

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

December 8, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · כ"ח כסלו שבת פרשת מקץ

## ערב שבת פרשת מקץ

**Early מנחה: 3:00 PM**

הדלקת נרות 4:10 PM

**מנחה 4:05 PM**

שקיעה 4:28 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb's שבת הלכות shiur 8:15 PM

## שבת פרשת מקץ

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:28 AM

מברכים החודש טבת

גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM

מנחה 4:00 PM

שקיעה 4:28 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:10 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 - 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** is being co-sponsored by Sharon Kronenberg, Jack Gross and Diane Schmeltz for their respective yahrzeits. 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 Havers. 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.

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg invite the entire congregation to a Chanukah melave malka in the shul from 8:00 PM on, to celebrate the engagement of their daughter, Elisheva, to Aron Weinraub.

Save December 14th and 15th for our **Carlebach Shabbos**. Dr. Elli 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).

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.

**Cubbies** must be cleaned out or made presentable by December 21 or face the exterminator.

## Mazel Tov

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

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the engagement of their daughter, Elisheva, to Aron Weinraub of Passaic.

Yis and Bella Helprin on the birth of a grandson, born to Feige and Dovid Helprin of Livingston, NJ.

Nate Rosner on the engagement of his son, Lonny, to Beth Grundfest.

Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg on the engagement of their daughter, Ahuva, to Jonathan Lamm of West Hempstead.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Moshe Kranzler on the p'tira of his brother, David Kranzler.

## 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

Yoel Adler - אהרן יואל בן מירלא

**Sunday שחרית** 7:45 AM

**Weekday שחרית**

Mon.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

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

Fri.: 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**

הדלקת נרות 4:10 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

שקיעה 4:28 PM

Kathy Resnick - אביבה בת שרה

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York -

רחמה פייגל בת רבקה

Yossie Stern's granddaughter -

ציפורה יהודית בת דינה רבקה

## How to Reach Us

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**Sisterhood Tribute Cards**, Mona Selzer 356-0129

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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.

## Shabbat Parashat Miketz - Shabbat Chanukah 5768 The Vision of Redemption

This week's Parashah, Miketz, tells of events that were crucial in "setting the stage," so to speak, for the cataclysmic event that would end the bondage of the People of Israel in Egypt; namely, "Kriat Yam Suf," the Splitting of the Sea of Reeds, hundreds of years later. The Torah speaks in Parashat Beshalach of the national expression of joy that expressed itself in the "Shirah." First Moshe and the Men of Israel sang that great Song of the Sea in praise of the G-d of Israel, Who had intervened decisively on the side of His People. Then Miriam and the women sang, as the Chumash relates, "*Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aharon, took her drum in her hand and all the women went forth after her with drums and with dances. And Miriam led them in song, 'Sing to HaShem for He is exalted above the arrogant, having hurled horse with its rider into the sea.'*" (Shemot 15:20-21) The Mechilta asks, "How did it happen that the women of Israel brought drums into the desert?" And answers, "The Righteous women of the generation were confident that HaShem would perform Miracles for them, and they would sing a song in His Praise, so they took their drums out."

(The following recollection of Rabbi Herzog is a translation from the publication "Shabbat B'Shabbato," published in "Eretz Yisrael," by the Institute for Jewish Heritage and "HaPoel HaMizrachi" of Israel, in 5751 (1990)).

"The Beginning of Redemption - Not Only in Theory"

"It is told that at some point in the midst of the Second World War, the late Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Y. A. HaLevi Herzog, May his righteousness be blessed, was in the United States. At that time, a powerful German force drew very close to the border of Eretz Yisrael touching North Africa - a distance of only one hundred kilometers (3-4 hours at the speed of the tanks used then) from the Jewish Settlement. Rav Herzog planned then for an immediate return to the Land of Israel, and those who escorted him attempted to persuade him to remain in the United States until the 'anger had passed.' "

"The Rav said to them 'The Torah foresaw Destruction of only two Temples ...but the Third Temple is promised to us such that it will not be destroyed! Now, when the Third Temple is beginning to be rebuilt, there is no reason to fear that the Jewish Settlement will be destroyed, G-d Forbid! I have finished my mission here, and now I am returning to the land of Israel.' In this Spirit of 'Bitachon' (Trust in the Almighty), Rav Herzog returned to the Land, and the German Army, as is well known, was stopped and defeated at the Battle of Al Alamein."

"We were taught a great lesson by the Rabbi at that time: From the moment that the Redemption of Israel was begun and the path to the Building of the Third Temple was started, the direction of travel is one-way - towards the Complete Redemption! The speed of progress towards the redemption of Israel is dependent, from both the physical and spiritual aspects (which are, as we know, inter-related), upon us (in accordance with the interpretation by the Sages 'If they merit it, I will bring it quickly!')

It is not long since these words were written, yet it is somewhat hard to imagine today speaking with such optimism, such certainty, that the "Atchalta DeGeula," the "Beginning of the Redemption," has been achieved. Even though it is hard to see beyond the one cruse of holy oil in a sea of contamination, we must remember, as did Matityahu and his family, that "Yeshuat Hashem K'heref Ayin," the "Salvation of the L-rd is as swift as the blink of an eye." And it will come for us if, though it is "late in the game" of Jewish and World History, we devote ourselves to becoming worthy of Him. PF