

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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בשלח ערב שבת פרשת

הדלקת נרות 4:37 PM

מנחה 4:45 PM

שקיעה 4:55 PM

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

בשלח שבת פרשת

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:42 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:40 PM

מנחה 4:25 PM

שקיעה 4:57 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:39 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

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

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

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:45 PM

Second מעריב 8:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs..)

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

הדלקת נרות 4:46 PM

מנחה 4:55 PM

שקיעה 5:04 PM

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – מסכת – 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

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

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

סעודה שלישית is being sponsored anonymously.

Bais Torah's **Avos U'Banim** program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, January 19th, 6:30 PM in the Library. Bring your children and grandchildren for hot pizza and a chance to win prizes. Thank you. Mr. and Mrs. David Gross, this week's Avos U'Banim sponsors. For further details on this program, please contact Michael Kronenberg at mkron1950@gmail.com or call 368-1064.

This Motzoei Shabbos 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.

Save Friday night, January 25th, at 8:30 PM for a special parsha class at Congregation Bais Yosef Meir, 19 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 that evening.

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.

"Israel Update: Politics Behind the Scenes" will be the subject of a February 9th talk given by Michael Tuchfeld, political analyst and editor for the Knesset Channel. A parliamentary correspondent for Kol Israel, Mr. Tuchfeld will share his in-depth knowledge about the forces and personalities that shape Israel's political policies. The program will begin at 8:30 PM and all are invited.

JEP breakfast on February 17th at 9:00 AM. The honorees are Murray and Phyllis Kuhr.

Matzah baking on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM.

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

Mitchell and Linda Leifer on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Reva and Yussie Lieberman, children of Ilana and Shloimi Friedman.

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 Beshalach - 5768 - Song and Prayer

The highlight of Parashas Beshalach is the “Shirah,” the Song of Gratitude and Praise sung by Moshe and the men of Israel, followed by Miriam the Prophetess and the women of Israel, to HaShem, for their miraculous Redemption from Egypt and for the glorious destiny that He has in Mind for them.

“...HaShem is my strength and my song,

And He has become my Salvation.

This is my G-d and I will declare His beauty

To those who come into the world –

The G-d of my fathers, and I will exalt Him...” (Shemos 15:2)

The enemies of Israel, in their brazenness, from Egypt to Amalek, to Chmielnicki to Hitler to Ahmadinejad, threaten to destroy Israel. We say to Pharaoh, “You used the life-giving waters of the Nile to kill our babies. But the faithful midwives resisted you, and in the first plague, its waters were turned to blood. The insightful Yisro saw how your weapon was turned against you.”

“...The enemy declared, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide their booty;

I will satisfy my lust with them, I will unsheathe my sword,

My hand will impoverish them.’

You blew with Your wind and the Sea covered them;

The mighty sank like lead in the water.

Who is like You among the heavenly powers, HaShem!

Who is like You, Mighty in Holiness, too Awesome for Praise, Doer of Wonders!...” (Shemot 15:9-11)

“... You will bring them and implant them on the mountain of Your Heritage,

The Foundation of Your Dwelling-Place that You, HaShem, have made –

The Sanctuary, my L-rd, that Your hands established.

HaShem shall rule for all Eternity!...” (Shemos 15:17-18)

In our Festival Prayer, “Geshem,” “Rain,” we ask HaShem for the provision of wind and rain:

“Our G-d and the G-d of our forefathers:

Remember our Patriarch Abraham, who was drawn behind you like water.

You blessed him like a tree replanted alongside streams of water.

You shielded him, You rescued him from fire and from water.

Congregation – For his sake, do not withhold water!

...Remember the Twelve Tribes You caused to cross through the split waters...

And their offspring whose blood was spilt for You, like water.

Turn to us – for woes engulf us like water.

Congregation – For the sake of their righteousness, grant abundant water!”

And we conclude:

“For You are HaShem, our G-d, Who makes the wind blow and makes the rain descend.

For blessing and not for curse. Congregation – Amen!

For life and not for death. Congregation – Amen!

For plenty and not for scarcity. Congregation – Amen!”

In the Haftarah for Parashas Beshalach, we find another “Shirah,” this one sung by Devorah, the Judge and Prophetess, and Barak ben Avinoam, General of Israel, about the great victory over Yavin, King of Canaan and his general, Sisera.

One of the verses in the song is, “From heaven they fought; the stars from their pathways fought against Sisera.”

(Shophetim 5:20) The traditional explanation is that the stars intensified their heat, causing the soldiers of Sisera to flee to the Brook of Kishon to cool off. But the brook was miraculously deepened and swept them into the sea. I remember walking home Friday night several years ago, wondering about the meaning of the verse. Then I looked up, and noticed meteors streaking through the sky, and recalled that a meteor shower was occurring that evening. I recalled the verse, “And the L-rd panicked Sisera and all the chariots and all of the camp...” (Shophetim 4:15) I wondered whether this was a Miracle of Timing, and Sisera and his troops thought that the stars were “arrows,” and HaShem was fighting against them from Heaven.

I’ll conclude with Devorah’s conclusion, “So may perish all Your enemies, O L-rd, but they that love Him (should be) as the sun when he goes forth in his might...” (Shophetim 5:31)

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