

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 8, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org א' אדר ב' שבת פרשת פקודי

ערב שבת ראש חודש פרשת פקודי

הדלקת נרות 5:37 PM
מנחה 5:45 PM
שקיעה 5:55 PM

שבת ראש חודש פרשת פקודי

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:13 AM

שיעור גמרא 4:40 PM
מנחה 5:25 PM
שקיעה 5:56 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 6:38 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 מעריב מנחה

Sun. early מנחה 5:45 PM - Prior to Siyum Mishnayos
Sun. through Thurs.: 6:45 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויקרא

הדלקת נרות 6:44 PM
מנחה 6:50 PM
שקיעה 7:02 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
היומי II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
היומי III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
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
Women's תהלים group meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** co-sponsored by Rena Wilen in honor of Sam and Rena's 50th anniversary.

This Sunday at 2:00 AM, we **move the clock forward**.

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 or Moishe Krantzler at 352-8410.

This coming Monday at Mar 10th at 8:15 PM, everyone is invited to the continuation of a series of lectures on the topic of, "**Leadership Defined: Reuven, 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 end on Mar. 17th
Our annual **wine sale** list for Purim and Pesach is in the mail. Purim orders must be 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 baberruthfive@aol.com.

Members and friends of Bais Torah are invited to the Rabbi and Amy's house for a **Masquerade and Purim Bash** on Motzoei Shabbos, March 22nd. The fun begins at 9:00 PM.

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 rherrm@aol.com.

The shul has acquired **new seforim** that are available for sponsorship. See [Bais Torah - New Seforim](#) for the list.

Mazel Tov

Sam and Rena Wilen on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Leslie Goldress on being honored for her dedicated service as Educational Director of the New City Jewish Center.

Refuah Shelimah

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
Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל
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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Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

Lost and Found Michael Loebenstein, 425-8895

Chevra Kadisha Steve Fessel, 425-1713, Ephraim Pessin, 914-420-6714 or Gloria Gordon, 425-1276

Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

Bais Torah Bulletins Email baistorah@taxprof.net, Fax (845) 368-4172, or call (845) 368-2222. To receive e-mail updates, write to baistorah@gmail.com. This bulletin is downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

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 Pekudei - 5765 - Shabbas and the Mishkan (Reprinted from 2005)

In this week's Parashah, we read of the completion of the Mishkan, that served as the abode of the Divine Presence and as the spiritual center of the People of Israel during their sojourn in the Wilderness and for the first several hundred years of their residence in the Land of Israel.

Shemos 39:32 reads *“All the work of the Mishkan was completed, and the Children of Israel had done everything that HaShem commanded Moshe, so did they do.”* And Shemos 39:43 continues, introducing the element of blessing, *“Moshe saw the entire work, and behold! – they had done it as HaShem had commanded, so had they done! And Moshe blessed them.”* We find an investment of holiness in the Mishkan in Shemos 40:9, *“You shall take the anointment oil and anoint the Tabernacle and everything that is in it, sanctify it and all its utensils, and it shall become holy.”* And towards the end of Parashas Pekudei, we find the finishing touch applied by the Master of the Project, Moshe Rabbeinu, *“He erected the courtyard, all around the Tabernacle and the Altar, and he emplaced the Curtain of the Gate of the Courtyard. So Moshe completed the work.”* (Shemos 40:33)

This sequence of verses bears an interesting resemblance to the verses in Bereshis (2:1-3) that describe the completion of the Creation of the Universe by HaShem, *“Thus the heaven and the earth were finished, and all their array. By the Seventh Day G-d completed His work which He had done, and He abstained on the Seventh Day from all His work which He had done. G-d blessed the Seventh Day and sanctified it because on it He abstained from all His work that G-d created to make.”*

Thus, in each case, we see the completion of a large project, review by the Master of the Project, investment of sanctity, in the first case, at the beginning of Time, in the Day that represented the completion of labor and in the second, in each of the completed items and in the ministers, the Kohanim – and a blessing given, in the earlier case, to the Holy Day of the Shabbas and in the later, to the Holy Nation, the People of Israel.

We now understand better a number of things which might have otherwise seemed puzzling. We understand the reference to Shabbas at the beginning of Parashas Vayakhel, where the summary of the construction of the Mishkan was begun, and the Torah seemed to deviate from the subject matter at hand, and mentioned the Shabbas, *“...These are the things that HaShem commanded, to do them: On six days, work may be done, but the Seventh day shall be holy for you, a Day of Complete Rest for HaShem...”* (Shemos 35:1-2)

We also better understand the linkage of the concept of “Melacha,” the 39 categories of purposeful, creative activity prohibited on the Shabbas, with the activities involved in the Creation of the Mishkan, and their identification as well with those used by the Creator of the Universe in fashioning the World.

We can better understand as well the loving, personal relationship between the People of Israel and the Day of Shabbas, expressed on Friday Night, the Eve of Shabbas, in the “Lecha Dodi,” “Come, My Beloved” Prayer:

“Come in Peace, Crown of Her Husband,
In Joy and great Happiness,
Among the believers of the Treasured Nation –
Enter, My Bride, O Enter, My Bride.”

“Come, My Beloved, to greet the Bride,
Let us welcome the Holy Shabbas.”