

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

January 10, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org י"ד טבת שבת פרשת ויחי

ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

הדלקת נרות 4:28 PM

מנחה 4:35 PM

שקיעה 4:46 PM

הלכות שבת שיעור at the Oneg.

שבת פרשת ויחי

דף היומי 8:00 AM

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:42 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:30 PM

מנחה 4:15 PM

שקיעה 4:47 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:29 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 מעריב מנחה

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:40 PM

Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת שמות

הדלקת נרות 4:36 PM

מנחה 4:45 PM

שקיעה 4:54 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 שבת הלכות 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 - 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 לז' פייגל meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

This Friday night, January 9th there will be an **Oneg Shabbos** at the Landaus, 77 Carlton Road at 8:00 PM.

this week is co-sponsored by Stuart Erdfarb, for the yahrtzeit of his father, יעקב בן משה, Pinky Frankel, for the yahrtzeit of his mother, פנחס בת דבורה; and Yossie Stern for the yahrtzeit of his father, יצחק אייזיק בן יוסף בן-ציון.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:30 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by The Lifschitzes.. 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 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.

Exciting news for all our friends and members! Back by popular demand our **Carlebach Shabbaton**, featuring Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein has been rescheduled for January 30th and 31st! We need to adequately plan for this event, so please make your reservation today. Call Aviva in our shul office at 845-352-1343 or email aviva@baistorah.org, or call David at 845-426-6499.

The shul's **matza baking** will be on Sunday, February 15 at 2:00 PM. Stay tuned for details.

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 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.

Please be sure to drop off your cans of fruit for the **Kosher Food Pantry**. There are receptacles by the dedication wall in the main lobby and by Aviva's office. Our current deadline is Jan.29th.

Mazel Tov

Yecheil and Sheila Rosenrauch on the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, born to Ilan and Stephanie Rosenrauch of Riverdale.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Aharon and Rivka Rohinsky in Yershalayim.

Abe and Phyllis Frankel on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Ari and Jenn Frankel.

Hamakom Yenachem

Jack Schloss on the p'tira of his mother, Fay Schloss.

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

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

Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה

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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.

VAYECHI

The parsha of Vayechi marks the end of the story of the house of Yaakov and the conclusion of the book of Bereshis – the book of the patriarchs and matriarchs of our people. The parsha tells us of the end of an era that spanned many long centuries. People alive at the end of an era oftentimes are unable to realize that they are at the end of what has been so normal and expected for centuries.

All of us expect things to continue apace and regularly as they have been.. Thus, great and sudden changes in circumstances always blindside us for we are never prepared for the unknown and completely unexpected. The Jews were aware that neither Yaakov nor Yosef would live forever. But they did not ever imagine how drastically their situation in Egypt would change after the death of the generation of Yaakov and Yosef.

It becomes apparent that the presence of Yaakov and Yosef was the deciding factor in the "good exile" of Egypt. Therefore the Torah emphasizes that Yaakov lived in the land of Egypt. Yaakov's presence in the land of Egypt is the protection for his family and descendants from the natural resentment of the Egyptians to what they undoubtedly view as the undue power, wealth and influence of an alien group within its midst.

It is the old and worn down Yaakov that saves Egypt from five more years of terrible hunger not the young and confident and wise Yosef. So the emphasis on Yaakov's living in Egypt is the Torah's way of warning us not to be as certain as to why things happen and the real main catalysts for the situations of national and personal life.

Yaakov's farewell to his children, recorded for us in this parsha, indicates his awareness of the problems that will yet face his children. The Torah teaches us that he wished to reveal the entire story of Jewish history to his children even till the messianic era, but that the Lord, so to speak, prevented him from so doing. But Yaakov certainly indicated the immediate future that they would have to face – that there was going to be a change in eras and that the past remains the past and not the present and certainly not necessarily the future.

The blessings that Yaakov bestowed upon his children were all long range and meant to be fulfilled over many years and centuries. Yaakov cannot tell them of the end plot of the story of the Jewish people but he assures them that there is a bright ending somehow. It is again an indication that the central figure in the era of the patriarchs and matriarchs is Yaakov.

And, the first words of the parsha, which indicate that Yaakov lived, may also be understood to mean that Yaakov still lives. It is his personality and example that guides all Jewish history and life. We are all still under the influence of our great forefather on whose name –Yisrael – we are called. We should all be aware of this blessing.

Shabat shalom.
Rabbi Berel Wein