

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

August 2, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) א' אב שבת ראש חודש פרשת מסעי

## ערב שבת ראש חודש פרשת מסעי

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:54 PM  
שקיעה 8:12 PM

## מסעי שבת ראש חודש פרשת

מסעי שבת ראש חודש פרשת  
היומי דף 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:28 AM

פרקי אבות 6:05 PM  
גמרא שיעור 6:55 PM  
מנחה 7:40 PM  
שקיעה 8:11 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 8:53 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 מעריב מנחה

Sun. through Thurs.: 7:55 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת דברים

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:46 PM  
שקיעה 8:04 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 – Will resume in the fall.  
היומי דף I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman  
היומי דף II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
היומי דף 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 - 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

סעודה שלישית is being co-sponsored by Marty and Carol Ginsberg commemorating the yahrtzeit of his mother, אסתר בת חיים הלוי, Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann in honor of his father's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and Moshe Kranzler for his mother's yahrtzeit.

This week, Sunday, August 3rd, men and women are invited to attend a special **Yom Iyun** for the Nine Days 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

As in the past, Bais Torah has planned a full schedule of events for **Tisha B'Av**. Rabbi Gottlieb will be reading and explaining Kinot beginning at 8:40 AM. Video presentations begin at 1:05 PM with "Six Days in June: The War that Redefined the Middle East" followed by "Diameter of a Bomb," "Smimming in Auschwitz," "Life in a Jar," and this year's Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation video, "Leaving Envy Behind: Decency, Derech Eretz and the Destruction of the Temple." Admission to the entire day of films is \$10 for members, \$13 for non-members and \$4 for children under 15. The full Tisha B'Av schedule has been mailed and can also be found on our website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org).

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 E-flat 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 [stthurm@optonline.net](mailto:stthurm@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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:mshs1@aol.com).

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 [dorism0805@aol.com](mailto:dorism0805@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.

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 or contact Jack Gross.

## 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  
יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל - Tova Eizik's grandson  
אסתר מלכה בת קילה - Esther Lutwak  
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית - Bob Schore

Bella Helprin's mother, Fay Roitman - פינגע בת חיה רבקה  
Joel Rosenwasser's parents - שמעון בן בלומא רבקה - Seymour  
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא - Peshah  
בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer  
לייב יוסף בן חיה - Lenny Wulwick  
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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 Masei – 5768 Journey of a Sefer Torah

Parashas Masei deals with the travels of the People of Israel in the Wilderness until they reached the brink of the Holy Land, “Arvos Moav.” It is possible to contemplate similar wanderings of a Sefer Torah from Europe, which became a Moral Wilderness in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, until it reached its home in the Holy Land. This essay traces the history of just such a Sefer, which fortunately was saved among thousands that were lost, into the murderous and plundering hands of the Nazis, May their names be erased.

The Gemara in Maseches Shabbos 115b declares that a Sefer Torah that is mainly deteriorated, but retains 85 letters, a word here and a word there, combining to the same number of letters as the Section, “Vayehi Binso’a HaAron” - (*BaMidbar 10:35-36*), should be preserved. The Sefer Torah in question was written exactly 85 years ago (in 1923) in Germany, in memory of the daughter of the great great-grandfather, from whom the “Bachur HaBar Mitzvah,” who was to read from the Sefer, is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation. It had been written in Koln, and it had been used in the city where the aforementioned ancestor was one of the leaders of the community.

In 1938, the family succeeded in escaping from Germany, just a few hours before the Nazis arrived to arrest them, leaving all their belongings in Germany, except for the Sefer Torah which they managed to take with them. The escape from Germany was accomplished by means of a large bribe paid to a truck driver who transported a large load of potatoes to Belgium. The truck had a double wall, behind which hid the great great-grandfather, and several other relatives. The Sefer Torah was especially heavy (as those individuals who had performed “Hagbahah” (lifting it up after it was read so that the congregation could see it) with it, would testify) and it lay throughout the entire trip, on the body of the great great-grandfather, in conditions of great stress and overcrowding, in the dark, with hardly any ability to breathe, until they reached the Belgian border. The Sefer Torah remained for two years in Belgium, in a synagogue in Antwerp, before departing by boat for the shores of Brazil. On the ship it was used for Torah Reading every Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh, and Mondays and Thursdays. When it reached Sao Paulo, the Sefer was transferred from shul to shul, as the family moved.

When the Sefer was quite aged, it was inspected and disqualified for Torah Reading, and a recommendation was made that it be buried as “Shemos” (textual material containing the Name of G-d) in a cemetery in Brazil. Fortunately, this was not carried out. From that time, for forty years, the Sefer was never read from (until 2001). Seven years ago, in 2001, the Sefer was flown to Eretz Yisrael. At that time, it was in terrible shape, full of fungus, stained black on most of its pages from the ink, and without handles.

The Sefer was brought for repair to the “Os (Hebrew Letter) Institute,” because it qualified under the “85 Letter” Rule. After tremendous effort and expense, the Sefer was repaired, and validated for Torah Reading, and has been in use in a shul till today.

It was used for a family “Bar-Mitzvah,” and the parashah read on that Shabbat contained the verses:

*“When the Ark would journey, Moshe said, ‘Arise, HaShem, and let Your foes be scattered, and let those who hate You, flee before You.’”*

*“And when it rested, he would say, ‘Reside tranquilly, O, HaShem, among the myriad thousands of Israel.’”* (*BaMidbar 10:35-36*)  
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