

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת בא

הדלקת נרות 4:30 PM

מנחה 4:35 PM

שקיעה 4:48 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb's שבת הלכות shiur 8:15 PM.

שבת פרשת בא

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:43 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:35 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

שקיעה 4:49 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:31 PM

שחרית Sunday 7:45 AM

שחרית Weekday

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

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

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:40 PM

מעריב Second 8:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs..)

ערב שבת פרשת בשלח

הדלקת נרות 4:37 PM

מנחה 4:45 PM

שקיעה 4:55 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

דף היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

דף היומי II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - גמרא מסכת ברכות - 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

דף היומי III, 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 Allen and Miriam Nussbaum in honor of the birth of their newest granddaughter, Shira Kayla, born to Aryeh and Keri Adler.

סעודה שלישית is being co-sponsored by Irving Rohinsky in memory of his father, אהרן בן יחיאל חיים הלוי, Yossie Stern in memory of his mother, מלכה פרידל בת יחיאל מאיר יהודה, and Avi Becker in memory of his father, שלום בן יעקב יצחק

Bais Torah's popular **Avos U'Banim** program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, January 12th at 6:30 in the Library. This week's program is being sponsored by the **Saul Sterns**. 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. The Avos U'banim sessions have all been sponsored. Thank you!. For further details, please contact Michael Kronenberg at mkron1950@gmail.com or call 368-1064.

On Motzoei Shabbos January 19th at 8:15 PM, everyone is invited to hear Simcha Friedman speak on the topic of "**Where Do We Go from Here?**" He will discuss the Jewish afterlife and beyond based on the thoughts of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, with whom he is writing a book.

On February 1st and 2nd, Bais Torah will be hosting a **Shabbaton for Our Way**, an NCSY-affiliated organization for the hearing impaired. If you are able to provide housing for couples or singles that Shabbos, please speak to Moshe Lehmann or write to ourwaymonsey@aol.com.

On February 2nd & 3rd, Bais Torah will be holding two special events, "**Remembering the Rav.**" On Saturday night, we will show a new documentary film entitled, "Lonely Man of Faith, The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik." On Sunday morning, Rabbi Dr. Aaron Rakeffet, a noted author, lecturer and former student of the Rav, will speak at a breakfast on the topic of, "**The Uniqueness of the Lonely Man of Faith.**" Save the date! Everyone is invited to attend.

Reserve Friday night, February 25th, for an **oneg** at Congregation Erez, on Olympia Lane. We will be honored to hear from Rabbi Herschel Schachter, speaking about the Ten Commandments. Rabbi Gottlieb's שבת הלכות shiur will not be given.

The annual **Siyum Mishnayos** will take place on March 9th at 6:00 PM. The speaker will be Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro of N. Miami Beach. Save the Date - Sunday, May 18th 2008 - **Annual Bais Torah Dinner** honoring Yis and Bella Helprin.

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).

The DVD of the **Hachnosas Sefer Torah** is available upon request. Suggested donation is \$10. Email mkron@optonline.net or call 368-1064 to place your order.

Mazel Tov

Allen and Miriam Nussbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, Shira Kayla, born to Aryeh and Keri Adler of Edison, NJ.
Josh and Gloria Riber on the marriage of their children, Leah and Yosef Katz.

Refuah Shelaimah

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

Sam Colman - שמואל בן שרה רחל

Kathy Resnick - אביה 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

Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה

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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 Bo – 5768

“...Upon the Lintel and the Two Doorposts ...” Shemos (12:22)

Throughout the preceding nine plagues, the Jewish People were completely passive; the only active participants in the drama on the side of Israel being its G-d and Moshe and Aharon, Hashem's designated representatives. However, on the eve of their Exodus from Egypt, they are commanded “Withdraw and take for yourselves” (*Shemos 12:21*) the lamb, the “god” of the Egyptians, to slaughter it, eat it with their families, and smear its blood on their door-posts and upon their lintels. What is the significance of these acts, how did they protect the Jewish People from the Tenth Plague, “Makos Bechoros,” the Plague of the First-Born, and why were they necessary ingredients for Jewish salvation?

Among the opinions cited by Rav Yissachar Yaakovson, in “Binah BaMikra,” regarding this question, are the following:

According to the Midrash Mechilta, the purpose was to raise the Jewish People to the level of true Teshuvah, as Rabbi Yosi HaGelili says regarding the verse, “Withdraw and take,” “Withdraw from the idol worship to which you have become attached and cleave unto the Divine Commandments.”

The fact that the Jewish People were involved in idol worship is clear from the Midrash which speaks of the Heavenly Representative of Egypt complaining when Hashem is about to restore the Red Sea to full strength, thus drowning the Egyptians, “But these and those are idol worshippers!” It is also hinted at by the fact that only 20%, and that's the high value, of the Jews left Egypt, and made specific by Yechezkel when he berates the People for continuing to hold onto the idol worshipping practices of ancient Egypt.

Despite the fact that the normal reaction of the Egyptians to seeing the blood of their idol being smeared on doorposts could have been expected to be deadly violence (imagine doing that in India even today to the cow) the Ksav V'Kabbalah writes, “Despite all of this, they chose to do the will of their Creator, and by this demonstrated a wondrous sign of full repentance.”

The Abarbanel and the Akeidas Yitzchak both emphasize the public protest aspect, the demonstration against and condemnation of the Egyptian Religion, which was expressed in “the blood of the sheep-god crying out from every door and doorpost.” Not only was the Jew raising himself above the level of idol worship, but he was shouting “False!” for all to hear, especially the Egyptians, to the religion and culture that had subdued his People for so long.

Rabbi S. R. Hirsch, with some nuances added by Dr. Nechama Leibowitz, focuses on the expression, “In one household shall it be eaten...” (*Shemos 12:46*) whereby the Jews of Egypt were required to eat their Korban Pesach, and their descendants after them throughout the ages were required to celebrate their Sedarim, in the context of a family grouping. The living cell in Jewish life was always seen to be the family and the home. And just as the physical “bayis” is protected by its wall and ceiling from the elements and from physical pressure, so is the spiritual “bayis” protected from assimilation, by the Torah and its Mitzvos, as symbolized by the Mezuzah and the Mashkof. PF