

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

August 4, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · ל'ג מנחם אב שבת פרשת עקב

ערב שבת פרשת עקב

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:53 PM

שבת פרשת עקב

שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:28 AM
פרקי אבות 6:15 PM
גמרא שיעור 6:55 PM
מנחה 7:40 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 8:52 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

שחרית Weekday

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

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. thru Thurs.: 7:55 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ראה

מנחה: 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:44 PM
* Early mincha for the summer
** Shul Accepts Shabbos

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Heimowitz
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 – **Shiur will resume in the fall.**
דף היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - ברכות – 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.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית is being co-sponsored by Miriam Schiffer in memory of her mother, Bluma Lachterman and Shirley Landau in memory of her parents Sally and Max Czuper.

Please reserve Shabbos, Parshas Noach, Motzei Shabbos, October 13th and Sunday, October 14th for a full program of events celebrating the hachnos of the Sefer Torah written in memory of **Rebbetzin Jackie Wein** a"h. Rabbi Berel Wein will be joining us for the weekend.

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.

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. That will hold your reservation for 5 days. The total cost of seat and 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.

The Adult Ed Committee would like to **thank** all those who purchased tickets to Boscobel's Shakespeare Festival. It was a sell-out. In the future, remember to order early!

Mazel Tov

Stuart and Pamela Erdfarb on the engagement of their son Dov, to Rachel Edelblum.
Kate Tannenbaum on the marriage of her grandchildren, Joshua and Joie Zismor.
Rabbi Aaron and Bassie Fink on the marriage of their children, Akiva and Adina Schonfeld.
Leon and Rena Pachter on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Ariel and Oran Pachter.

Hamakom Yenachem

Gael Sutter on the p'tira of her father, Lou Roseman.

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

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

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Mikvah 425-6101

Youth Michael Kronenberg 368-1064

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

Reb. Wein Sefer Torah Project 368-1064

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 Eikev – 5767 - “Tu B’Av” – The Fifteenth of Av

During the past week, we observed “Tu B’Av.” At the end of the first Mishnah of the fourth (and last) chapter of Maseches Taanis (26b), we find a surprising statement by one of the great Tannaim, “Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel said, ‘There were no more joyous days for the People of Israel than the 15th of Av and Yom HaKippurim.’” The Gemara (Taanis 30b-31a) elaborates on this statement, beginning with the question, “We understand why there is joy on Yom HaKippurim, because that is the day that we receive forgiveness and our sins are pardoned by HaShem, and we are allowed to ‘start over,’ so to speak, with a ‘clean slate.’ And, if that was not enough, we received the second set of the Ten Commandments on that Holy Day.

But what is the

nature of ‘Tu B’Av,’ that it belongs in the same category as Yom HaKippurim?”

The Gemara offers several answers to that question, as follows:

1. Rav Yehudah says in the name of Shmuel, “It was the day on which the Tribes of Israel were allowed to intermarry with each other.” The background here is that the Torah seems to prohibit, in the context of the B’nos Tzelophchad, inter-Tribal marrying, based on the verse (BaMidbar 36:9), “An inheritance shall not move around from one Tribe to another; rather, the Tribes of Israel shall cleave each man to his own Tribe.” But on the 15th of Av, it was ruled that – that prohibition applied **only in the time of the Bnos Tzelophchad.**

2. Rav Yoseph said in the name of Rav Nachman that it was the date on which the Tribe of Benjamin was permitted again to marry with the other Tribes, after their exclusion as a punishment for their terrible crime of “Pilegsh B’Givah,” described in Shoftim (Chapters 19-21)

3. Rabbah bar bar Chanah said in the name of Rav Yochanan that it was the day on which it became clear that the punishment of Dying in the Wilderness for that Generation had ended. Each year on Erev Tishah B’Av an announcement would be made, “Go out and dig.” Each man would dig his potential “grave” and lie in it that night. Next morning, the announcement was made, “Let the living separate from the dead” – and those who were still alive left their graves. On the last year, everyone emerged alive. They thought a mistake might have been made in determining the first day of the month. So they repeated the procedure until they saw the full moon on the 15th of Av, and realized joyously that no mistake had been made but that indeed, the time of punishment was over.

4. Ulla said that it was the time that Hoshea ben Ela removed the armed guards that had prevented the people of the Ten Tribes from going up to Yerushalayim on the Shalosh Regalim and had forced them to worship at the “Temple” (sic) of Yeravam ben Nevat. (described in II Kings, Chapter 17)

5. Rav Masnah said, “It was the day the Romans allowed the multitude of Jews killed in the Battle of Beitar to be buried.” The Gemara adds that on that day they instituted in Yavneh the blessing in Birkas HaMazon “HaTov VeHaMetiv,” the “Good One Who causes good things to be done.” The “Good One,” because the bodies did not decompose and “Who causes good things to be done” – because it was permitted to bury the bodies.

6. Rabbah and Rav Yoseph both said that on the 15th of Av, the chopping down of trees for firewood in the Temple ended. Rabbi Eliezer the Great explained, “From the 15th of Av onward, the intensity of the sun’s rays decreases to the point that they no longer can dry the wood sufficiently,” and Rav Menashya adds that it is called the “Day of the Broken Axes,” to reflect that the time that had been spent chopping wood and preparing it for firewood was now available for learning Torah, which in itself is a time of joy. Chassidus adds that the Jewish People, which bases its calendar upon the moon, would naturally be pleased at the weakening of the rays of the sun, the heavenly body by which the nations of the world reckon their calendars.

7. The Gemara now describes the social scene that provided wives for bachelors and vice versa. It details what the beautiful women would say (“the merit of women is their beauty”), to attract a mate and what those of noble descent (“the merit of women is to produce children”) and what less attractive women would say (“make your pick in the Name of Heaven, but be sure to crown us with gold”).

8. The Maseches concludes with the teaching of Rav Bira’a in the name of Rabbi Elazar that in the future, the Holy One, Blessed is He, will make a dance for the Righteous, and He will sit among them in Gan Eden. And each of the Righteous will point and say, “...This is HaShem in Whom we hoped. Let us be joyful and happy in His Salvation.”