

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 1, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ד אדר א' שבת פרשת ויקהל

ערב שבת פרשת ויקהל

הדלקת נרות 5:29 PM

מנחה 5:35 PM

שקיעה 5:47 PM

Oneg at Landau, 77 Carlton Rd at 8:15 PM

שבת פרשת ויקהל

8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

9:19 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

מברכים החודש אדר ב'

4:35 PM גמרא שיעור

מנחה 5:20 PM

שקיעה 5:48 PM

סעודה שלישית

6:30 PM מעריב

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

Fri.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday מעריב מנחה

Sun. through Thurs.: 5:40 PM

Second מעריב 8:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs.)

ערב שבתראש חודש פרשת פקודי

הדלקת נרות 5:37 PM

מנחה 5:45 PM

שקיעה 5:55 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

דף היומי III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

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

Shul Announcements

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** co-sponsored by Arnold and Diane Jutkowitz, Jay and Hinda Kimmel, and Jack and Betty Schloss honoring the birth of their respective grandchildren.

Matzah baking on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM. You can order matzoh either by posting your name on the list hanging outside of the simcha room or email your orders to eiyintova@optonline.net.

Please remember that the **shalach manot** lists must be in by March 3rd.

This coming Monday at March 3rd at 8:15 PM, everyone is invited to a series of lectures on the topic of, "**Leadership Defined:**

Reuvain, Yehuda and Yosef." The lecturer, Elana Flaumenhaft, is an award-winning Tanach instructor giving shiurim and is featured at yemei iyun throughout the New York area. The event is being sponsored by Bracha and Moshe Ollech in memory of their father and grandfather, Marvin Hochbaum, Menachem Mendl ben Eliezer a"h. The series will continue on Mar 10th and 17th.

Everyone is encouraged to attend Bais Torah's 29th Annual **Siyum Mishnayos** on Sunday, March 9th at 6 PM. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro, morah d'asrah of Congregation Shaaray Tefilah of North Miami Beach. The topic is "The Power of Uniting with Torah" and covert for the dinner is \$20 per person. To make a reservation, please call Yossi Fischer at 425-2785, Moishe Kranzler at 352-8410 or the shul office. Those who would like to send out additional invitations should contact our shul secretary

Our annual **wine sale** list for Purim and Pesach is in the mail. Purim orders must received in by March 12th. To order, go to our web site or call the office, (845) 352-1343.

It's back by popular demand! Bais Torah's fun-filled non-annual **PURIM SEUDAH**, Friday, March 21st at 12 noon. Bring your family - bring your friends! The cost is \$20 per person for those with a costume, \$25 per person without. Kids under 3 are free. For reservations, call Shirley Landau at 352-9092, David Lehmann at 426-6499 or write to baiberuthfive@aol.com.

Migdal Ohr's "Out of Darkness into the Light" Dinner will be held March 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m. at Pier Sixty in New York City. There will be a "Special Memorial Tribute" to Cantor Jacob Rosenbaum z"l. To make reservations, call the Migdal Ohr office, 212-397-3700 or Max Thurm at 368-1322.

Save the Date - Sunday, May 18th 2008 - **Annual Bais Torah Dinner** honoring Yis and Bella Helprin.

Bais Torah has been able to obtain additional burial plots in Eretz Hachaim in Beit Shemesh, Israel. If you are interested, contact Ronnie Herrmann at 356-9583 or email him at rherm@aol.com

Mazel Tov

Josef and Barbara Fischer on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Pesach, son of Beryl and Shari Sorscher.

Henry and Anne Shapiro on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Levy.

Yis and Bella Helprin on the birth of a grandson, born to Chaim and Gayil Helprin of Houston.

Murray and Mona Selzer on the birth of a grandson.

Refuah Shelaimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro

בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer

מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -

איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל - Tova Eizik's grandson

Joel Rosenwasser's father, Seymour Rosenwasser -

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

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

Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg's Son-in-law, Josh Zern -

יהודה הנדל בן דבורה רחל

Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

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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 VaYakhel – 5765 (Reprinted from 2005)

In this week's Parashah, Moshe convenes the entire Congregation of Israel in order to transmit certain Commandments of HaShem. He begins with the Shabbat, a cornerstone of Service of HaShem. Following that is a repetition of the Commands concerning the Construction of the Mishkan, the abode of the Divine Presence while the People of Israel were in the Wilderness, and in the beginning of their residence in the Land of Israel.

