

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 10, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ה' אייר שבת פרשת אמור

ערב שבת פרשת אמור  
מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:44 PM  
שקיעה 8:02 PM

שבת פרשת אמור  
דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:18 AM  
  
פרקי אבות 5:55 PM  
גמרא שיעור 6:45 PM  
מנחה 7:30 PM  
שקיעה 8:02 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 8:38 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 מנחה-מעריב  
Sun. through Thurs.: 7:55 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בהר  
מנחה: 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:51 PM  
שקיעה 8:09 PM

\* Early Mincha for the Summer  
\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## 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** sponsored this week by the Helprin children, in honor of their father, Yis Helprin's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**סעודה שלישית** this week is being sponsored by Allen Nussbaum in memory of his mother's yahrtzeit..

If you haven't yet made your reservation for the biggest event of the year - our **annual dinner** - it's not too late. Send in your ads and reservations now! There's a form you can download from our website or you can call Gloria Gordon at 548-1276 or fax her at 426-5392. The dinner will be held next Sunday, May 18th at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. The reception begins at 5:30 PM. See you there!

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.

## Mazel Tov

Yussie and Barbara Fischer on the engagement of their grandson, Yishai Weissman, son of Atara and Chaim Weissman, to Tal Rotem of Efrat.

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great grandson, born to Avi and Mazel Stern.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Renee Rosenbaum on the p'tira of her mother, Fannie York.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה -

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 -

Pinky and Miriam Frankel's twin grandsons -

תינוק בן אלישבע חיה

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Joel Rosenwasser's father, Seymour Rosenwasser -

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה -

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה -

Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה -

Sam Colman - שמואל בן שרה רחל -

## 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 Emor – 5768 – Parashas Emor and the Special Days

A striking feature of Parashas Emor is that it introduces us to the Biblically ordained (to the exclusion of Chanukah and Purim) Festivals that punctuate meaningfully the Jewish Calendar. This section of the Parashah begins by singling out the “Shabbos,” the Seventh Day of the week, on which the Jew “takes a day off.” However, it is much more than that; it is the Day on which he refrains from “Melacha,” from conscious, creative acts, in imitation of the Creator Who “rested” on the “Seventh Day,” and refrained from His creative activity.

In one of the “Zemiros of Shabbos,” the Table Songs for Shabbos, “Yom Zeh Mechubad,” we sing, “This day is honored above all other days, for on it rested He Who fashioned the universe.”

“For six days you may do your work, but the Seventh Day is your G-d’s. On the Shabbos do no work, for He completed all in six days.”

“It is the first of the holy convocations, a day of rest, the holy Shabbos Day. Therefore let every man recite Kiddush with his wine, and over two complete loaves, let him feast...”

The Parashah proceeds to mention the Festivals, in the order of the months in which they occur, beginning with “Pesach,” occurring in the “First Month,” the Month of Nisan. It is called the “Holiday of Redemption” or the “Holiday of the Springtime.” On it, the Jewish People commemorate their miraculous Exodus from Bondage in Egypt. Special foods are eaten; in particular, the Matzo that was eaten by the Jews along with the Pesach Sacrifice, on the night when HaShem, sparing their first-born, “passed over” their houses, during “Makkas Bechoros,” the “Plague of the First-Born.” At the Seder, we recite, “In every generation, it is one’s duty to regard himself as though he personally had gone out from Egypt, as it is written, (*Shemos 13:8*), “*You shall tell your son on that day, ‘It was because of this that HaShem did for me when I went out of Egypt...’*”

We begin counting the 49 days till the next Holiday, Shavuos, “Zeman Matan Toraseinu,” the “Day we received the Torah,” **which was the purpose of our liberation**. The Midrash teaches that HaShem offered the Torah to all the nations of antiquity. But they all refused it, due to their particular moral weakness; robbery, sexual depravity, etc. In Akdamus, we read of the praise of the Angels for HaShem. But the Author of Akdamus says,

“Dearer to Him than this is His possession, His loved ones (Israel)

Who eternally utter His praise morning and evening.”

“**He has chosen them** as His portion that they may do His will,

That they may declare His praise at the proper time;”

“That they diligently labor (in the Torah) is His ardent desire,

And He accepts their prayers with satisfaction...”

From Sinai, the People of Israel followed HaShem into the Wilderness. There He commanded them to observe the Commandments of the Festival of Sukkos: the Four Species; the Lulav, Esrog, Hadasim and Aravos, which we wave in all directions to show that HaShem rules everywhere. We were also commanded to live temporarily in “Sukkos,” booths, to commemorate how HaShem protected us in booths, and also, with His Clouds of Glory.

The sacrifices brought on Sukkos were for the benefit of all the Nations of the World. But on Shemini Atzeres, there was only one sacrifice, as if HaShem said to us, “You are My Beloved; remain with Me one more day.”

A selection that appears in the Amidot in Arvis, Shacharis, Mussaf and Minchah of the three “Regalim,” Pesach, Shavuos and Sukkos, is the following:

“You have chosen us from among all the nations; You have loved us and taken pleasure in us, and You have exalted us above the speakers of all other languages. You have sanctified us with Your Commandments, and have drawn us near, Our King, to Your worship and have called us by Your Great and Holy Name.” PF