

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

December 1, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · כ"א כסלו שבת פרשת וישב

## ערב שבת פרשת וישב

הדלקת נרות 4:11 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

שקיעה 4:29 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb's שבת הלכות shiur 8:15 PM at the Fogels, 49 Mountain Ave.

## שבת פרשת וישב

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:24 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM

מנחה 4:00 PM

שקיעה 4:29 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:11 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

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

Tues.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מעריב מנחה

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:15 PM

Second מעריב 8:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs..)

ערב שבת פרשת מקץ

Early מנחה 3:00 PM

הדלקת נרות 4:10 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

שקיעה 4:28 PM

## Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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 - 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

The entire congregation is invited to a Kiddush co-sponsored by Jennifer and Ronnie Herrmann and Simcha and Karen Herrmann in honor of their son and grandson Ephraim bringing a wimpel to shul.

סעודה שלישית is being co-sponsored by Sam Wilen and Yussie Deutsch for respective yahrtzeits.

Bais Torah's popular Avos U'Banim program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, November 17th at 6:15 in the Library. This week's program is being sponsored by the Hauers. Bring your children or grandchildren each week - everyone is welcome! There will be hot pizza on hand and a chance for participants to win prizes. Sponsorships are invited at \$50 per session and all information will be listed on our website. For further details, please contact Michael Kronenberg at [mkron1950@gmail.com](mailto:mkron1950@gmail.com) or call 368-1064.

Save December 14th and 15th for our Carlebach Shabbos. Dr. Eli Kranzler and Rabbi Abraham Twerski will be joining us for davening, the seudah Friday Night, zmiros and an oneg. To make reservations, please call Aviva in our shul office at 352-1343, Monday through Thursday between 9 and 3.

Get great discounts with the Ultimate Kosher Discount Card for \$18. Available from Aviva at our shul office (352-1343) or Leslie Goldress (352-3257).

All coats left in the coatroom from last year will be given away after November 30. Please check that there is nothing that you want in the coatroom that belongs to you.

Please reserve Motzoei Shabbos, January 5th, for a presentation of the movie "Inspired Too - Kiruv Across America." Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein will speak after the movie about his experiences in kiruv and Project Inspire, the movement to share the beauty and wisdom of our heritage with our fellow Jews.

## Mazel Tov

Josh and Gloria Riber on the birth of a granddaughter, Sarah Malya, born to Meir and Penina Riber of Jerusalem..

Elliot and Roberta Shapiro on the engagement of their son Aaron, to Elisheva Erlich of Cedarhurst.

Jay and Hinda Kimmel on the birth of a grandson, born to Tuvia and Danielle Kimmel. The sholom zochor is Fri. at 15 Pine Rd.

Henry and Anne Shapiro on their grandchildren, Danny and Jenni Shapiro passing the NY and NJ Bar Exams.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Sam Hirsch on the p'tira of his father, Leopold Hirsch. Sam will be sitting at home, 20 Briarwood Lane, until Monday morning.

## 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

Kathy Resnick - אביבה בת שרה

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York -

רחמה פיגל בת רבקה

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 Vayeshev, 5768 - The “Wimpel”

(Most of the following material comes from the Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia)

Parashas Vayeshev deals with the Founding Family of “Klal Yisrael” working through some very serious problems until it reconstitutes itself in Parashios Vayigash and Vayechi, and prepares to go down to Egypt to endure as a nation a period of slavery ending with HaShem’s intervention on their behalf with miraculous plagues and the Splitting of the “Yam Suf” and finally, their receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai.

Some thirty five hundred years later, in Congregation Bais Torah, there will be a “simchah” (no pun intended) celebrated by a Founding (or near-to Founding) Family of the shul; namely, the family of Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann, this Shabbos. Simchah and Karen Herrman’s son, Ephraim, has reached the age of three, and will be bringing, with his parents, a “wimpel” to shul. If the gabbaim follow the practice outlined in the Wikepedia Encyclopedia, which is actually based on the “Shorshei Minhag Ashkenaz,” by Rabbi Binyamin Shlomo Hamburger, Ephraim and Simchah together will get the “Kibbud” of “Gelilah,” and will wrap the new “wimpel” around the Sefer Torah. Afterwards, the family will invite the “kehilla” to join them for a Kiddush. With regard to the general “Wimpel Ceremony,” variations include the child’s age, the nature of the “Kibbud,” and the extent of the child’s participation in the ceremony. This custom is still observed today by most members of the German Community. It is an extremely joyous occasion, and its main purpose is to instill a love and enthusiasm for Judaism within the child.

Let’s back up for a moment and explain what a “wimpel” is. The word “wimpel” is Yiddish, derived from the Old German, “bewimfen,” meaning “to cover up” or “conceal..” It is a long, linen sash used as a binding for the Sefer Torah by Jews of Germanic origin. It is made from the cloth used to swaddle a baby boy at his “Bris Milah,” uniting the communal world of the synagogue with the individual’s own life cycle.

The “wimpel” is an offshoot of a common Jewish practice. In the times of the “Tanaim,” all Torah scrolls were wrapped only with a cloth, known in Hebrew as a “mappah.” As with other holy Judaic objects, donating a “mappah” was considered to be a great “mitzvah” and honor, and very often a groom would donate one on the eve of his wedding. Most of these were made from old clothing. While some Rabbis approved of this practice, others did not because they felt that it was not proper respect for the Torah. Unlike these controversial “second-hand mappot,” the cloth used at a baby’s circumcision was undoubtedly holy, and it gradually became the custom to donate these as “mappot.” This custom was initiated at a circumcision where the Maharil was the “Sandek.” It is customary to wrap a baby’s legs after the circumcision to prevent him from moving around and knocking the bandages out of place. On this particular occasion, the “Mohel” suddenly realized that he had forgotten to bring along the cloth for the baby’s legs. The Maharil felt that this was a life-threatening situation, and he instructed the “Mohel” to use a spare “mappah” from one of the synagogue’s Torahs as the cloth. The Maharil also told the child’s parents to clean it and return it to the synagogue with a minor contribution.

This incident highlighted the connection between the Torah and circumcision, as both relate to covenants that the Jewish People have with G-d. The custom gradually developed into the one that is practiced today by German Jews. At a baby’s circumcision, the “Mohel” places a long swatch of white cloth – the “wimpel” – under the pillow. Afterwards, the “wimpel” is beautifully decorated – it can be either painted or embroidered – with the child’s name, date of birth, and the Hebrew phrase which states, “Just as he entered the covenant of circumcision, so too should he enter the covenants of Torah, marriage and good deeds.”

Dr. Herrmann and his family are a continuous source of “Kiddush HaShem,” as are Dr. David and Lani Pelcovitz, Karen’s parents. Following the example of the parents, the children are professionals and Torah scholars. Some are fulfilling the Mitzvah of living in “Eretz Yisrael.” May Ronnie and Jennifer as well as David and Lani continue to have “nachas” from all their children and grand-children. And may Mr. and Mrs. Lou and Lottie Herrmann and Mrs. Stephanie Preiss have “nachas” from three generations of “neshamos” dedicated to Torah and “Mitzvos” and “Eretz Yisrael.”

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