

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

September 27, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ז אלול שבת פרשת כי תבוא

ערב שבת פרשת כי תבוא
הדלקת נרות: 6:25 PM
מנחה: 6:30 PM
שקיעה: 6:43 PM

שבת פרשת כי תבוא
דף היומי: 8:00 AM
שחרית: 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע: 9:48 AM

פרקי אבות: 4:40 PM
גמרא שיעור: 5:30 PM
מנחה: 6:15 PM
שקיעה: 6:43 PM
סעודה שלישית: 7:25 PM

Sunday סליחות and שחרית: 7:20 AM
Weekday סליחות and שחרית
Mon.: 5:00 and 6:30 AM
Thurs.: 5:50 and 7:15 AM
Fri.: 6:00 and 7:15 AM

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

ערב שבת פרשת נצבים
הדלקת נרות: 6:15 PM
מנחה: 6:20 PM
שקיעה: 6:33 PM

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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 – New Class – Will resume Tues., Oct. 28**
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – Will resume after Succos.
דף היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
דף היומי II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
דף היומי 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 Yossie Fischer and David Lehmann commemorating their respective yarhtzeits. 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](mailto:shul352-1343@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.
Please **clean your cubbies** in the coat room by Sunday morning or they will be cleaned for you.
We **need volunteers** to help put up the Succah on Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Mazel Tov

Josh and Miriam Pomeranz on the birth of a granddaughter, Bracha Aliza, born to Shlomo and Adeeva Laya Pomeranz.
Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the birth of a grandson, born to Hudi and Adam Kenigsberg.
Moshe Lehmann and Steve Romer of the Westrock/Chai softball team for winning this year's Rockland Jewish Softball League championship. Steve, who is captain of the team, was also named "Manager of the Year."

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
רבקה עודל בת אהובה לאה

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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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 Nitzavim – 5768 – “Choose Life!

As we approach the end of Moshe’s valedictory address to his People, which constitutes the Book of Devarim, Moshe attempts to summarize his life’s work as the Messenger of HaShem and the Leader of His People:

*“For this Commandment that I command you today, is not too wondrous for you, nor is it too distant. It is not in Heaven, which would allow you to say, ‘Who can ascend to Heaven for us and take it for us, and teach it to us, that we might do it’...Rather the matter is very near to you – in your mouth and in your heart – to accomplish it. See how I have placed before you today Rules of Life and the Pathway to Good, or the Path to Death and Evil...I call Heaven and earth today to bear witness against you: I have placed Life and Death before you, Blessing and Curse – **Choose Life!** – so that you will live, you and your offspring – to love HaShem, your G-d, to listen to His voice and to cleave unto Him, for He is your life and the length of your days, to dwell upon the Land that HaShem swore to your forefathers, to Avraham, to Yitzchak and to Yaakov, to give them.” (Devarim 30:11-12, 14-15, 19-20)*

To get another perspective on Moshe’s Holy words, I will invoke the “Kedushas-Levi” describing the nature of one of the Three “Regalim,” the Holiday of “Pesach.” He says that the Torah generally refers to this Holiday as “Chag HaMatzos,” the Festival whose central symbol is Matzos. Matzos – the bread that the People of Israel baked halfway and then rushed to follow their “king,” HaShem, into the desert. Matzos – which show the Faith, the Dedication and the Loyalty of Man. But the Torah also refers to this Holiday as “Pesach,” or Passover, to commemorate that night when HaShem demonstrated His choice of Israel when, during the Plague of the First-Born, “He ‘passed over’ the houses of the Children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck Egypt, but saved our households...” (Haggadah of Pesach). **HaShem and Man** – pledging their loyalty to each other.

Succos follows a similar model. The Jewish People build and live in their Succah-structures for a week to commemorate the forty years that HaShem surrounded His People with His Clouds of Glory, they wave the Four Species in all four directions, and up and down, to show their belief that HaShem is King over all the dimensions of reality. And Shavuos as well, when HaShem revealed His Splendor at Mt. Sinai to teach His People Torah and Mitzvos. And the People of Israel responded with, “...*We will obey, even before we understand.*” (Shemos 24:3) Thus, in each of the three Festivals, we find G-d and Israel acting in a manner expressing “*I am my Beloved’s and my Beloved is mine...*” (Shir HaShirim 6:3), the theme of the Month preceding the High Holy Days.

HaShem and the human being! Reminiscent of “‘Half’ for HaShem and ‘Half’ for you,” which is the conclusion of the Talmudic discussion of how to celebrate the Three “Regalim,” as opposed to Shabbos, which should be celebrated as “Entirely for HaShem” spiced with a strong element of “Oneg Shabbos,” Delight of Shabbos. Except that on Shabbos permission is **not granted** as it is on the Holidays for the “Melachos” (Creative Activities) directed at the purpose of “Food for the Soul,” such as Cooking and Baking.

“Part for HaShem and part for the human being.” The part for HaShem is based on the “Divine Element from Above” which is built into the human personality. And the “part for the human being” is based on the fact that the Soul wears the “garment” of a physical body in “This-World.”

“Part for HaShem and part for the human being” sounds, in fact, like a good prescription for life, in which each individual makes a “pesharah,” a compromise, between his two facets, the Spiritual and the Physical. “Tefilah L’Moshe, Ish HaElokim” (with a non-conventional translation) “It was the Prayer of Moshe to be a Man of G-d.” And his prayer was accepted. But that was only for him. The task of the rest of his flock, the definition, in fact, of the purpose of their lives, is to balance the unique Spiritual and Physical components of their beings, in a manner which attains Holiness and is pleasing to G-d and Man.

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Schedule for Rosh Hashanah And Tzom Gedaliah

Erev Rosh Hashanah - ערב ראש השנה - Monday - (9/29/08)

Candle Lighting - הדלקות נרות	6:22M
Mincha - מנחה	6:30 PM

First Day Rosh Hashanah - א' ראש השנה - Tuesday - (9/30/08)

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי	7:15 AM
Shacharis - שחרית	8:00 AM
Shema by - סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:49 AM
T'Kias Shofar - תקיעת שופר	Not before 10:30 AM
Mincha - מנחה	5:30 PM
Tashlich - תשליך after Mincha	
Rabbi's Shiur followed by Maariv - מעריב	6:30 PM
Candle Lighting - הדלקות נרות	Not before 7:21 PM

Second Day Rosh Hashanah - ב' ראש שנה - Wednesday - (10/01/08)

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי	7:15 AM
Shacharis - שחרית	8:00 AM
Shema by - סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:49 AM
T'Kias Shofar - תקיעת שופר	Not before 10:30 AM
Mincha - מנחה	6:25 PM
Maariv - מעריב	7:19 PM

Tzom Gedaliah- צום גדליה - Thursday - (10/02/08)

Fast Begins	5:42 AM
Selichos & Shacharis - שחרית & סליחות	5:50 and 7:15 AM
Mincha - מנחה	6:05 PM
Maariv - מעריב	7:00 PM
Fast Ends	7:16 PM