

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת עקב

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting 7:26 PM
שקיעה 7:44 PM

שבת פרשת עקב

דף היומי 8:00 AM – Mordechai Kronenberg
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:36 AM

פרקי אבות 5:25 PM
גמרא שיעור 6:15 PM

מנחה 7:00 PM

שקיעה 7:43 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 8:25 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

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun. through Thurs.: 7:25 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ראה

מנחה: 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:15 PM
שקיעה 7:33 PM

* Early Mincha for the Summer

** Shul Accepts Shabbos

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – מסכת – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:00 PM – Ladies Mishnayos Class- **Rabbi Avromy Fein - Beginning September 9 – New Class**

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – Will resume in the fall.

היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

היומי II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

היומי III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - ברכות – Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - פרשת השבוע – 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 co-sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg for the Sheva Brochos of Elisheva and Aron Weinraub, and Shirley Landau to commemorate the yahrtzeit of her parents, Sally and Max Czuper..

There will be a **Seudah Shelishis** on September 6, a farewell to Murray and Phyllis Kuhr who are moving to Israel.

Please reserve Sunday morning, September 7th, 10:00 a.m. for a Breakfast Lecture and Book Signing with Rabbi Berel Wein, who will be speaking on "The Story of the Mishna: Its Relevance to Our Times." Rabbi Wein will also autograph his new book, "The Oral Law of Sinai." The book retails for \$39.99 but will be available at the breakfast for a special book signing price of \$25. All are welcome to attend.

Bais Torah is **selling wine** for Yom Tov. You will soon receive the wine list in the mail. Orders can be placed through Sunday, September 14 and delivery to shul should take place within one week after that.

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 dorison0805@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 and click on resources and then seforim for the list or contact Jack Gross.

Mazel Tov

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the marriage of their children, Elisheva and Aron Weinraub.

Gerry and Suzie Kirshenbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Lauren and Tzvi Hagler

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson-

איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה

Bob Schore - חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

Yis and Bella Helprin's grandson-

עקיבא ברוך בן שרית חיה

Suzie Kirshenbaum's father- יוסף בן שרה

Bella Helprin's mother- פיגע בת חיה רבקה

Joel Rosenwasser's parents-

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

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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 Eikev - 5768 - "Let Your Eyes Behold Your Teachers"

The Talmud emphasizes the principle of "Let your eyes behold your teachers." Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi explained his greatness as being entirely due to the fact that he'd seen his "rebbe," his teacher of Torah, Rabbi Meir, from the rear. Perhaps this is the response that Moshe received when he prayed that Hashem show him His Glory, and he was told (Shemos 33:20,23), "You will not be able to view My 'face', for no person can 'see' Me and live...But you will be able to 'see My back'...."

In order to behold King David, who as the Head of the Sanhedrin was one of our immortal teachers of Torah, at least with our mind's eye, it is interesting to note that he was a "redhead." There are at least two sources, both in I Samuel. The first is when Shmuel is sent to anoint a son of Yeshai, where we find, "...he was ruddy, with fair eyes, and good looking." (16:12) The second is found in connection with David's battle with Galyas, "...And he (Galyas) saw David and was contemptuous, for he was but a youth, though ruddy, and good looking." (17:42)

An earlier Biblical character is described as "ruddy." This was "Esav HaRasha," "Esav, the evil one," the biological first-born of Yitzchak and Rivka, about whom it is written "And the first came out ruddy, all over like a hairy carpet..." (Bereshis 25:25). Esav is there described as "a cunning hunter, a man of the field...;" David is described to King Shaul, when the latter was looking for a musician to drive away his depression, in similar terms, as one who "knows how to play, and a fine warrior, and a man of war,...". (Shmuel 1, 17:18)

David attributes his success in killing a lion and a bear to assistance from G-d. Esav, the hunter, harbors no such spiritual values. He asks that the "red, red soup" be poured down his throat, saying, "Of what use to me is the birthright?" David examines shades of red, in order to permit a wife to her husband.

Esav and his "spiritual" descendant Galyas, spill human blood wantonly, saying G-d doesn't care; David wants to build the holy Temple, but is forbidden to do so for one generation by G-d, and the task falls to his son, Shelomo, because of the blood David has spilled in battle. Galyas, the giant, relies on his great strength, saying what Moshe warned the Jewish People never to say "My power and the strength of my hand have gained for me my victories" (Eikev, 8:17). David counters with "...You come to me with a sword and a spear, and a javelin; but I come to you in the Name of the L-rd of hosts, the G-d of the armies of Israel, Whom you have taunted" (I Samuel 17:45).

The sword and the spirit have been in continuous battle for millennia; "when Rome prevails, Yerushalayim is in decline; when Yerushalayim prevails, Rome is brought low." In this final stage of History, our major battle is with Yishmael. May the promise in today's Haftarah, which has begun to be fulfilled, finally come true:

"For the L-rd shall comfort Zion,
He will comfort all her ruins;
And He will make her desert like Eden,
And her wilderness like the garden of the L-rd;
Joy and gladness shall be found in her,
Thanksgiving, and the voice of song." (Yeshayahu, 51:3)

And then our eyes will behold our Great Teacher:

"The voice of your watchmen is heard,
They lift up the voice,
Together shall they sing;
For they shall see eye to eye,
The L-rd, returning to Zion." (Yeshayahu, 52:8) PF