CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

ט'ז תמוז שבת פרשת פינחס "Buly 19, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · <u>www.baistorah.org</u> ט'ז תמוז שבת פרשת פינחס ערב שבת פרשת פינחס T:45 AM אחרית 7:45 AM 7:00 PM * שחרית Weekday יהדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM ** Mon. and Thurs .: 6:20 and 7:45 AM Regular Candle Lighting 8:07 PM Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM שקיעה 8:25 PM שבת פרשת פינחס מנחה-מעריב Weekday דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb Mon. through Thurs.: 8:10 PM 8:45 AM Sun.: 7:50 PM (Fast Day) 9:21 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע ערב שבת פרשת מטות * 7:00 PM מנחה 6:20 PM פרקי אבות 7:20 PM: הדלקת נרות

7:10 PM גמרא שיעור 7:55 PM שקיעה 8:24 PM סעודה שלישית 9:06 PM מעריב

Regular Candle Lighting 8:01 PM 8:19 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 ייומי ודף היומי II, Monday through Friday 5.25 AM and Sunday at 6.30 AM – Mordechai Rudman II דף היומי II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb און דף היומי III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - שחרית ברכות – ירושלמי – Mordechai Rudman Monday through Friday after the second אמרא שיעור – שחרית ברצות - Rabbi Yosef Fischer Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Babbi Lebel Reznick שבת שבת group meets on מנחה 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

is being co-sponsored by Shlomo Horowitz and an anonymous sponsor.
July 20th is a **fast day**. The fast begins at 4:29 AM and ends at 9:04 PM
The entire membership is invited to a meeting on July 20th, at 10:30 AM for elections of officers and general membership

information.

Men and women are invited to attend a special **Yom lyun** for the Nine Days on Sunday, Aug. 3rd beginning at 10:00 AM. Our Morah D'Asrah, Rabbi Gottlieb, will address us on "Transforming the Ashes of Destruction into the Fertile Soil of Redemption." Shuli Taubes will be speaking on "Rite and Right: Ritual and Responsibility in the Prophecies of Amos" and Rabbi Chaim Jachter will talk about "The Fascinating Life of Yoshiyahu and How it Reverberates for Us Today." Light refreshments will be served. The event is being sponsored by Michael and Miriam Schiffer in memory of their mothers

Everyone is invited to attend a **Mostly Mozart concert** at Avery Fisher Hall, August 19th at 8 p.m. Osmo Vanska will be conducting the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra in a performance of Mozart's Serenade for Winds in C minor, his Symphony No. 39 in Eflat major and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor. Tickets are \$45 each prepaid and may be obtained by contacting Sandra Thurm at 368-3418 or e-mailing her at sthurm@optonline.net. Only a limited number of seats are available; they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Order your tickets now for Shakespeare's hilarious comedy, "Twelfth Night," to be performed at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival at Boscobel Mansion on Sunday evening, August 31st. Bais Torah has purchased a limited number of discount tickets for what is certain to be another sold out performance. If you're interested in attending, contact Marilyn Sapir asap at 369-3631 or email her at mshs1@aol.com.

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An entertaining and informative day awaits those who sign up for Bais Torah's "Memories of the Lower East Side" on Sunday, September 14th. Participants will visit the landmark Lower East Side Eldridge Street Synagogue and go on a Tenement Museum walking tour. Round trip transportation from Bais Torah is included in the cost, which is only \$40 per person. Lunch at a local restaurant of your choice is additional. Since only a limited group can be accommodated on this special trip, be sure to contact Doris Newman promptly at 352-2816 or email dorisnos05@aol.com to reserve your place.

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.

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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 or contact Jack Gross.

Mazel Tov

Michael and Judy Morgenstern on their recent marriage.

Ken and Judy Gribetz on the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Jeff Lederer.

Hamakom Yenachem

Ron Lowenstein on the p'tira of his father, Ernie Lowenstein. He will be sitting in Auburn, NY and can be reached at 914 391-8849 until Tuesday morning.

