

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

הדלקת נרות 4:26 PM

מנחה 4:35 PM

שקיעה 4:44 PM

שבת פרשת לך לך

דף היומי 7:45 AM

שחרית 8:30 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:08 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:30 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

שקיעה 4:43 PM

סעודה שליטת

מעריב 5:27 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 מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:25 PM

Mon. Through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וירא

הדלקת נרות 4:20 PM

מנחה 4:25 PM

שקיעה 4:38 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.

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 - מסכת ברכות - Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - שחרית ברכות - 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 שליטת was sponsored last week by Michael Loebenstein and co-sponsored by David Lehmann in honor of Carl Markowitz. This week is open for sponsorship.

This Shabbos, November 7th and 8th, we will be hosting our **Scholar in residence**, Rabbi Dr. Shnayer Leiman. For further details, please see Moshe Kranzler. A schedule of the weekend's events and further details can be found on our website. Reminder: Shabbos morning davening begins at 8:30 AM.

We're pleased to announce that Bais Torah's popular **Avos U'Banim** program will resume this 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.

Please reserve November 14th for our first **oneg shabbos** of the season. It will be held at the Deutsches, 93 Highview Road at 7:45 PM.

Bottle of red, bottle of white: Calling on all oenophiles to save Saturday night, November 22nd for a **wine- and cheese-tasting event** at Bais Torah. On hand will be Ilan Tokayer, a wine columnist for the Kosher Wine Society. Please reserve the date!

Save The Date - **Annual Carlebach Shabbas** - December 12th and 13th - Parshat Vayishlach. This year we are honored to host Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein for Shabbos!. Please join us for Friday evening Seudah and Tisch in Shul - Details to follow. For early reservations contact Aviva 352.1343

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

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the marriage of their children, Chana and Betzalel Sochaczewski.

Abe and Sonny Fogel on the marriage of their grandchildren, Shoshana Gittel and Matis Cohen, children of Avrohom and Yaffa Kornbluth.

Refuah Shelimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro

מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London

שלמה 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

פיגע בת חיה רבקה - Bella Helprin's mother

Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg's son -

נתן נתע בן דבורה חוה

Joel Rosenwasser's parents-

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

פשה לאה בת שפרינצא

בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer

לייב יוסף בן חיה - Lenny Wulwick

אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson

הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein

רבקה עודל בת אהובה לאה

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In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

Lech Lecha

As one who has made major location changes in one lifetime, I can immediately identify with the opinion of the rabbis of the Talmud and Midrash that the movement of Avraham and Sarah from their home in Mesopotamia to the Land of Israel was one of the ten great challenges in the life of Avraham. Leaving one's home, family, and society is always a wrenching experience.

The Torah's description of marriage is the description of leaving one's parents and home to become united with someone "other" to build a new life and family unit. Avraham is searching for communication and instructions from his Creator. He evidently cannot find this in Mesopotamia though the Lord, so to speak, is to be found everywhere and nowhere, depending upon the seeker and the search. Only in the Land of Israel will Avraham find the spiritual satisfaction and role of influence and leadership that will make him the father of all peoples.

Just as his name will later be changed from Avram to Avraham to signify this, so too his journey from Mesopotamia to the Land of Israel will mark a transformation of level and character in his lifetime. Avram in Mesopotamia is not the same person as Avraham in the Land of Israel. Change of location changes all of us in a myriad of ways. It will bring Avraham to greater heights of spirituality and tenacity of leadership. From being the persecuted victim of Nimrod in Mesopotamia, in the Land of Israel he will become the respected prince of God in the midst of a Canaanite and Hittite civilization. In spite of the difficulties of change, he will find the move to be most beneficial.

The Jewish people, in our long millennia of dispersion over the face of this earth, have always attempted to remain a positive and spiritually strong community. But every emigration from one location to another took its toll on us. The early immigrant generation almost always suffered dislocation, nostalgia and oftentimes confusion and difficulty in adjusting to the new society and its challenges. In our times, the immigration of Jews to America and later to the Land of Israel posed and still poses the greatest challenge to successful and meaningful Jewish life.

In both cases there was first a headlong flight from Jewishness and tradition in order to become American or Israeli. The past few decades have noticed a slow but steady change in this attitude. More and more Jews both in America and Israel now wish to incorporate true Jewishness into their lives and values. Both America and Israel currently provide a new opportunity for a stronger more vibrant and value-driven Judaism than did Eastern Europe in its waning decades of the twentieth century.

There are currently great opportunities to convert Avram into Avraham, to expand our religious and spiritual horizons and to build a truly strong and holy society in the land of Israel and even in America as well. The challenge is there for us. May we be worthy of surmounting it successfully.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein