

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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## Hachnosas Sefer Torah Weekend

### ערב שבת ראש חודש פרשת נח

הדלקת נרות 6:03 PM

מנחה 6:10 PM

שקיעה 6:21 PM

### שבת ראש חודש פרשת נח

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:54 AM

Drasha by Rabbi Wein 5:00 PM

מנחה 5:55 PM

סעודה שלישית

שקיעה 6:19 PM

מעריב 7:01 PM

שחרית 7:45 AM

שחרית

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

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

מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 6:00 PM

Second מעריב 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת נח

הדלקת נרות 5:52 PM

מנחה 6:00 PM

שקיעה 6:10 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 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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

היומי II, Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Women's תהלים group meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

## Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית and Kiddush s being sponsored by the following families: Deutsch, Fessel, Ginsberg, Gordon, D. gross, Gribetz, Helprin, Katz, Kranzler, Kronenberg, Levi, Lieder, Markowitz, Nussbaum, Rosenberg, Sanders, and Sinowitz.

This weekend, there will be a full program of events celebrating **the hachnosa of the Sefer Torah** written in memory of Rebbetzin Jackie Wein a"h. Rabbi Berel Wein will give the Shabbos morning drasha and also speak Shabbos afternoon at 5:00 PM. On Motzoei Shabbos from 8:30 to 11:00 PM., those who contributed to the Sefer Torah project and all full and associate Bais Torah members are invited to a k'sivas ha'osiyos celebration. The Hachnosas Sefer Torah siyum and procession is planned for Sunday morning beginning at 10:30 AM and there will be a seudah at 12:30 PM. Due to limited parking, we ask that you do not park on Carlton Rd, but rather walk to shul or use local side streets such as Clay Ct, Whisper Ln and Louis Ave.

**Thanks** to the Lieders for packaging and distributing the candy bags on Simchas Torah.

**Thanks** to Marty Ginsberg, Michael Kronenberg and Raizie Lutwak for organizing, and arranging for the sale of tickets for the basketball game benefiting Migdal Ohr.

Next Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m., please join us for an important **"Meet the Candidates"** event. The candidates running in November for Town Supervisor have been invited to address Bais Torah and answer questions pre-submitted to our president. While the shul does not endorse any particular candidate or party, it feels that current local issues in Ramapo are very important to our community and therefore urges everyone to hear the candidates' views and make informed decisions in the voting booth on Election Day, November 6th. For further information, see Allen Nussbaum or Peter Katz.

Please reserve November 2nd and 3rd for our **Scholar in Residence Weekend**, featuring the renowned author and lecturer, Rabbi Dr. J.J. Schacter. For further information, please contact Rabbi Moshe Kranzler.

There will be a **general membership** meeting on Sunday evening, November 11th. There is a full agenda of important topics to be considered and voted upon. All full members in good standing are urged to attend.

## Mazel Tov

Max and Sandy Thurm on the birth of a grandson, Elisha Yehuda, born to Ahuva and Michael Fichtenberg.

Edwin and Ruth Levi on the birth of a granddaughter, Margalit, born to Danny and Miriam Levi.

Irving and Ruth Malinowitz on the birth of a great grandson, born to Adina and Eli Gersten of Baltimore. Grandparents are David and Susan Richman.

Philip and Marcia Holzer on the birth of a grandson, born to Daniel and Chana Shields.

Tova Eizik on the birth of a great grandson, born to Ariella and Eliyahu Babad.

Michael and Rena Rossman on the Aliyah of their son, Gershon.

Charlie and Shulamith Grandovsky on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Binyamin and Racheli Grandovsky.

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson, born to Bracha and Noam Peikes.

Jack and Rachel Gross on Etai making Aliyah and serving as a Chayal Boded in the IDF.

Yussie and Faye Deutsch on the birth of a grandson, born to Dina and Ari Weiss.

## 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

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Yoel Adler - 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.

## Parashas Noach – 5768 – Adam, Noach and Avraham The Role of the Covenant

The first three parashios in the Torah, Bereshis, Noach and Lech Lecha, introduce us to three unique individuals; each, in a sense, a “Father” of the human race, and each separated by his predecessor, according to Pirkei Avos (5:2-3) by ten generations. The first, “Adam HaRishon,” “First Man,” was created by HaShem on the Sixth “Day of Creation” as the **purpose** of Creation, “*be-Tzelem Elokim*,” “*in the Image of G-d*”(Bereshit 1:27), had his “neshamah,” his soul, blown into him by the Creator Himself (Bereshit 2:7), and was located, together with his mate, Chavah, in “Gan Eden” (Bereshit 2:7). They were commanded “*le-ovdah u-le-shomerah*,” “to work in it and to protect it,” (Bereshit 2:15). They were permitted to eat anything that grew in the Garden, except for the fruit from the “Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.” With the “help” of the serpent, described as “*more cunning than any beast of the field*,” (Bereshit 3:1) Adam and Chavah sinned on their very first day of existence by eating of the forbidden fruit and, as punishment, were banned from the Garden. No “Bris,” or covenant, was offered by HaShem as a guarantee against future harsh punishment. Their banishment, rather, was the beginning of human history, as we know it.

The Torah then describes the spiritual descent of humanity; with the first murder, sexual depravity, idol worship, and “chamas,” violence, ultimately permeating all levels of society. To the extent that “*Vayinachem HaShem...*” – “*HaShem regretted having made Man on earth...And HaShem said, ‘I will blot out Man whom I created from the face of the ground...’ But Noach found grace in the eyes of HaShem.*” (Bereshit 6:6-8)

Noach, who was selected by HaShem as the one human being out of millions worthy to carry on the purpose of the Creation, must also have been of enormous spiritual stature. Yet, despite his greatness, he lacked the self-confidence to pray on behalf of all the people who faced annihilation in his generation by the waters of the Flood.

After the Flood, the Creator says to Noach and his family, “*Behold, I establish my covenant with you and with your offspring after you, and with every living being that is with you...Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the Flood...This is the sign of the covenant that I establish between Me and you...to all generations: I have set my rainbow in the cloud...*” (Bereshis 9:9-13) The rainbow was placed in the sky by HaShem, but **no corresponding gesture was required of Noach**, who was left, rather, to his own devices. The Torah says, “*Noach, the man of the earth, debased himself by planting a vineyard, drinking of the wine to the point of intoxication, and he uncovered himself within his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father’s nakedness...*” (Bereshis 10:20-22) Our Sages say that the expression “*saw his father’s nakedness*” is a euphemism covering up the fact that Ham either castrated or had homosexual relations with his father.

We find in Pirkei Avos (5:3), “There were ten generations from Noach until Avraham, to show the degree of HaShem’s patience; for all those generations angered Him increasingly, until our Father Avraham came...” Only Avraham was able to confront the generation of idol worshippers and convince them that their idols were worthless. Yet he was also able to debate the righteousness of HaShem’s verdict of destruction against evil Sodom with the Supreme Judge of the World.

HaShem also established a “Bris” with Avraham. But here, He required that **Avraham and his household participate**. Yishmael and his descendants would establish a monotheistic religion, though they would remain true to their description, “*And he shall be a wild-ass of a man; his hand against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him...*” (Bereshis 16:12) But the true participant in the “Bris Milah” was the “Seed of Avraham,” Yitzchak. As the Torah says, “*Avraham circumcised his son Yitzchak at the age of eight days, as HaShem had commanded him.*” (Bereshis 21:4) HaShem’s part of this covenant would be to guarantee to Avraham Avinu and to his “Seed” the Land of Israel forever.