

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ראש חודש ערב שבת פרשת מקץ

Early מנחה 3:00 PM

הדלקת נרות 4:16 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

שקיעה 4:34 PM

הלכות שבת שיעור 8:15 PM

ראש חודש שבת פרשת מקץ

דף היומי 8:00 AM

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:39 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:20 PM

מנחה 4:05 PM

שקיעה 4:34 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:16 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday שחרית

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

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

Weekday מעריב מנחה

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:25 PM

Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

הדלקת נרות 4:21 PM

מנחה 4:30 PM

שקיעה 4:39 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.

שיעור הלכות שבת שיעור 8:00 PM – 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 - גמרא מסכת ברכות - 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 co-sponsored by Jack Gross, Michael and Sharon Kronenberg and Diane Schmeltz.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at **6:45 PM** in the Library and is being sponsored by The Kronenbergs.. 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.

Upcoming events: On Friday night, January 9th there will be an Oneg Shabbos at the Landaus. Dr. Leon Pachter will be speaking on Saturday night, January 10th on the topic of "Global Terrorism and the Implications for the New Millenium." On Saturday night, January 24th, Dr. Murray Kuhr will sign his new book and speak on "The Maharal: Lion of Prague." And be sure to save Sunday morning February 15th for a seminar given by Martin Shenkman on Estate Planning.

With Bush's term almost over, it might be a good idea to make another request to have **Jonathan Pollard** pardoned. White House phone number is 202-456-1111. Bush's email is president@whitehouse.gov.

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. The latest issue of Bais Torah Highlights is also now online.

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 Hilde Zauderer on the Bar Mitvah of their great grandson David Tzvi, son of Eyal and Rachelle Rosenthal.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the Bar Mltzvah of their grandson David Tzvi, son of Eyal and Rachelle Rosenthal

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a great granddaughter, Yonina Esther, born to Chaim and Shani Cillo

Zvi and Minca Szachtel on the birth of a granddaughter, Miriam, born to Yosef and Shoshana Szachtel of Passaic.

Yossie and Aviva Schmutter (shul secretary) on the birth of a granddaughter, Miriam, born to Yosef and Shoshana Szachtel.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro- חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London מנחם מונש 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

פסע לאה בת שפרינצא

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה

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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.

MIKETZ

We are all now witness to the fulfillment of Yosef's interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams – years of boom and bust, of surplus and famine. Yosef sees that every boom ends in a bust. That is the story of human life from time immemorial. Of course while times are good no one wishes to think that these good times will somehow end. But they always do. That is the message of Yosef to Pharaoh.

And Yosef adds the wise advice that since the years of famine that will definitely follow are a certainty one should attempt to prepare for those difficult times. It is a matter of simple logic to prepare for those hard times. The preparation for those difficult times is not only one of economic thrift and wise investment, it is also very necessarily one of mental and psychological preparation.

No matter how careful one is with one's money and no matter how one convinces one's self that money is not really that important, no one enjoys losing money and lowering one's standard of life.

Yosef is forced to take drastic economic and social actions to try and preserve the lives of the Egyptians and the people of the neighboring nations. His economic preparations, no matter how thorough and well-planned, proved to be inadequate. Only Heavenly intervention in the person of Yaakov and his appearance and settling in Egypt served to extricate everyone from that terrible crisis. Human planning and actions always have their limitations. Heavenly aid and succor are ingredients always necessary in human affairs.

Yosef's hidden purpose was to bring his brothers down to Egypt and have them bow before him thus fulfilling literally his dream of decades ago. But the primary lesson in my opinion is that it is apparent from this whole story that Heaven is willing to turn the world upside down so to speak in order that an individual family should be united and that one person's dreams be fulfilled.

We look at world events from the viewpoint of irresistible forces and great powers. However, much of what occurs on a grand and international scale may in fact be only due to individual dreams and their fulfillment. This notion helps us to understand why the Torah places so much attention, details and demands on individual behavior.

People feel themselves small and powerless before changing circumstances and approaching difficult times. But in reality the changing times may be due to the actions, inactions, dreams and fantasies of those very people. If we truly thought that way, that my behavior affects society and its circumstances at large and is not just limited to me and my immediate circle of family, friends and acquaintances, perhaps our view of ourselves and our importance would change positively and expand.

Yosef has no doubts that the years of plenty and famine are present only to allow him to rise to power, fulfill his dreams and bring the house and family of Yaakov down to Egypt. Who knows what dreams and behavior have brought us currently to our state of trouble and depression?

Shabat shalom.
Rabbi Berel Wein