

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

September 1, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) · י"ח אלול שבת פרשת כי תבוא

## ערב שבת פרשת כי תבוא

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:13 PM

## שבת פרשת כי תבוא

שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:39 AM

פרקי אבות 5:35 PM  
גמרא שיעור 6:15 PM  
מנחה 7:00 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 8:12 PM

## Shiurim

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 – **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 - 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.

## Shul Announcements

**סעודה שלישית** is being sponsored by Mr. Henry Shapiro in honor of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.  
We hope all of you will join us this Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 5 PM at our **\*\* LABOR DAY BBQ AND FAMILY PICNIC \*\***.  
Camp Regesh is located just a few minutes from Route 59 at 236 Cherry Lane, Airmont and exact directions can be found on our website. 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.  
Bais Torah is selling wine for Rosh HaShanah. Please contact Miriam Frankel at 893-4983 or [frankelmth@yahoo.com](mailto:frankelmth@yahoo.com) with any questions you have about wine orders and for any last minute orders. All orders must be received by Sunday, September 2.  
The complete wine list and order form are on our shul website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org). Rain or shine.  
Please reserve Shabbos, Parshas Noach, Motzei Shabbos, October 13th and Sunday, October 14th for a full program of events celebrating the chachnos of the Sefer Torah written in memory of **Rebbeitzin Jackie Wein** a"h. Rabbi Berel Wein will be joining us for the weekend.  
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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.  
**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.  
The shul would like to **thank** the following people who gave us chizuk while the rabbi was on vacation: Rabbi Menachem Apter, Dr. Avrohom Becker, Rabbi Yosef Fischer, Yoni Gesserman, Rabbi Yitzchok Heimowitz, Rabbi Daniel Herrmann, Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz, Rabbi Avrohom Twerski, and Rabbi Chaim Wein. Also thanks to the gabboim and Moshe Kranzler for making all the arrangements.

## Mazel Tov

Stuart and Pamela Erdfarb on the marriage of their children, Golda and Avinoam Erdfarb.  
Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a great granddaughter, Chana Orah, born to Steven and Allison Rohinsky  
Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to Motti and Shani Belsky of Woodmere.  
Shaya and Rechy Hollander on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Esther and Yonti Heitner.  
Marvin and Sally Borgen on the marriage of their grandchildren, Ruchele and Levi Lazarus, children of Reva and Yumi Borgen.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Beverly Kirshblum on the p'tira of her husband, Judah.  
Irwin Hollander on the p'tira of his father, Murray Hollander. He will be sitting shiva at home, 1 Van Winkle Rd. from Motzei shabbos through Tues. AM.

## 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  
יה איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

## Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

## Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 7:45 AM (Labor Day)  
Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM  
Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

## Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. thru Thurs.: 7:10 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת נצבים-וילך

מנחה: 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות: 7:02 PM  
\* Early mincha for the summer

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

## How to Reach Us

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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.

## Parashas Ki-Savo - 5767 – The “Tochachah,” the Severe Reproof, and the Promise

Four years ago, the terrorist organization Hamas, may HaShem erase its name and remembrance, went on a rampage, spilling Jewish blood like water in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Among their victims was a Jewish doctor, a Dr. Applebaum, who was the Head of the Emergency Room at Shaarei Tzedek Hospital in Jerusalem, and head of a private clinic that was the source of medical treatment for a good percentage of Jerusalem'ites. In these dual roles, he was probably involved in the treatment of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Arabs during his long period of service in those holy institutions. A friend and teacher to many, he was also an expert in the field of Jewish Medical Ethics, and was a frequent lecturer on that subject. With him in Café Hillel on Tuesday was his daughter, Naava, who was to be married on Wednesday, but who instead was murdered along with her father. The deaths of these two alone was a mind and spirit-numbing tragedy.

At that time, a young student called to ask me a question her teacher had asked the class to think about. It seems from various places in Bereshis that HaShem made an unconditional promise to the “Avos,” the Forefathers, to give Eretz Yisrael to their descendants. One of those places was where HaShem commanded Avraham to accept Bris Milah, circumcision. In return, HaShem promised (Bereshit 17:8), “And I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land in which you have lived temporarily – all of the Land of Canaan – as an everlasting possession; and I shall be a G-d to them.” And yet we find among the dire predictions of the “Tochachah,” the severe reproof of Parashas Ki-Savo in Devarim 28:63, “...and you will be torn from upon the ground to which you had come to possess it.” And the People saw this prediction become reality twice; in Galus Bavel, that hit us together with the destruction of the First Temple, and in the seemingly endless Galus Edom, that began with the destruction of the Second Temple.

What happened to the promise to the “Avos?” There appear to be a number of possible solutions:

- The merit of the Forefathers will see us through yet again. We are approaching Tishrei, also called the “Yerach HaEisanim,” the Month of the Mighty, where “Eisanim” refers to the “Avos.” And on Yom Kippur, we pray, “May He, our Master, yet remember on our behalf the love of the Mighty (Avraham), and for the sake of the son (Yitzchak), who was bound, may He nullify our Adversary, and in the merit of the Perfect one (Yaakov) may the Awesome One bring forth our judgment in righteousness...”

- Even if “tama zechus Avos,” the merit of the Forefathers has become exhausted, and the gigantic bank account left for us is depleted by our equally gigantic sins, we still have the plaintive voices of our “Mothers” (Yirmiyahu 31:14-16), “So says the L-rd, ‘A voice was heard in Rama; lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children, she refused to be comforted for her children, for they are not.’ So says the L-rd, ‘Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for your work shall be rewarded; says the L-rd, and ... your children shall come back again to their own border.’”

- And even if both our Fathers and our Mothers would abandon us, **which is impossible**, King David assures us in “LeDavid HaShem Ori” that our Father in Heaven would come to our aid (Tehilim 27:10), “For even if my father and mother would forsake me, HaShem would take me in.”

But the last verse of this week’s Haftarah does utter another promise with regard to the Redemption (Yeshayahu 60:22), “... I am HaShem; I will hasten it, in its time.” The Midrash explains that if we deserve it, the “Geulah” will come quickly. If we do not deserve it, it will come anyway, but slowly, “in its time.”

Apparently, as the terrible events of that awful week remind us, we have not yet proved ourselves worthy of a swift Redemption, even in these final days of “Ikvesa D’Mashicha,” when we can literally hear the “footsteps of the Mashiach.” Our only option is to remain faithful to HaShem, and devote ourselves to Teshuvah, especially in the Holy Land, where, our Parashah tells us, the eyes of HaShem are fixed. PF