

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

September 13, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org יג אלול שבת פרשת כי תצא

ערב שבת פרשת כי תצא

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

שבת פרשת כי תצא

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:43 AM

פרקי אבות 4:55 PM
גמרא שיעור 5:45 PM
מנחה 6:30 PM
שקיעה 7:08 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 7:50 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

Sun. through Thurs.: 6:50 PM

ערב שבת פרשת כי תבוא

הדלקת נרות 6:40 PM
מנחה 6:45 PM
שקיעה 6:58 PM

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 – New Class**

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – Will resume after Succos.

Thursday and Wednesday at 8:00 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb - special shiur on prozbul - Sept. 18th and 24th only

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

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

דף 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 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 Alan Zamore commemorating a yarhtzeit and Teddy and Malkie Katzenstein for sheva brochos for their newly married children, Avromi and Shoshana Bin-Nun.

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 (frankelmath@yahoo.com). Also, please send payment before delivery. Thursday, September 18 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

Congregation Bais Torah will be screening a **preview of Rabbi Wein's film**, "Faith and Fate-The Miracle of Israel 1945-1948" on Selichos night, September 20th beginning with a collation at 9:30 PM followed by the film preview. At midnight, Rabbi Gottlieb will speak about the Pizmon recited on the first night of Selichos and Selichos will begin at 12:30 AM.

The next issue of the **Bais Torah newsletter** will be published before Rosh Hashana. If you would like to place an advertisement or send a letter to the editor, write to Ruth Lehmann at baberruthfive@aol.com.

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.

Sisterhood extends a huge **Thank You** to Marilyn and Jeffrey Sapir for their generosity and kindness in donating the beautiful and essential bookcases in the women's section. They are very greatly appreciated!

Mazel Tov

Teddy and Malkie Katzenstein on the marriage of their children, Avromi and Shoshana Bin-Nun.

Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the marriage of their children, Adina and Hillel Mann.

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

Murray Selzer - משה אהרן בן גיטל

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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 Ki Setze – 5768 - Divine Mercy and Compassion

This week's Parashah, Ki Setze, is replete with Torah Commandments regarding our interaction with the Animal Kingdom. Among them is "*Lo sachsom shor b'disho,*" *You shall not muzzle your ox while it is treading out corn (Devarim 25:4).* This Law of the Torah may be based on the fact that the feeding instinct is too strong to forcibly suppress it without causing "psychological" harm, "tzaar," to the beast. This prohibition of causing pain to living animals is not only a prohibition of the Torah; it is also a prohibition of the "Sheva Mitzvos bnei Noach," the Seven Noahide Laws, Commandments incumbent upon all human beings as Sons of Noach, self-understood laws planted within the human conscience.

Another is "Shiluach HaKan," the Divine Command not to take young, nesting birds while the mother bird is present, but rather to send away the mother bird first (Devarim 22:6-7). It is tempting to say that HaShem, the "Author" of the Torah is showing Mercy by this Command to the mother bird, for the maternal instinct seems to be universal in Nature, and this is the general direction followed by commentators who attempt to provide "Taamei HaMitzvos," Reasons for the Commands.

However, the Talmud in Maseches Berachos, cautions: "The one who says '**Your Mercy extends even as far as the Law of the Bird's Nest**' is to be silenced." And the Talmud gives two reasons for this: The first is that to make such a declaration would amount to being "matil kinah b'maaseh bereshis," introducing a false element of limitation into the Creation of the World; namely, that Divine Compassion extends **only as far** as the "Law of the Bird's Nest." Whereas, we know from other sources, such as the praise of HaShem uttered by King David in the "Ashrei" Prayer, ("*Tehilim*"/*Psalm*s 145), "*You open Your Hand, and satisfy every living thing Willingly!*" that HaShem does not play favorites, and allows every living being that He Created, from the smallest to the largest, to satisfy its needs with a full measure of His Will!" The second is "that he falsely implied that the Attributes of the Holy One, Blessed be He, are based on 'Mercy,' whereas they are in fact only 'Decrees'." The latter notion is very puzzling. For if these laws, so strongly suggestive of "Rachamim," of Compassion, are only "Gezeros," "ethically neutral decrees issuing from a Divine Source, and requiring obedience only because of the Authority of the One Who made the decrees," the implication is that the Giver of the Laws is not a "Merachem," is not One Who has Mercy. But this cannot be!

For when the Thirteen Attributes of HaShem are listed, they include "Compassionate and Merciful." When the Prophet Gad offers King David the choice of being punished by G-d Himself or by other men, David immediately chooses to be punished by G-d "for G-d is full of Mercy, but let me not fall into the hands of Man."

We are of course not required to have an answer to this question. After all, our understanding of how Eternal and Omniscient G-d conducts the world cannot, by definition, be complete, by virtue of our very mortality, "*Lo yirani ha-adam, vachai,*" "*No human being can 'see Me' and live.*" (Shemos 33:20)

But one approach to an answer might be that HaShem's Mercy is so all-encompassing that we cannot grasp the "big picture." Another, quoted by Rav Yissachar Yaakovson in "Bina BaMikra" in the name of Dr. Yoseph Wohlgemuth, is that the statement about "only decrees" was a reaction to and part of the struggle with the Early Christians, who focused exclusively on HaShem's Love and Mercy, and devalued the Commandments.

And we are assured several times in the Haftarah read this Shabbos, by the Prophet Yeshayahu, that indeed HaShem is a "Merachem," Who has infinite Mercy, and Who conducts His World with Mercy and Compassion:

Yeshayahu 54:7-8

"For but a small moment have I forsaken you,

*But with great **Compassion** will I gather you.*

For only an instant of wrath did I hide My Face;

And then only for a second,

*But with everlasting **Kindness** will I have **Mercy** upon you,*

Says HaShem, your Redeemer."

Yeshayahu 54:10

"For even if the mountains would depart,

And the hills would be moved,

*My **Kindness** would not depart,*

*And the **Covenant of My Peace** will not be moved,*

*Says the One Who has **Compassion** upon you, HaShem."*

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