

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

September 6, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ו' אלול שבת פרשת שופטים

## ערב שבת פרשת שופטים

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:04 PM  
שקיעה 7:22 PM

## שבת פרשת שופטים

היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:41 AM

פרקי אבות 5:05 PM  
גמרא שיעור 5:55 PM  
מנחה 6:40 PM  
שקיעה 7:20 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 8:02 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.: 7:00 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת כי תצא

הדלקת נרות 6:52 PM  
מנחה 7:00 PM  
שקיעה 7:10 PM

\* Early Mincha for the Summer

## Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – 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.

**Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb - special 2 part shiur on prozbul - Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> only**

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 - 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 **Kiddush** sponsored by Allen and Miriam Nussbaum in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**סעודה שלישית** is a farewell to Murray and Phyllis Kuhr who are moving to Israel.

Please reserve this Sunday morning, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM. 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.

If you want to order **wine from Bais Torah**, please choose the wine, juice etc. that you want from the wine list. Please make sure to include your order information (name, address, phone number and your order total). This was inadvertently omitted from the wine list. Please send your order to Miriam Frankel by mail (71 College Rd, Monsey), fax (356-8558) or email ([frankelm@yaho.com](mailto:frankelm@yaho.com)). Also, please send payment before delivery. Sunday, September 14 is the last day for orders.

The September 14th trip to the **Lower East Side** is now fully subscribed. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please contact Doris Newman

On **Slichos night**, there will be a special film presentation. Further details will follow.

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.

## Mazel Tov

David and Judy Rhine on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Aaron, son of Chaim and Aliza Rhine.

Walter Baum on the engagement of his daughter, Hadassah, to Yehoshua Solomon.

## 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

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

## 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 Shophtim – 5768

### *“You Shall Surely Set Over Yourself a King” (Devarim 17:15)*

In Parashas Shophtim, the Torah outlines the requirements of Jewish Leadership. *“You shall not pervert judgment nor take excessive notice of either party. You shall not accept a bribe, for the bribe will blind the eyes of the wise and make just words crooked. **Righteousness, Righteousness** shall you pursue, so that you will live and possess the Land that HaShem, your G-d, has given you.” (Devarim 16:19-20)*

*“According to the teaching that they will teach you, and according to the judgment that they will say to you, shall you do; you shall not deviate from the word that they will tell you, right or left.” (Devarim 17:11)*

And you must look for characteristics in a King that will allow him to attain the following level: *“So that his heart does not become haughty over his brothers, and **not turn from the Commandments, right or left**, so that he will prolong years over his Kingdom, he and his sons amidst Israel.”*

Now this year is an Election Year in the United States, in which we will elect a new president who is sworn to conduct the affairs of the Country according to a set of rules, enshrined in the Constitution of the United States. Although its rules do not reach the level of the Torah, a lot of its content **is based upon it**. Like the King of Israel who had to carry a Sefer Torah with him at all times, our president has a high standard to uphold.

Last week the Convention of the Democratic Party took place in Denver, and it was indeed spectacular. The first three nights were broadcast from an arena designed for the Denver basketball team (seating about 20,000), the fourth and last night, when Barack Obama accepted the nomination of his Party, the event was broadcast from the much larger (seating about 80,000) stadium designed for the Denver football team. I liked the fact that both Clintons seemed to jettison their hard feelings caused by the run-up to the Convention. And I liked the candidate's views on universal education, and on the right of all U.S. citizens to medical insurance. Indeed, everything that was said was positive and impressive. It was what wasn't said that disturbed me. I would have liked to know more about the candidate's feelings about the ideas expressed by Reverend Wright, in whose church Obama sat for twenty years, and about the Reverend's friendship with Minister Farrakhan, who has described Judaism as a “gutter religion.”

This week, the Convention of the Republican Party is taking place in St. Paul, Minnesota. The character of their candidate is deeply rooted in the American military, and it was delineated mainly based on his experiences in the Vietnam War. During that conflict, he was seriously wounded in battle, but he insisted on returning to action. More significant was his resistance to the brutal torture that he received in the “Hanoi Hilton” and, his refusal to leave captivity earlier than his troops, when his captors offered him early release.

It seems to me that the capacity for self-sacrifice is a vital ingredient of one's qualification to be president. Now Barack Obama qualifies in this area, in that he sacrificed what surely would have been a lucrative career as an attorney for work in community organization, which led him to his entry into politics. However, the degree of his self-sacrifice undoubtedly pales before that of John McCain. Besides, as I alluded to above, I fear for his attitude concerning Israel. Therefore, I will vote for McCain (thereby violating my mother, A”H's rule not to disclose to anyone whom she was voting for, based on the “secret ballot” provision in the Constitution).

The Torah says in Devarim (29:28), *“The secret things belong to HaShem”* and Shelomo HaMelech says in Mishlei (21:1), *“The heart of the King is in the Hand of HaShem, to be directed in any direction the Almighty wishes.”* Therefore, one cannot see into the heart of either candidate, although I say again that I feel more comfortable with John McCain. PF