On Tuesday of this week, the Congregation of Israel convened in many of its locations in the Exile via live hook-up, in fifty three cities in the United States, and in fourteen overseas locations, including Lublin, Poland, where the Dream of Harav Reb Meir Shapiro, ZT"L, of the "Daf Yomi" Program, whereby the learning of a single "Daf," or Folio of the Talmud, would be undertaken by the entire House of Israel, first took shape. The eleventh Siyum HaShas, completion of the entire set of the Talmud would be celebrated this day. Time-zone considerations made it impossible for the Land of Israel itself to participate in these celebrations, but they certainly celebrated the great event as well.

Here I will present a very minimal overview of the evening's magnificent program, that began with one united minyan of Minchah, and concluded some five and a half hours later, with Ma'ariv. After the completion of the Shas by the eminent Rabbi Chaim Stein, the eminent Rosh Yeshiva of Telz, Cleveland, who represented the generation that was lost to the Nazis, there was an explosion of joy such that defies description in words.

Rabbi Yissocher Frand, Rosh Yeshivas Ner Yisroel, Baltimore, speaking from Chicago, praised the participants in the arenas for their ability to rise above all the distractions of modern life, and instead devote their precious time to the study of Torah. He mentioned an incident concerning Rav Moshe Feinstein, ZT"L. There was an almost completely assimilated Jew, whose profession was a boxer, living on the Lower East Side, in the mid-twentieth century. Despite all the obstacles, his son became interested in the study of Torah. His father observed him and, seeing his devotion, begged his son to teach him how to study Torah. After protesting that it would be too difficult because his father had literally no background, the son agreed to study with his father. After a long period of extremely difficult effort by the father, he finally succeeded in finishing one "Daf" of Gemara, and declared that he wanted to make a Siyum. The son said that a Siyum is generally made on a larger amount of material, but agreed to ask Rav Moshe. The latter said that under the circumstances it would certainly be appropriate to make a Siyum, and he would personally attend. It turned out that the father died in his sleep the night after the Siyum, and Rav Moshe, in his hesped, said that the Talmud speaks of one who acquires entry into the "World-to-Come" in one moment; here there was a case where someone had acquired entry into the "World-to-Come" by just one Daf. Rav Frand urged everyone to commit themselves to increased levels of Torah learning, by covering more ground, by greater review of their study, by more thorough preparation for each lesson. Rav Mattisyahu Salomon, Mashgiach, Beis Medrash Govoha, Lakewood, recalled that in his youth in London after the War, he had heard his father say to his mother that a certain youth was entitled to a reward; in this case, a box of cookies. Why? Because that youth had been imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp, together with his father, and, despite the ever-present threat of death, his father had managed to study with him, by heart, 200 Dapim of Gemara. He had just come from observing the son's demonstration of thorough knowledge of those Pages of the Gemara, studied under near-impossible conditions.

Rabbi Salomon also related that another Jew, also imprisoned in a concentration camp, had said that the Nazis, "Yemach Shemom," were able to deprive their Jewish victims of almost all of their Mitzvos. But one they couldn't take away was "Kiddush Levanah." When Jews would be forced to march on freezing nights, they would recite the Prayer that included the words, "To the moon He said that it should renew itself as a crown of splendor for those carried in the womb, those who were destined to renew themselves like it; and to glorify their Maker for the Name of His Glorious Kingdom." Thus, they would keep alive their faith in their ultimate renewal and triumph over the Nazis.

Rav Salomon also cited the "theme song" of the victims of Nazi terror, "*The arrogant have held me in utter contempt; yet, despite that, I have not forsaken Your Torah.*" (Tehilim 119:51) If love of and loyalty to Torah was so important to those victimized Jews, certainly it behooves us to show, as well, our love and devotion to the Torah.