

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

February 28, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ד' אדר שבת פרשת תרומה

ערב שבת פרשת תרומה  
הדלקת נרות 5:27 PM  
מנחה 5:35 PM  
שקיעה 5:45 PM  
הלכות שבת שיעור 8:30 PM.

שבת פרשת תרומה  
דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:20 AM

גמרא שיעור 4:30 PM  
מנחה 5:15 PM  
שקיעה 5:46 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 6:28 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.: 5:35 PM  
Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת תרומה

הדלקת נרות 5:35 PM  
מנחה 5:40 PM  
שקיעה 5:53 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 - 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 meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

## Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית, this week is sponsored by Jossi Lieder.

If you want to purchase **wine** for Purim or Pesach from Bais Torah, please place your order with Miriam Frankel. Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> is last day for Purim wine orders. If you need information, please call Miriam @ 893-4983.

Motzoei Shabbos, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM., we will have the privilege of hearing **Rabbi Dr. Moshe D. Tendler** 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 [haberuthfive@aol.com](mailto:haberuthfive@aol.com).

Get ready: Our annual **Purim Chagigah** at the Rabbi's house on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

Please join us for a **video presentation** of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation's latest film *The Inner Meaning of Birchat HaChama* on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:50 PM. Presenters are Rabbis Paysach Krohn and Avrohom Feuer.

**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).

New deadline for **Kosher Food Pantry** collection is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that all cans donated this month are clearly marked as Kosher for Passover. Jewish Family Service is anticipating an increased need for Pesach and requests that we supply 130 cans of fruit.

**Thanks** to the dinner committee for a wonderful job at last weeks dinner.

## Mazel Tov

Shloimie and Chaya Pollak on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Shmuel and Esty Pollak.

## 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 - הלני בת רחל  
Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה

## **How to Reach Us**

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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.

## TERUMAH

In an environment of financial crisis and reduced philanthropy the call for donations issued by Moshe in this week's parsha is timely if not in essence very challenging.

There are many reasons why people do or don't contribute to charities and educational and social causes. Moshe does not offer any convincing reasons for the necessity of his appeal for monetary help.

He represents that it is God's wish that the people of Israel become a nation of donors, each person according to the donative instinct that resides within his or her heart.

The Lord phrases His appeal as being a donation symbolically to God Himself. "Let them take for Me" is the sentence that is used to justify this appeal for donations from the people. Apparently donations are given because of our relations to our Creator and not only because of the justice of causes that require our help.

Charity is a commandment of the Torah. It may be a commandment that we can empathize with and claim to understand and appreciate but at the very root of this commandment is the bald fact that we are bidden to imitate our Creator and our definition of God is one of goodness and charity.

We are told in the Torah that God is with the widow and the orphans even though we are ignorant as to why He made them widows and orphans. But nevertheless that is our duty to also pursue goodness and charity as the Lord commands us to do. So at the very end of the day charity is an inexplicable commandment.

The reason that there is so much charity in the world is that there is, somewhere deep within our consciences and souls, a streak of human kindness and goodness. We really wish to be charitable people.

That is why the Torah is convinced that everyone will contribute according to the donative intent of one's own heart and being. It is within the nature of all to be charitable. However since we have freedom of will and choice we can overcome our inner instincts of goodness and become miserly and even cruel towards others and to ourselves as well.

Just as there are very base instincts that lurk within us and we possess within ourselves the freedom to overcome and deny them so too does this power of freedom of will and choice allow us to sublimate our good and charitable instincts.

There is a well known statement of the rabbis that many people regret being put upon for a charitable contribution and yet feel a deep satisfaction within themselves after they have in fact made that contribution.

It is that deep instinct towards being charitable that engenders the satisfaction within a person after having done a charitable deed or having made a charitable contribution.

The Torah wishes to encourage our charitable instinct. It resorts to making what is essentially a voluntary act one that becomes mandatory. It is a mechanism to allow the good within us to burst forth from. The holy institutions of Israel can only be constructed with the charitable instincts of the Jewish people.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein