

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת שמיני
הדלקת נרות 7:00 PM
מנחה 7:00 PM *
שקיעה 7:18 PM

שבת פרשת שמיני
8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
דף היומי שחרית 8:45 AM
9:53 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
6:05 PM גמרא שיעור
6:50 PM מנחה
7:19 PM שקיעה
שלישית סעודה
8:01 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

Weekday מנחה-מעריב
Sun. through Thurs.: 7:10 PM

ערב שבת פרשת תזריע
הדלקת נרות 7:07 PM
מנחה 7:00 PM *
שקיעה 7:25 PM
* Early Mincha for the Summer

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – מסכת – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah
Wednesdays at 8:00 PM – Pesach 2008 Shiurim – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb - **See shul web site for the topics.**
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 in honor of Moishe Kranzler's special birthday.
סעודה שלישיית this week is being sponsored by Ben Zauderer.
On April 3rd, there will be an azkarah for the 8 young men that lost their lives in Eretz Yisroel. The program will be at the Young Israel of Monsey and Wesley Hills and will begin at 7:45 PM. Rabbi Mordechai Willig of YU will be the featured speaker.
Miriam Frankel is now taking **wine orders** for Pesach. The deadline is April 8th. For a complete list and order form, go to our website, www.baistorah.org.
Save the Date - Sunday, May 18th 2008 - **Annual Bais Torah Dinner** honoring Yis and Bella Helprin at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. Moishe and Eveline Kranzler will be getting the Keser Shem Tov award and Peter Katz will be receiving the Presidential award.
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 our web site, www.baistorah.org and click on resources and then seforim for the list.

Mazel Tov

Moishe Kranzler on his special birthday.
Allen and Miriam Nussbaum on Jamie receiving the Service Award at Manhattan Day School.

Hamakom Yenachem

Michael Schiffer on the p'tira of his mother, Chaya Hudis Schiffer.

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
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
Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

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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.

Shabbos Parashas Shemini – 5768 - Transitions

For the last several months, we have been reading “**Sefer Shemos**,” which deals, to a large extent with the details of the donations to the “Mishkan” and its construction. Regarding these donations, they were to be taken “...from every man whose heart motivates him...” (*Shemos 25:2*) And similarly, from the women of Israel – “Every wise-hearted woman spun with her hands...” (*Shemos 35:25*) Regarding the construction, the Torah gives specifications for the various sections of the “Mishkan,” the detailed manner of fashioning of each of the holy vessels, including the “Aron,” the “Shulchan” and the “Menorah” and the curtains, bases and hooks, in addition to the garments to be worn by the “Kohanim,” all requirements for the Residence of the Divine Presence among the People of Israel. And the result was, “According to everything that HaShem commanded Moshe, so did the Children of Israel perform all the labor. Moshe saw the entire work and behold! They had done it as HaShem had commanded, and he blessed them.” (*Shemos 36:42-43*) “**Sefer VaYikra**,” which we began two weeks ago, marks the putting to use of all the prepared holiness, in the Service of HaShem. This Service revolved essentially around the sacrificial offerings, which were required of Man to express gratitude to the Creator, to offer to G-d an animal as a request for forgiveness and atonement for, by right, as the Ramban explains in the name of the Ibn Ezra, when a person sins, it should be him on the Altar, but HaShem, in His Mercy, accepts the sacrifice of an animal instead.

Another kind of transition is a personal, or familial, one. Children are born into a family, and the father and mother assume the role of parents or, to use the Hebrew word which better clarifies the role of the man and woman who have been blessed by HaShem with children: “horim.” This word designates those charged with the responsibility to protect and educate their children, somewhat akin to, but far exceeding the charge given to Adam and Chavah regarding the earth, “...to work it and protect it.” (*Bereshis 2:15*).

Parents must set the tone and create an atmosphere of holiness in the home. They must model the behaviors and demonstrate their own priorities to set a mold for their children to shape and modify on their own, using their “Bechirah Chofshis,” Free Choice. They must choose educational institutions wisely to help in teaching their children. But the basic role in opening up and shaping the soul of the child is that of the father and mother, the Abba and Ima. When the child reaches a certain level of maturity, and with “Siyata Di’Shemaya,” the Help of Heaven, the time comes for him or her to leave the “home” of the parents, to find and center his or her feelings of love and attachment upon a spouse. A new “bayis,” a new spiritual home, is formed when the two individuals step into the roles they have been practicing, and for which they have been preparing.

As for the parents, modern secular culture has created the term “Empty-Nester.” This comes from the same source that gave us the **false picture** of the relationship between the mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law, its falsity so proven by the beautiful picture of the relationship between Naomi, the mother-in-law and Ruth, her devoted and loyal daughter-in-law and convert to Judaism, presented in Megilas Ruth. “Empty-Nester” is also such a term, which places a false label on the new state of the original parents. Indeed, the cliché that “one has gained a daughter (or son) and not lost a son (or daughter)” is closer to the truth.

If that is the case, the child’s parents need not be concerned about an “empty nest.” Because there will be constant contact, the children will continue to regard them with love and reverence, as commanded by the Torah, and would never abandon them in their time of need. Furthermore, one can expect new “doros,” new generations, who will carry on observance of the Torah and “Shemiras Ha-Mitzvos,” Observance of the Divine Commands. And, as Rabbi Wein used to say, the true test of success of grandparents is whether the third generation will have fond thoughts about, and a close relationship with their grandparents.

However, to be realistic, although it is clear that the model we have described is indeed true for the inter-relationship between children and parents, it is quite rare to find families who are completely successful in achieving it. To say otherwise, one would either be in denial or be engaging in wishful thinking. Nevertheless, **it remains a goal** for all parents and children to shoot for. To the extent that we achieve it, one can hope that as we find in Parashas Shemini, “Moshe and Aharon came to the ‘Ohel Moed,’ and they went out and blessed the People - and the Glory of HaShem appeared to the entire People!...The People saw and sang glad song and fell upon their faces.” (*Vayikra 9:23-24*) And to the extent that HaShem is pleased with this most important work of our lives; namely, producing children who are G-d fearing, G-d loving, and faithful Jews, we will have reason to be glad and thankful. PF