Mendy's.

A message from the President: A mailing has been sent for 5768 dues and seating requests - the Seating committee and Gabboim request an immediate return of the forms to provide them with sufficient time to do their jobs. Included in the packet is a small survey primarily based on items discussed at the General Membership Meeting. Your prompt attention to this will allow the Shul's board to address these issues.

Mazel Tov

Henry and Renee Hirsch on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Refuah Shelaimah

Mr. Henry Shapiro
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה
Ben Zauderer בנימין בן בילה
Manny London מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא
Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin
איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Yoel Adler יואל בן מירל
Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York
רחמה פייגל בת רבקה
Shira Steinberg - שירה רות בת שרה

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Sisterhood Liaison Betty Schloss, 369 – 1833

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

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

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 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.

Parashas Va'Eschanan – 5767 – “Shabbos Nachamu” – The “Shabbos of Comfort”

This *Shabbos* is called “*Shabbos Nachamu*,” the “*Shabbos of Comfort*,” based on the opening words of the *Haftarah*, “*Be comforted, be comforted, My People...*” (*Yeshayahu 40:1*) This expression of comfort is meant mainly in the national sense, alluding to the loss of the “*Beis HaMikdash*,” and also alluding to the joy that we will feel when the Holy Temple will be rebuilt. But it is also meant in the personal sense; in particular, for the loss of a beloved spouse or parent, referring to the comfort built into the human spirit by the Creator, that over a period of time, softens the impact of even the greatest loss, and also alluding to the joyful time of re-unification of the family, at the time of “*Techiyas HaMesim*.”

The Rossman family was dealt a heavy blow with the loss of the Matriarch of the family, Mrs. Ilse Rossman, A”H, after a long illness. She, together with her husband, Kurt, was a frequent visitor at our *shul*, visits which she enjoyed greatly, mainly due to the warmth with which she was always greeted; especially by Rabbi Gottlieb and his *rebbezin*. She also took strength from the “*Mishabeirach l’Cholim*” and the *Tehillim* said in her behalf.

The quality of this individual might best be appreciated by the “*Midah*” of Generosity and Service to the Community which she passed along to her family. Michael, who lives in Monsey and whose activities I’m somewhat familiar with, together with his family, donate huge amounts of their time each week to purchasing and making the delicacies, and setting up the elaborate *Kiddush* and *Seudah Sh’lishis* that are fixtures of our *shul’s Shabbos* program. The completion of Gershon’s service to the Israeli Army this year is also a reflection of the ideal of Service to the Jewish Community. The level of outer-directedness that exists in this family, and which is traceable, in large measure, to Ilse Rossman, a lifelong teacher, is quite extraordinary.

One of her greatest accomplishments was her more than 30 years teaching at SAR Academy in Riverdale, where she was honored in 1988 with the Teacher’s Recognition Award and the appreciation and love of the entire SAR world, especially the children. She greeted all of the students and parents each day upon their arrival to the Early Learning Center. She treated each child **as if he or she was her child**, and the recipients of that love felt it. She not only expressed her caring nature to children, she would also visit people in hospitals and in their homes on *Shabbat*, bringing warmth and love into their lives.

Obviously, this degree of concern for others came from somewhere. It is clear that the parents Ilse lost in the Holocaust were special people. In her marriage to Kurt, we also see the realization of “*Invei HaGefen B’Invei HaGefen*”- “Vines graft best with vines of comparable quality.” Husbands and wives often are similar spiritually and psychologically; they have similar “*Neshamos*.” Not long after she arrived in Washington Heights, Ilse met her future husband, and they entered into a marriage which lasted 61 years. During their time together, they raised a family imbued with their values – particularly “*Ahavas Yisroel*,” the absence of which we reflected upon this past week, which has caused so much tragedy for the Jewish People over the centuries.

Their children are Larry and Michael. Larry and Evelyn remain true to their residential origins. They live in Washington Heights, raising a family consisting of Jonathan, Marc and Alissa (parents of Ilse’s great-grandson Zachary), and Gila. We heard the story of the successful interview that Rena had at SAR, when she acquired both a job and a husband. Rena and Michael have six children; the young men include Gershon, Josh, Dov and Yonah, and the young women are Karen and Tziporah Leah. They are all imbued with religious Zionist values: *Tzahal*, Bar-Ilan, Seminary in *Eretz Yisroel*, *aliyah*, and *Moshava*, the *Bnei Akiva* camp. All of her grandchildren understand full well the lesson taught them by their parents and grandparents – that *Eretz Yisrael* is a foundation of *Yahadus*. Through her students, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild “*Morah Ilse*” realized her dream of continuing our heritage after losing her parents and brother to the *shoah*, fleeing Germany with only Fred Berger, one of her two brothers.

On *Shabbos Nachamu*, we wish the Rossman family a full measure of comfort in the wake of their great loss.

Let “*The L-rd became like an enemy; He consumed Israel...*” (*Eichah 2:5*) be replaced by “*Death will be consumed forever and the Almighty will wipe the tears from every face.*” (*Yeshayahu 25:8*)

“*For HaShem will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her ruins;*

He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her wasteland like a Garden of HaShem;

Joy and Gladness will be found there, thanks giving and the sound of music.” (*Yeshayahu 51:3*)

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