

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת בראשית

הדלקת נרות 5:44 PM

מנחה 5:50 PM

שקיעה 6:02 PM

שבת פרשת בראשית

היומי 8:00 AM

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 10:00 AM

מברכים החודש מרחשון

גמרא שיעור 4:45 PM

מנחה 5:30 PM

שקיעה 6:00 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 6:42 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Tues. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Wed. and Thurs.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday-מעריב מנחה

Sun. through Thurs.: 5:45 PM

ערב שבת פרשת נח

הדלקת נרות 5:34 PM

מנחה 5:40 PM

שקיעה 5:52 PM

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

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.

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

סעודה שלישית is not sponsored this week.

Save the Date: On November 7th and 8th, we will be hosting our **Scholar in residence**, Rabbi Dr. Shnayer Leiman. For reservations and further details, please see Moshe Kranzler.

We're pleased to announce that Bais Torah's popular **Avos U'Banim** program will resume on Motzoei Shabbos, November 8th at 6:30 PM in the library, sponsored by the Nussbaums. Bring your children and grandchildren each week - everyone is welcome! There will be hot pizza on hand and a chance for all participants to win prizes. Weekly sponsorships are invited at \$50 per session and all information will be listed on our website. For details, contact Jonathan Rosenstock at (845)369-6349.

We are currently in the process of arranging our schedule of **Ongai Shabbas** for the upcoming season. If you re 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.

Mazel Tov

Ben and Fran Horwitz on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Matt and Alisa Weinberg..

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb, Chosson Torah and Michael Rossman, Chosson Bereishis on their well-deserved honors. May they reap all the blessings bestowed on them.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - לאה בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - חנה פרידא בן מונש בן חנה פרידא

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson-

איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Tova Eizik's grandson - חנה רייזל 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

פשה לאה בת שפרינצא

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הלני בת רחל

How to Reach Us

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Mikvah 425-6101

Chesed Committee Charlie Grandovsky, 425-4683

Youth Michael Kronenberg 368-1064

Sisterhood Liaison Betty Schloss, 369 – 1833

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

Lost and Found Michael Loebenstein, 425-8895

Chevra Kadisha Steve Fessel, 425-1713, Ephraim Pessin, 914-420-6714 or Gloria Gordon, 425-1276

Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

Bais Torah Bulletins Email baistorah@taxprof.net, Fax (845) 368-4172, or call (845) 368-2222. To receive e-mail updates, write to baistorah@gmail.com. This bulletin is downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

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.

Bereshis

All of the problems of humankind and life itself are revealed to us in this opening parsha of the Torah. Desire, greed, violence, murder, jealousy, paganism and tragic disappointment mark the events of this parsha. The human story and its history over the ages is not necessarily a pleasant one.

All of the disappointments that appear in this week's parsha recur in every generation of the descendants of Adam and Chava. Nevertheless, we see that the Lord Himself, the Creator and sustainer of all life, so to speak, never loses heart. The Torah emphasizes that out of the original mess that mankind has made of its beginnings there does emerge a righteous individual.

The final words of the parsha are that Noach found favor in God's eyes. Thus at the beginning of the Torah itself, we are taught a basic lesson in Jewish thought and values – the worth of one individual. As the rabbis in Avos phrased it: "There were ten generations from Adam to Noach and each generation was more corrupt and provocative than the one before it until Noach came along and reaped the potential reward of all of those generations."

One person can collect the reward for millions of others who do not appreciate or obtain that reward that awaits them. In fact the entire book of Bereshis whose reading we have just embarked upon in the synagogue is a story of individuals. The backdrop to the story are great world events – floods, wars, famines and changing social societies – but the main story and certainly its heroes and heroines are individuals.

The Talmud asks: "Why was only a single human being created to begin life on this earth?" The Talmud gives a number of important answers, mainly that no one should be able to lord it over another human being because of ancestry or genealogy. But one of the ideas implicit in the creation of only one individual is to teach us that very fact of the worth and importance of an individual.

In our world of billions of people it is quite easy to forget this basic lesson of the Torah – that a person is worth everything. In the past century we were witness to ideologies and their protagonists who destroyed tens of millions of people in order to implement a concept, philosophy or social order. This complete disregard for the worth of an individual and the human life that that individual possesses is one of the sorriest stories in the human saga.

The Jewish people are small in number relative to other nations and faiths. Yet our value is counted in our worth as individuals, in our personal behavior and in our devotion to our eternal Torah values and its way of life. We truly believe that there are great things that each individual can accomplish, achievements that can and will live on long after one's years on earth are ended.

At the beginning of this great and good year that is now upon us let us resolve that we value ourselves and others as individuals of special worth and unique abilities. This will mark a very good beginning to our year.

A healthy winter and Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein