

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

December 13, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ט"ז כסלו שבת פרשת וישלח

## ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

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## שבת פרשת וישלח

דף היומי 8:00 AM

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:32 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM

מנחה 4:00 PM

שקיעה 4:28 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:10 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.: 4:15 PM

Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות 4:12 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

שקיעה 4:30 PM

## Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – מסכת – 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.

8:00 PM – הלכות שבת שיעור – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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 - 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 מנדל בת מנחם meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

## Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is available for sponsorship.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:15 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by The Hauers. 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 week **Oneg Shabbos**, at the home of Ruth and Edwin Levi, 7 Wendover Lane, at 8:00 PM

**Sisterhood's Ladies Night Out** will feature dinner and Zumba dancing and great prizes! Lovely hats will also be sold and those proceeds will go for tzedakah in Israel. Let Hinda Kimmel (357-9571) know you'll be there (6:30 p.m. on December 15, 2008 at Max and Sandra Thurm's home).

Our **Carlebach Shabbos** will be next week, December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 can be made by contacting Aviva Monday through Thursday 9-3 at 352-1343. To sponsor, please call Rachel Gross at 357-4121.

The narrative of the memorable events in the life of **Henry Shapiro**-as detailed by him at his 91st birthday seudah- is now available on loan to our members. See Jack Gross for details.

Photos of the **Wine & Cheese** Tasting event can be seen on our website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org).

The shul has acquired **new seforim** that are available for sponsorship. See our web site, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) and click on resources and then seforim for the list or contact Jack Gross.

## Mazel Tov

Moshe (Walter) Baum on the marriage of his children, Shea and Hadassah Solomon.

The following people for being selected as honorees at the Town of Ramapo Jewish Life night.

- Yossie Fischer
- Leslie Goldress
- Shlomo Pomeranz (son of Josh and Miriam)

## 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

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

הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein

חיים יונה בן חנה - Eileen Frommer's father

## **How to Reach Us**

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**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 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.

## **VAYISHLACH**

Yaakov sends messengers, agents to meet with his brother Eisav and to attempt to mollify his anger against Yaakov. After twenty years, Eisav still smarts from the hurt caused him by Yaakov receiving the blessings of their father Yitzchak. Eisav seeks revenge for that hurt and Yaakov is well aware of the danger that Eisav poses to him and his family. Why then does Yaakov send angels, emissaries, agents to negotiate with Yaakov? After all, the Lord has promised Yaakov to protect him from destruction. Would not a direct appearance before Eisav by Yaakov, and Yaakov personally presenting all of the gifts to Eisav directly rather than through agents and emissaries be more logical and productive?

It can be well understood that Yaakov would shirk from personally having to deal with Eisav but he is undoubtedly aware that such a meeting is eventually unavoidable, so why does he choose to postpone the dreaded moment as long as possible? It is true that the gifts given to Eisav were meant to soften his attitude and soothe his hatred towards Yaakov, but perhaps Yaakov's personal presentation of them to Eisav would be even a more powerful inducement for reconciliation. There must be a deeper reason that explains Yaakov's strategy and behavior. And herein lays a deep message of truth and relevance for all of us.

Eisav is always better dealt with through agents, emissaries, public opinion, outside forces. Rarely is much of anything good accomplished by direct confrontation with Eisav. All of Jewish history testifies to the truth of this proposition. It may be more romantic and seemingly heroic to deal with Eisav strongly and directly. But Jewish survival has been strongly abetted by avoiding direct confrontations with the descendants of Eisav - as reflected throughout history.

The State of Israel came into being because of the temporary sympathy of the Western world and even the Soviet Union and the United Nations. The Jews would have to fight and die for its establishment but there is no doubt that if it were not for the emissaries that preceded us we would not have had the opportunity to even attempt to establish such a state. There are many times that confrontation and strength do not accomplish victory and even survival.

After every ideal and noble goal, the main task for the Jewish people has always been to successfully survive and pass on its great heritage and values to later generations and the world generally. If somehow others or circumstances can pave the way for us to accomplish this great goal of survival and success, then such help should be desired and appreciated. In a hostile world it is foolish to repudiate agents and emissaries that deal with Eisav on our behalf.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein