

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

February 7, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org י"ג שבט שבת פרשת בשלח

בשלח ערב שבת פרשת
הדלקת נרות 5:01 PM
מנחה 5:10 PM
שקיעה 5:19 PM
הלכות שבת שיעור 8:00 PM.

בשלח שבת פרשת
דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:35 AM
גמרא שיעור 4:05 PM
מנחה 4:50 PM
שקיעה 5:21 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 6:03 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.: 5:10 PM
Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו
הדלקת נרות 5:10 PM
מנחה 5:15 PM
שקיעה 5:28 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
היומי דף I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
היומי דף II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
היומי דף 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 - 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

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** in honor of the birth of Ayla Marley Lutwak, by all her grandparents; Seymour and Raizie Lutwak, Jerry and Leah Dodyk, and Meshel and Rivka Leah Vider.

סעודה שלישית, this week is available for sponsorship.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 7:00 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by The Lifschitzes and the Landas. 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 Sunday, February 8th at 8:00 PM, all women are invited to attend a shiur by Avigail Teller entitled, "**Winter, Snow and Tu B'Shvat**." Avigail, who is the Schillers' granddaughter, teaches history at Maayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls and is currently completing a Masters in Secondary Jewish Education at Azrieli Graduate School.

Be sure to save Sunday morning February 15th for a seminar given by Martin Sherkman on **Estate Planning**. There will be an introduction on halachic perspectives by our Rav. This seminar is sponsored by Safrin and Associates.

Matzo Baking will be taking place in ONE WEEK. We would like to receive your orders before we go to bake. You can order by either filling in your request on the list outside the simcha room, calling the Lieders at 845-352-0122 or emailing your order to: eiylintova@optonline.net. Please put matzo order in the subject line. If you'd like to come bake please join us next Sunday at the Shatzer Matzo Bakery Sunday afternoon 210 Cortelyou Road, Brooklyn at 2:00 PM

Purim is on its way! Please complete the Bais Torah Sisterhood **Mishloach Manot** list and return it with your check before February 19th. Thank you for your support. Any questions, call Hinda Kimmel at 357-9571.

Make your reservations today for our 34th Annual Dinner honoring Jack and Rachel Gross. This year, our annual gathering will be a Melave Malka with international flair, held at Shaarei Torah on February 21st. In addition to some special "world-class" touches, we will be hearing from guest speaker Rabbi Yaakov Salomon. The deadline for reservations is February 15th, so please send us your response right away! Invitations have been mailed out and details and reservation forms can also be found on our website..

Motzoei Shabbos, February 28th at 8:30 PM., we will have the privilege of hearing **Rabbi Dr. Moshe D. Tandler** speak in our shul on Organ Transplantation: A Matter of Life and Death. Everyone is urged to attend.

The **Annual Siyum Mishnayos** will take place on Sunday evening, March 8th. The featured speaker will be Rabbi Edward Davis. Please save the date and be current in your learning. For further information or reservations, please call David Lehmann at 426-6499 or write to baberuthfive@aol.com.

Calling All Women: If you're interested in an 8-session Zumba class on Monday nights, please call Betty (369-1833) or Hinda (357-9571).

Many **thanks** to Felise Katz, Shaul Stern, Moshe Lehmann and Michael Rossman and his family for making the Carlebach Shabbaton a warm and inspiring experience. Special thanks also to Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein, Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Gottlieb.

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 Feb. 20th.

Mazel Tov

Shlomo and Chaya Minzer on the birth of a granddaughter.

Carl and Sara Markowitz on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Debra, daughter, of Batya and Nachi Paul.

Hamakom Yenachem

Betty Sinowitz on the p'tira of her father, Joseph Sachs.

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 - ירושלים
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
David Lehmann's mother - שפרינצא בת דיחל

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 - 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.

B'SHALACH

The story of the exile and enslavement of the people of Israel comes to a violent end in this week's parsha. The question that is raised and is discussed by the major Torah commentators is why does the story end this way with the drowning of thousands of Pharaoh's Egyptians? Especially in the current "humanitarian" climate of war without casualties and equivalent moral worth between both sides of any struggle – the master and the slave, the victim and the criminal perpetrator, the terrorist and the civilian society – the end of this story seems to be oddly disconcerting. Was there no more humane or non-violent method for the Lord to end this story of the enslavement and deliverance of the Israelites from oppression? It appears from the simple reading of the parsha that the Lord has a point to prove. There are times in human history when only the complete destruction of the evil ones makes the desired impression on humankind. This lesson is never a permanent one and hence such events recur with regularity throughout human history. Germany and Japan were completely destroyed and violently and brutally so in World war II. For a while this lesson was assimilated into the behavior of humans and countries. In our time it has almost been completely forgotten in the welter of hatred masked as do-goodness that currently prevails in our world. If evil is not exposed, confronted, punished and at least temporarily destroyed then the necessary forces of good and progress so necessary for the advancement of the cause of civilization in the world will suffer a mortal blow.

The people of Israel celebrate their deliverance from bondage and from Egyptian persecution by singing a song of triumph and deliverance. In fact this Shabat derives its title – Shabat shira – the Shabat of song from this great song of Moshe and Israel. This song is recited daily by Jews the world over and is part of the daily morning prayer services. It is granted such great importance in order to remind us that the destruction of evil is not a thing of the past, an historical event alone. The power of freedom of choice which God implanted in the world and the human race presupposes the possibility of the existence of evil in world society. The forces of good must always rally their strengths and abilities to counter evil and attempt to destroy it. And we should never delude ourselves that this is a peaceful matter of discussion, compromise, discussion and non-violence. Ghandi's non-violent approach in India ended in a civil war that killed millions. Evil is never overcome by making nice to the tiger. So the Lord impresses us with this truth so that we should not delude ourselves regarding the true nature of the struggle. The messianic era promises us a world of peace and the end of violent struggles in this world's society. But until that time shortly arrives the struggle exists with its all of its violent overtones and details.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein