

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 17, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ל'ב אייר שבת פרשת בהר

## ערב שבת פרשת בהר

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

## שבת פרשת בהר

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:14 AM

פרקי אבות 6:05 PM  
גמרא שיעור 6:55 PM  
מנחה 7:40 PM  
שקיעה 8:10 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 8:52 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.: 8:00 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת בחקתי

מנחה: 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:58 PM  
שקיעה 8:16 PM

\* Early Mincha for the Summer

\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah  
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – Posponed until after Shavuos  
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 - 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

**סעודה שלישית** this week is being sponsored by Yis Helprin in memory of his mother's 1<sup>st</sup> yahrtzeit.

Our **annual shul dinner** will be held this coming Sunday, May 18th at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. For last minute reservations or changes, call Gloria Gordon at 548-1276 or fax her at 426-5392. The reception begins at 5:30 PM and driving instructions can be found on our website at [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org). See you there!

The new **Ultimate Kosher Discount Card** is here and ready for you. There are wonderful discounts for Ruthie's Unique Boutique, Dunkin' Donuts, The Purple Pear, Wesley Kosher, and much more! They are available with Aviva in our shul office (352-1343) or Leslie Goldress (352-3257). Each card is \$18 (made payable to Jewish Family Service--Bais Torah makes \$5/card). The card is good for one year.

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.

## 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 Behar – 5768 – Sefer “Ma’ayan Beis Ha-Sho’evah” “The Spring of the Water-Drawing”

Recently I celebrated a birthday. My wife orchestrated a party for me on the Shabbos of my Bar-Mitzvah, Shabbos Parashas Emor. In attendance, in addition to the two of us, were my recently married son and his new wife, my daughter and her husband, and my brother and his wife and daughter. My son living in Philadelphia and his wife were busy taking care of their newborn twins and their twenty-one month old bechor. My brother gave me a present, a sefer written by a great rabbi, a formidable Talmudic scholar, from the neighborhood in which we’d grown up, Washington Heights; where he’d served as Mora D’Asra for the Kehilah of K’hal Adas Yeshurun, Rabbi Shimon Schwab, ZT”L. The sefer is called, “Ma’ayan Beis Ha-Sho’evah,” “The Spring of the Water-Drawing.”

I decided to present a Dvar Torah from Rabbi Schwab’s sefer as a gesture of gratitude to my brother and to the Ribbono shel Olam, Who has given me life and existence and enabled me to reach this age. The author cites the first Rashi in the Parashah, who asks the famous question, “What is the connection between Shmittah and Sinai? Were not all of the Mitzvos taught at Sinai?” And Rashi answers, citing “Toras Kohanim,” that the purpose was to teach that just as it true that with regard to Shemittah, that the general principle and all the details were taught to Moshe at Sinai, so was that the case **for all the other Mitzvos!**

But Rabbi Schwab is not satisfied. Why was the Mitzvah of Shemittah chosen from all the other Mitzvos as the example to teach this lesson? And he answers, Shemittah is unique, in that no one could imagine that the human intellect could come up with such a Command, as the deniers of the Torah assert. For how would the “owners” of the land survive, not planting their fields for a full year? And even if they were somehow privy to the advanced agricultural idea that leaving land fallow is beneficial for it, how could an entire society survive, abandoning all of their fields simultaneously! And even more, who could imagine that it would be beneficial to abstain from all agricultural activity for two years in a row, as the Torah calls for in the “Yovel,” the Jubilee Year? If not for the fact that a Merciful G-d is watching carefully, and taking care that the harvest of the Sixth Year be bountiful, and more-than-bountiful, so that His People would have what to eat, and would not suffer for demonstrating their Faith and Trust in Him.

Rashi also mentions that it is because we don’t find mention in Sefer Devarim of the Mitzvah of Shemittah, we infer that it was fully explained to Moshe on Har Sinai. Rabbi Schwab asks, “Almost all of the Commands which are dependent on presence in the Land of Israel are mentioned in Devarim, in Moshe’s final teaching. Why is it that the fundamental Mitzvah of Shemittah is omitted?” He answers that we find in *Ki-Savo (28:69)*, “*These are the matters of the Covenant which HaShem commanded Moshe to establish as a Covenant with the Children of Israel in the Land of Moav, excluding the Covenant that He made with them in Horeb,*” implying that the Covenant written in Bechukosai, at the end of Vayikra, was included in the Covenant of Sinai (Horeb).

It says explicitly in the Tochachah of Bechukosai, “...*Then shall the Land rest, and be satisfied with its Sabbaths; during all the years of Exile it will rest, because it did not rest on its Sabbaths, when you were living upon it.*” (*Bechukosai 26:35*) And because the Mitzvah of Shemittah is part of the Covenant of Sinai, it makes sense that its principles and details were taught specifically on Sinai.

Chagigah (3b) says, “Three testify concerning each other: Israel, the Shabbos and the Holy One. Israel and Shabbos with regard to the Holy One, “Blessed is He, **that He is One.**” And the Holy One and the Shabbos with regard to Israel, that they are unique among the nations in their observance of Shabbos. Rabbi Schwab concludes, “Similarly, Shemittah is called ‘Shabbos,’ based on ‘And the earth will rest as a Shabbos to HaShem.’ And Israel and Shemittah testify concerning the Holy One that He is the Creator, Who Guides the World, and the whole World and its fullness are His; and the Holy One and Shemittah testify that Israel is unique among the nations in its observance of the ‘Seventh Year.’ ”

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