

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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שמות ערב שבת פרשת
הדלקת נרות 4:36 PM
מנחה 4:45 PM
שקיעה 4:54 PM
הלכות שבת שיעור 8:00 PM.

שמות שבת פרשת
דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:42 AM

גמרא שיעור 3:40 PM
מנחה 4:25 PM
שקיעה 4:55 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 5:37 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.: 4:45 PM
Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת ורא

הדלקת נרות 4:44 PM
מנחה 4:50 PM
שקיעה 5:02 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 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 - 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

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** sponsored by Abe and Phyllis Frankel in honor of their new granddaughter. **סעודה שלישית**, this week is sponsored by Gerry Kirschenbaum.

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

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 - 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
פסע 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

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Youth Michael Kronenberg 368-1064

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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

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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.

SHEMOS

The change in eras is sudden, unexpected and unpredictable. The Jewish people have lived in Egypt for over a century in the land of Goshen in affluence and security. They are apparently very well integrated into Egyptian society and are comfortable in their future there.

And then there arises a new king, a different era of eighty years of slavery and death, persecution and torture. Where did this new king come from? How was it that no one anticipated such a scenario?

Pharaoh called for volunteers to help build and modernize the infrastructure of Egypt. The Jews as good and super citizens of Egypt volunteered en masse. But slowly they noticed that they were the only volunteers present for the work. And eventually they came to work on the Egyptian city fortresses as slaves.

Soon the entire Jewish population was enslaved, except for the tribe of Levi. In a blink of an historical eye the Jewish population went from riches to rags, from citizens to slaves, from high society to becoming non-persons.

And the truth of the matter was that this enormous sea change in the status of the Jews in Egypt caught the Jews by surprise. They knew that Avraham had a dream about bondage and exile but they did not imagine that they were the generation that would experience its realization and that Egypt was the place where it would occur.

So, when it did occur to them and they were its victims they were completely unprepared for this new sad era. It would take the leadership of Moshe to readjust their thinking, to make them realize that their future no longer lay in living in Egypt and to yearn for redemption.

Even so our rabbis of the Midrash concluded that most of the Jews did not survive physically and spiritually to leave Egypt.

The truth is that any generation that lives at a time of great unforeseen change finds itself in a difficult situation. It becomes a generation of uncertainty longing to relive its past and seemingly powerless to deal with its present situation effectively, let alone its future.

I think that we can all agree that we are currently undergoing a great change, economically, socially and security-wise. While we may long for past situations which seemed so much more certain and secure, our task currently is to deal effectively with what is facing us now.

The example of Moshe has to be replicated to the best of our abilities. The Torah always demands that Jews behave wisely, rationally, and with great faith and belief. Moshe's task is to fulfill this ideal situation of Jewish behavior and goals.

Moshe himself traverses the long road from being raised as a prince in the house of Pharaoh to being a hunted man and eventually the messenger of destruction to that very house in which he was raised. The Torah does not record for us Moshe's personal trials and angst in adjusting to situations that were completely new to him.

But part of his greatness lies in his God-given ability to do so. So, as we begin the book of Shemos let us resolve to hang in there and deal with our current problems to the best of our abilities. Better days are surely on the way.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein