

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

November 22, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ד מרחשון שבת פרשת חיי שרה

ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

הדלקת נרות 4:14 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

שקיעה 4:32 PM

שבת פרשת חיי שרה

דף היומי 8:00 AM

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:17 AM

מברכים חודש כסלו

גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM

מנחה 4:00 PM

שקיעה 4:32 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:14 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

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

Fri.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:20 PM

Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

הדלקת נרות 4:11 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

שקיעה 4:29 PM

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:15 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 – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM – גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is sponsored by the Hendler family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Shlomo Nachum.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:15 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by The Markowitzes. Bring your children and grandchildren for hot pizza and a chance to win prizes. Weekly sponsorships are invited at \$50 per session and all information is listed on our website. For details, contact Jonathan Rosenstock at (845)369-6349.

This Saturday night, November 22nd Calling on all oenophiles to come to Bais Torah for a **wine- and cheese-tasting** event. On hand will be Ilan Tokayer, a wine columnist for the Kosher Wine Society, who will introduce a variety of red and white wines and explain how and when they should be served. A gourmet selection of cheeses will also be on hand. There is no charge for Bais Torah members, \$10 admission for non-members.

Now through Dec. 4th: Get an early bird discount on our **Carlebach Shabbos** December 19th and 20th. Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein will join us Friday night for an evening of joyous zemiros, divrei hisorerus and a delicious Seudas Shabbos. Prepaid reservations through December 4th are \$36 per person and can be made by contacting Aviva in shul at 352-1343.

Discounted sponsorships starting at \$100 are available before December 4th by calling Rachel Gross at 357-4121.

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

Peter and Felise Katz on the engagement of their son, Eli, to Elana Mehl of Woodmere.

Shlomo and Chaya Pollak on the marriage of their children, Asher and Tziporah Pollak.

Yosef and Talia Hendler on the bar mitzvah of their son, Shlomo Nachum.

Mel and Betty Sinowitz on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Ephi and Rivka Sinowitz of Passaic.

Hamakom Yenachem

Shlomo Cooper on the p'tira of his mother.

Renee Hirsch on the p'tira of her brother.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro- חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London מנחם מנוש בן חנה פרידא

Tova Eizik's grandson - שלמה 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

Leni Loebenstein - הלני בת רחל

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Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

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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.

CHAYEI SARAH

This week's parsha represents the constant human drama of death and renewal, of grieving over what has been irretrievably lost and soldiering on to make life productive and meaningful. To Avraham the husband, Sarah is irreplaceable. He remarries and has many children from that union but he is constantly reminded of God's statement that only through Yitzchak, the son of Sarah, is he guaranteed continuity of his ideas and values and immortality.

Sarah will live on only through Yitzchak, and Avraham realizes that his future is also dependent solely on Sarah's immortality. Perhaps that is why the parsha is entitled Chayei Sarah – the life of Sarah – when the parsha deals apparently only with the death of Sarah. For it is the life, so to speak, of Sarah after her death, that she still lives on through her son Yitzchak that is the centerpiece of the parsha.

There is a basic human drive within all of us that reflects itself in our wanting to be remembered after we are no longer alive on this earth. I saw once the most poignant tombstone inscription I ever read over the grave of a young woman who died in her twenties. It simply stated: "Please don't forget me."

Avraham weeps and grieves and eulogizes his beloved Sarah. But he cannot guarantee her memory will be part of the Jewish experience. Only Yitzchak can do that and that is why the bulk of the parsha then describes the effort to find for a proper mate for Yitzchak that will validate Sarah's heritage and values. Avraham's true eulogy for Sarah lies in helping Yitzchak reestablish Sarah's tent and life mission.

Rashi points out the well-known Midrash that when Rivkah entered the tent of Sarah, all of the spiritual greatness that was present in Sarah's tent and disappeared at the time of her death reappeared with the entry of Rivkah into Yitzchak's life.

Sarah is truly irreplaceable but her continuity is assured because of Yitzchak and Rivkah. No human being is truly replaceable but no human being is indispensable to the continuity of God's mission and work on this earth. The next generation is always charged with building upon the legacy that it received from previous generations. Its task is not only that it should create a society that will remember it but that that society will also remember all of the previous generations that preceded it.

Yitzchak and Rivkah will be remembered eternally only if through them Avraham and Sarah are also remembered and preserved. This concept is undoubtedly the source of the Ashkenazic custom of naming new born children after their deceased ancestors. The new baby is immediately challenged to represent and remember, so to speak, the past generation that has departed.

The parsha describes for us the life of Yitzchak but it is entitled Chayei Sarah, the life of Sarah, for only in Yitzchak's life does Sarah truly live on. Thus every Jewish home that carries forth the traditions of Jewish life and values is transformed into the tent of our eternal mother Sarah.

Shabat shalom.
Rabbi Berel Wein