

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

כ' אלול שבת פרשת כי תבוא · September 20, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org

ערב שבת פרשת כי תבוא
הדלקת נרות 6:40 PM
מנחה 6:45 PM
שקיעה 6:58 PM

שבת פרשת כי תבוא
דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:46 AM

פרקי אבות 4:50 PM
גמרא שיעור 5:40 PM
מנחה 6:25 PM
שקיעה 6:56 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 7:38 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM
Weekday שחרית and סליחות
Mon. and Thurs.: 5:55 and 7:20 AM
Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:05 and 7:20 AM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב
Sun. through Thurs.: 6:35 PM

ערב שבת פרשת נצבים
הדלקת נרות 6:28 PM
מנחה 6:35 PM
שקיעה 6:46 PM

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – 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 at 8:00 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb - special final shiur on prozbul - Sept. 25th
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 - Mordechai Rudman
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית 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 Bob Landa commemorating a yarhtzeit and Henry Shapiro honoring his 92nd birthday. 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.

We are currently in the process of arranging our schedule of **Ongai Shabbas** for the upcoming season. If you are interested in hosting an Oneg in your home please contact Aviva at the shul 352-1343 / Aviva@baistorah.org or Sandra Thurm 368-3418 / sfthurm@optonline.net by October 10th.

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.

Yasher koach to David Hammer who is the coordinator of the volunteer support group for the Wheels of Love Bike Ride in support of Alyn Hospital in Israel.. Moe Tilson will be riding in that race.

Mazel Tov

.Moe and Bayla Tilson on the birth of a grandson, Yonason Pinchas, born to Rachele and David Schwartz of Modlin, Israel.

Refuah Shelaimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro
מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London
Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson- 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
יוסף בן שרה - Suzie Kirshenbaum's father-
רבקה עודל בת אהובה לאה

פיגע בת חיה רבקה - Bella Helprin's mother-
Joel Rosenwasser's parents-
שמעון בן בלומא רבקה
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא
בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer
לייב יוסף בן חיה - Lenny Wulwick
אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson
משה אהרן בן גיטל - Murray Selzer

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Youth Michael Kronenberg 368-1064

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Lost and Found Michael Loebenstein, 425-8895

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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-Savo – 5768 – Horror, Consolation and Joy

The most striking feature of Parashas Ki-Savo is the “Tochachah,” the terrifying litany of curses that Moshe Rabbeinu, A”H, warns the Children of Israel will befall them if they abandon the Torah, *“Accursed will you be in the city and accursed will you be in the field... HaShem will cause you to be struck down before your enemies; on one road will you go out against them, but on seven roads will you flee before them... Your carcass will be food for every bird of the sky and animal of the earth, and nothing will frighten them... HaShem will strike you with madness and with blindness, and with confounding of the heart... Your sons and daughters will be given to another people – and your eyes will see and pine in vain for them all day long, but your hand will be powerless... because you did not serve HaShem, your G-d, amid gladness and goodness of heart, when everything was abundant. So you will serve your enemies whom HaShem will send against you in hunger and in thirst, in nakedness and without anything... You will eat the fruit of your womb – the flesh of your sons and daughters – which HaShem had given you – You will be left few in number, instead of having been like the stars of heaven, for you will not have hearkened to the voice of HaShem, your G-d...”* (Devarim 28:16-62...)

And yet, the Haftarah of Ki-Savo is one of the Seven Haftaros of Consolation. *“Arise! Shine! For your light has arrived, and the Glory of HaShem has shined upon you... Lift your eyes about you and see, all of them assemble, they come to you; your sons from afar shall come, and your daughters shall be brought alongside... Who are these? Like a cloud they fly, like doves to their cote-windows. For unto Me shall the island-dwellers gather, and the ships of Tarshish, as in earlier times, to bring your children from afar, their gold and silver with them, for the sake of HaShem, your G-d, and for the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you... No longer shall violence be heard in your Land, nor plunder and breakage within your borders, but you shall call G-d’s salvation your protective walls, and His praise your gateways. You shall no longer have need of the sun for light of day, nor for brightness the moon to illuminate for you; rather HaShem shall be unto you an Eternal Light, and your G-d shall be for your Glory...”* (Yeshayahu 60:1-19...)

We have indeed experienced the horrors of history, in the Holocaust and other torments of our oppressors. And we are beginning to see the light promised by Yeshayahu in the Haftarah in the establishment of the State of Israel, and the return of our children and, in many cases, ourselves, to its borders.

I would like to mention a recent experience that is not unrelated to the idea of “Me’Afelah L’Ohr Gadol,” From Thick Darkness to Bright Light – to exaggerate slightly – or, better, to the idea of “Mitzvah Gedolah Li’heyos BeSimchah Tamid,” It is a Great Command to Always Be Happy. For one can, to a great extent, create his own mood, independent of external circumstances. A concert had been arranged here in Monsey, scheduled to begin at 8 in the evening. As is my wont, I arrived about fifteen minutes late, expecting to find a seat somewhere in the back of the hall. When I did arrive, there was **no one there**, except the owner of the house and the musicians, who were readying themselves for the concert, as if there were a full house! I know that if I had been in their place, I would have felt a combination of feelings of rejection, depression, resentment and anger, which would have rendered me incapable of playing up to my ability. And yet, here were three musicians and three members of the audience (another individual had arrived in the interim). But the band played with joy and fervor, and even rose to dance with the members of the “audience.” They did in fact play the song that is the motto of the Chassidim of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, “It is a Great Command...”

To connect (if somewhat tenuously) the three parts of this essay: the Tochachah, the Haftarah and the concert, I would say that an essential ingredient in “Teshuvah,” Repentance, is to never allow oneself to be deluded into thinking that he or she is estranged from HaShem. It was important for those musicians to play with as much fervor for a tiny audience as for a sellout crowd. For, in the context of sinners, where one has inflicted the injury upon oneself, no matter how far one has fallen away from Him, no matter how lonely or rejected one may feel, it is important to remember that “Les Asar Panui Minei,” There is **No Place** Absent of Him – and the Hand of HaShem is always extended towards the sinner – “If he repents, You will accept him at once.” PF