

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

August 11, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · כ' מנחם אב שבת פרשת ראה

Aufruf of Duvie Colman

ערב שבת פרשת ראה

מנחה 7:00 PM *

הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **

Regular Candle Lighting: 7:44 PM

שבת פרשת ראה

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:31 AM

שבת מברכים אלול

פרקי אבות 6:05 PM

גמרא שיעור 6:45 PM

מנחה 7:30 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 8:43 PM

שחרית 7:45 AM

שחרית Weekday

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Tues. and Wed.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun. thru Thurs.: 7:45 PM

ערב שבת פרשת שופטים

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* Early mincha for the summer

** Shul Accepts Shab

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.**

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 - 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

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** sponsored by Yaakov and Phyllis Colman in honor of the aufruf of their son, Duvie. **סעודה שלישית** is being sponsored by Yis Helprin in memory of his father, זאב דוב, and at that time the shul will say a formal goodbye to the Colmans who are moving to Philadelphia.

Announcing Bais Torah's **** LABOR DAY BBQ AND FAMILY PICNIC **** Monday, September 3rd, 1:00 to 5:00 PM at Camp Regesh, 236 Cherry Lane, Monsey. Enjoy boating, volleyball, great food and special entertainment for the entire family.

Bring the kids! Bring the grandkids! Bring the whole family! \$36 per family - \$25 per couple - \$15 for single adults. Double watermelon for early RSVPs to 352-1343.

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.

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.

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.

Renie Hirsch is **recuperating** from leg surgery in her Monsey apt. Calls are welcome. (845) 553-4408.

Thanks go to Marilyn Sapir and Doris Newman on the wonderful job they did organizing the Shakespeare outing. It was a sellout performance and everyone had a wonderful time.

Mazel Tov

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a granddaughter, Rachel Esther, born to Aaron and Gila Solomon.

Yaakov and Phyllis Colman on the aufruf of their son, Duvie.

Yossie and Carol Stern on the birth of a granddaughter, Tziporah Yehudis, born to Dena and Daniel Hundert of Montreal.

Ben and Hilde Zauderer on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Tziporah Yehudis, born to Dena and Daniel Hundert of Montreal.

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

Yossie Stern's granddaughter -

ציפורה יהודית בת דינה רבקה

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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 Re'eh – 5767 – “As You Like It”

Sefer Devarim, the valedictory address to the People of Israel by their leader, Moshe Rabbeinu, who was taking leave of them, is about perspective. *“See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse. The blessing: that you obey the Commandments of HaShem, Your G-d, that I command you today. And the curse: if you do not obey the Commandments of HaShem, your G-d, and you stray from the path that I command you today, to follow gods of others, that you did not know.”* (Devarim 11:26-28)

“You have been shown, in order to know, that HaShem, He is the G-d! There is none beside Him!” (Devarim 4:35)

“Honor your father and mother, as HaShem, your G-d, commanded you, so that your days will be lengthened and so that it will be good for you, upon the Land that HaShem, your G-d, has given you. You shall not murder! And you shall not commit adultery! And you shall not steal! And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor! And you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, his slave, his maidservant, his ox (or his Mercedes) or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor!” (Devarim 5:16-18)

Last Sunday, some members of our shul, Bais Torah of Monsey, visited the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival at the Estate of Boscobel, at Garrison, New York, to take in a performance of the comedy, “As You Like It,” done in western style. Everybody who went had a good time. A famous soliloquy in “As You Like It” is spoken by the melancholy Jaques:

“All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts,

His acts being seven ages: At first the infant...

Then the “whining school-boy,” followed by the “lover,” the “soldier,” the “justice,” the lean and slipper’d pantaloon” (elderly gentleman), and finally,

“Is second childishness and mere oblivion; sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.”

Jaques (Act II, Scene VII, lines 139-166)

A melancholy perspective on life, indeed.

Jewish Tradition has a similar breakdown of the stages of life, found in Pirkei Avos (5:25):

“He (Yehudah ben Tema) used to say: ‘A five year old begins Scripture; a ten year old begins Mishnah; a thirteen year old becomes obliged to observe the Commandments; a fifteen year old begins the study of Gemara; an eighteen year old goes to the marriage canopy; a twenty year old begins pursuit of a livelihood; a thirty year old attains full strength; a forty year old attains understanding; a fifty year old can offer counsel; a sixty year old attains seniority; a seventy year old attains a ripe old age; an eighty year old shows strength; a ninety year old becomes stooped over; a hundred year old is as if he were dead, passed away, and gone from the world.’ ”

Neither Yehudah ben Tema’s nor Shakespeare’s perspective allows the human being to escape his mortality. But what a difference in life-style! Pirkei Avos speaks of the intellectual training of a young man. (For more than a hundred years, similar considerations have applied to Jewish women. And throughout the ages, Jewish women were defined by very different criteria than their non-Jewish counterparts). The Jewish timeline speaks of family life, of responsibility, of stages of intellectual maturity, of the attainment of “seniority” (where the Jewish perspective on old age is *“Rise in respect before the white hairs of age, and give honor to the face of the elderly.”* (VaYikra 19:32)

In the next Mishnah in Avos, we find good advice for Jewish men and women. “Ben Bag-Bag (his real name as well as the real name of the next scholar quoted are disguised because they were descendants of proselytes, to protect them from the Romans) says, ‘Delve in it (the Torah) and delve in it yet again, for everything is in it; look deeply into it; grow old and gray over it, and do not stir from it, for you can have no better portion than it.’ Ben Hei-Hei says, ‘The reward is in proportion to the effort.’ ”

And, of course, the Rambam lists as the final one of the Thirteen Principles of Faith, “I believe with complete faith that there will be a resuscitation of the dead, whenever the wish emanates from the Creator, Blessed is His Name, forever and for all Eternity.”