Refuah Shelaimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל אסתר מלכה בת קילה - Esther Lutwak David Lehmann – דוד בן שפרינצא

Joel Rosenwasser's parents-שמעון בן בלומא רבקה - Seymour פשע לאה בת שפרינצא - Pesha Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson Bob Schore - חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

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In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

Parashas Pinchas opens with the reward of "Bris Kehunas Olam," the Covenant of Eternal Priesthood, and the "Bris Shalom," the Covenant of Peace, given to Pinchas ben Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen, for the act of "Kanaus," zealotry, his violent reaction against sexual immorality recorded at the end of Parashas Balak. The Haftarah of Pinchas also begins after an act of "Kanaus" performed by Eliyahu HaNavi, against the "Prophets" (sic) of the Baal in which he killed 450 of those charlatans after the famous confrontation at Har HaCarmel in which they ineffectually beseeched their "god" (sic), while Eliyahu, in a rare instance of mockery permitted by the Torah, suggested that they raise their voices, because perhaps the Baal was sleeping. The connection between the Parashah and the Haftarah is clearly centered in the personalities of Pinchas and of Eliyahu. There is even a tradition that "Pinchas zu Eliyahu," that the two great zealots were one and the same person

personalities of Pinchas and of Eliyahu. There is even a tradition that Pinchas zu Eliyahu, that the two great zealous were one and the same person. Let us examine the behavior of "Kanaus." The earliest occasion in which the People of Israel were involved in a great sin and were being punished involved the Construction of the Golden Calf, in connection with which Rashi, citing Midrash Tanchuma, says that the People of Israel involved themselves not only with the cardinal sin of idol-worship but also with murder and sexual immorality. There we find, "Then Moshe stood in the gate of the camp, and said, 'Whoever is on the side of HaShem, let him come to me.' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said to them, 'Thus says the L-rd G-d of Israel, 'Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' " (Shemos 32:26-27) It is obvious that blood-relationships were irrelevant at the time of that act of "Kanaus" by the Tribe of Levi

Now certainly the relationship between parents and children is of paramount importance in Judaism. The Command, "Honor your father and your mother" (Shemos 20:12) was the fifth of the Ten Utterances by HaShem, when He revealed Himself at Sinai. In Parashas Kedoshim, where the concept of Holiness, the raison d'etre of the Jewish People is defined, we find (VaYikra 19:3), "Every person should fear his mother and his father, and observe My Sabbaths; I am HaShem, your G-d." With the exception of one's spouse, the relationship of parents and children is the closest flesh-and-blood

"Kedushas Levi," the classic work by Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, comments on the fact that Moshe blessed Shimon together with Yehudah in Parashas VeZos HaBerachah, although Yaakov Avinu blessed neither Shimon nor Levi, because of their fierce anger. (Bereshit 49:5-7) He writes, "Therefore Moshe combined his blessing with Yehudah's, for now the Righteous Shimon would have a path to explain why he should not be blamed for his participation in the Sale of Yoseph; his intentions were pure, in that he viewed Yoseph as a pretender to the Throne of Yehudah, and the Kingship really belonged to Yehudah."

"Kedushas Levi" continues, "But Moshe did give an independent blessing to Levi, even though Yaakov had not, because the Tribe of Levi had this Characteristic, 'The one who said of his father and mother, 'I have not favored him,' to his brothers and sisters he did not give recognition and his children he did not know; for they [the Levites] have observed Your Word and Your Covenant they preserved' (Devarim 33:9) — when they avenged the honor of HaShem at the time of the Construction of the Calf.' (Sifri 33:9) Therefore, Moshe dealt with them in the manner of 'Measure for Measure,' for he was the one who was capable of saving of his father and his mother that he did not favor them if they sinned against G-d. was the one who was capable of saying of his father and his mother that he did not favor them if they sinned against G-d, so even if Yaakov didn't bless him, Moshe didn't consider him here as a son of Yaakov, and he gave him a bountiful blessing, in accord with the principle 'in accordance with the measure with which a person deals with others, Heaven deals with him.' (Sotah 8a)"

In the Haftarah also, we see an example of a conflict between love of parents and love of HaShem. When Eliyahu selects Elisha as his disciple by casting his mantle upon him, we find, "And he left the oxen and ran after Eliyahu and said, 'Let me kiss, please, my father and my mother, then I shall go after you.' But he said to him, 'Go, return, for what have I done to you?' "(I Kings 19:20)

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Although one's parents are considered partners with Hasheri in bringing a soul into the world, when, for example, there is a conflict between retrieving a lost object for one's parents or a lost object belonging to one's primary Teacher of Torah, the rebbe's interests prevail, because "while the parents helped bring the child into 'This-World,' the Rebbe did for the child something far greater by helping to bring him into the 'Next-World.'"

In "LeDavid HaShem Ori," which is included in our prayers at the time of the High Holy Days, we find another example where the love and loyalty between HaShem and His People eclipse even the love and loyalty between parents and children. There we find the remarkable verse, "For were my father and mother to abandon me..." — a scenario which borders on the impossible, "...yet HaShem would take me in." (Tehilim 27:10)