

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 3, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) כ"ח ניסן שבת פרשת קדושים

## ערב שבת פרשת קדושים

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:37 PM  
שקיעה 7:55 PM

## שבת פרשת קדושים

8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
9:22 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע  
מברכים החודש אייר  
5:50 PM פרקי אבות  
6:40 PM גמרא שיעור  
7:25 PM מנחה  
7:56 PM שקיעה  
סעודה שלישית  
8:38 PM מעריב

## 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  
היום I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman  
היום II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
היום 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 - 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** sponsored by Kenny and Judy Gribetz commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit of Kenny's father, Daniel Ben Chaim Yitzchok Halevi.

**סעודה שלישית** this week is being sponsored by Michael Schiffer.

Next **general membership meeting** on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The agenda is: 1. Update on progress of items approved, 2. Increase in Kiddush sponsorships, 3. Railing for Bimah, 4. More alternatives in kitchen and simcha room, 5. Finances, and 6. Nominating committee.

Please reserve Wednesday Evening, May 7, 2008 for a Community-Wide **Yom Ha'atzmaut Program** celebrating Israel's 60th Anniversary. The evening's program will feature Dr. Lawrence Schiffman speaking on the topic "The Har Habayis: Our Historical Claim and the Muslim Conspiracy to Erase It." The evening will begin with Mincha at 7:45 P.M. Please join us.

Save the Date - Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Ad blanks and invitations have been mailed and ad blanks can also be found online. Please send in your ads and reservations promptly.

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](mailto:rherrm@aol.com).

The shul has acquired **new seforim** that are available for sponsorship. See our web site, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) and click on resources and then seforim for the list.

The new Bais Torah Pesach **newsletter and Zemanim Chart** are now online at [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org).

## Mazel Tov

Pinky and Miriam Frankel on the birth of twin grandsons, born to Baruch and Elisheva Frankel.

Yis and Bella Helprin on the birth of a granddaughter, D'Vorah, born to Sarete and Aaron Kaplan in Israel

Chatz and Libby Lazarus on the marriage of their children, Shira and Dovid Rosenbaum.

Manny and Chana Mayerfeld on the birth of a great grandson, born to Yossie and Basya Zimmerman, children of Uri and Esther Mayerfeld.

## Refuah Shelimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידה

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin - איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Pinky and Miriam Frankel's twin grandsons -

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Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon. and Tues.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

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

Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 7:45 PM

ערב שבת פרשת אמור

מנחה: 7:00 PM \*

הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM

Regular Candle Lighting 7:44 PM

שקיעה 8:02 PM

\* Early Mincha for the Summer

\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## How to Reach Us

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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 Kedoshim - 5768 - "Be Holy..." (VaYikra 19:2)

Our Parashah of the Week begins, "Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel and say to them, 'Be Holy, for I, HaShem your G-d, am Holy.'" (Vayikra 19:1-2) This emulation of HaShem in His Holiness may well be the sole purpose of our national existence, and indeed, the sole purpose of the existence of the entire universe. For according to the Midrash, HaShem says, "Were it not for My Covenant, I would not have set in place Day and Night, nor all the Laws of Nature." The Parashah goes on to list a number of behaviors in which are embodied the Idea of Holiness, such as reverence for our parents, observance of the Shabbos, refraining from stealing from or lying to our neighbors, paying our employees in a timely manner, not cursing the deaf, not bearing grudges, loving our neighbors – in general, recognizing that HaShem planted within us a conscience and expects us to become proficient in His Law, which is the Conscience of the World.

We just emerged from the Festival of Pesach and are on our way to the Festival of Shavuos. In the Torah reading for the last day of Pesach, we read that both Pesach and Shavuos explicitly require us to share our good fortune with the entire community, including the converts, the orphans and the widows among us (Devarim 16:11), thereby expressing that we have learned by our experience in Egypt what it is like to be downtrodden (Devarim 16:12), and that HaShem is on the side of the downtrodden." (Koheles 3:15) The Holiday of Pesach begins with an invitation to the poor to join us at our Table: "...Whoever is hungry – let him come and eat! Whoever is needy – let him come and celebrate the Pesach." Moreover, the Seder is a ritual meal with a precise organization, including the performance of many "Mitzvos," Commandments or Holy Acts. These include the eating of Matzah, the "Bread of Affliction" that symbolizes Slavery as well as in its identification as "Bread over which many things are said" symbolizes Freedom, the eating of Marror, bitter herbs, the drinking of four cups of wine, that symbolize the stages of our Liberation. On the second night, we begin Counting the Omer, which takes us to Shavuos and the Revelation at Sinai and our Acceptance of the Torah.

At the Seder, and before counting each night of the Omer, some have the custom of reciting before the performance of each of the "Mitzvos" an introductory declaration of intention, the "Hineni Muchan U-Mezuman:" "Behold I am prepared and ready to fulfill the 'Mitzvah' of [for example, eating Matzah] for the sake of the unification of the Holy One, Blessed is He and His Presence, in the name of all Israel." This means, that we realize that it is the Holy Presence of our Invisible and Incorporeal G-d that we feel, and that we are about to perform an act that unites us with the Jewish People: Past, Present and Future.

The "Kedushas-Levi" has an interesting perspective on the preparation to perform a "Mitzvah." At the end of Parashas Vayetze, we find Yaakov Avinu preparing to leave the house of Lavan. HaShem appears to him and says, "Anochi HaE-L Beis E-L" – "I am the G-d Who dwells in the House that you built for G-d." At the beginning of the Parashah, Yaakov is a penniless fugitive, fleeing the murderous intentions of his brother, Esav. In his own words, "I am small and undeserving of all the kindnesses and all the truth that You have done for Your servant, for it was only with my staff that I first crossed this Yarden, and now I have become two camps." (Bereshis 32:11) On his way into Exile, he had taken an oath of allegiance to the Holy G-d, if HaShem would protect him. Now he was returning with the nucleus of a nation, still in need of HaShem's protection, but ready to embark into history on a mission of Holiness, as G-d's treasured nation. At first, the Holiness had been a potential; now it was an actuality. At first he had with his statement of intention and oath of allegiance **built a "Bayis,"** a house, a home or a dwelling place, as of that time empty of contents but wide open with hope and expectation of being filled with holy contents.

We have recently finished reading the Parashios of the Torah dealing with the erection of the "Mishkan." The Project Manager was Bezalel, about whom the Gemara in Berachos 55a relates: "Bezalel was called by that name because of his wisdom. When the Holy One, Blessed is He, said to Moshe, 'Go say to Bezalel, 'Make me a 'Mishkan,' an 'Aron,' and the other holy vessels' – Moshe unintentionally reversed the instruction of HaShem and said to him, 'Make an 'Aron,' other holy vessels and a 'Mishkan.' Bezalel responded, 'Moshe Rabbeinu! The way of the world is that first one builds a house and afterwards populates it with furniture; yet you say, 'Make an 'Aron,' the other holy vessels and afterwards a 'Mishkan.' Where will I put the vessels that I make? Maybe the Holy One, Blessed is He, really said to you, 'Make a 'Mishkan,' an Aron and the other holy vessels.' Moshe said to him, 'Were you in the **shadow of E-I** (the translation of Bezalel) that you know this secret!" With his great insight, Bezalel realized that Holiness and Vessels of Holiness need a physical presence, a House, in which to manifest themselves in This World. PF