

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 28, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ג' ניסן שבת פרשת ויקרא

ערב שבת פרשת ויקרא  
הדלקת נרות 6:58 PM  
מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
שקיעה 7:16 PM

שבת פרשת ויקרא  
דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:53 AM

שיעור 6:00 PM  
מנחה 6:45 PM  
שקיעה 7:17 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 7:59 PM

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

מנחה-מעריב Weekday  
Sun.thru Thurs.: 7:05 PM

ערב שבת פרשת צו  
מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:05 PM  
שקיעה 7:23 PM

\* Early Mincha for summer

## Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah  
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Ladies Mishnayos Class- Rabbi Avromy Fein - **Posponed until after Pesach**  
Wednesdays at 8:00 PM – פסח – 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

There will be the second of a 2-part Shabbos afternoon series given by Rabbi Gottlieb on "Birchas Hachama: A Once in a 28-Year Mitzvah," Shabbos afternoon, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

סעודה שלישית this week is sponsored by Joyce Kurz in memory of her husband, Danny .

"What to Buy and Eat, A Guide to Common **Pesach Product** Issues" will be the subject of Rabbi Gottlieb's shiur on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM. Please join us

Congregation meeting at 10 AM on March 29<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to attend.

If you want to purchase **wine** for Pesach from Bais Torah, please place your order with Miriam Frankel. Thursday, March 29th is the last day for Pesach wine orders. If you need information, please call Miriam @ 893-4983.

A message from our **President**: Reminder for people to clean out their cubbies and shtenders for Pesach - clean out should include making them look presentable. People should also take any article of clothing that belongs to them - anything remaining will be considered lost items.

Sisterhood's 8-session **Zumba exercise class** for your healthy pleasure will begin April 13, at 8 p.m. in the MPRoom at Bais Torah for only \$80. Call 357-9571 or 369-1833 for reservations (class size is limited).

The Rockland Kosher **Food Pantry** is counting on us for our quota of Kosher L'Pesach canned fruit & we are behind in our collection. The deadline has been extended to March 28.

Experience **Ellis Island** on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Just \$36 per person includes round trip bus transportation, ferry, tour and movie. We will leave Bais Torah at 9:15 AM. sharp and since only a limited number of seats are available, get on board now before the bus fills up. Call Doris at 352-2816 or Marilyn at 369-3631 to reserve your space.

Many **thanks** to those who helped make it possible for us to view the Chofetz Chaim video on Birkas Hachama: Tziporah and Yonah Rossman, Yosef and Akiva Gottlieb and of course, Peter Katz.

## Mazel Tov

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great granddaughter, Dina, born to Mordechai and Penina Kushner, children of Meir and Rachel Kushner.

David and Elaine Zelmanovic on the birth of a granddaughter, Shoshana, born to Effie and Rena Zlotnick.

## 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- 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  
Rena Helprin - רינה בת בילה

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 Hatzolah 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 Hatzolah phone.

## VAYIKRA

There is very little narrative present in the entire chumash of Vayikra which we begin to read publicly in the synagogue this Shabat. The chumash of Vayikra is also called Torat Kohanim because of the laws of the Mishkan/Temple service, the duties of the kohanim, the laws of ritual purity and impurity, and the detailed descriptions of the sacrifices offered in the Mishkan/Temple.

To many people these laws and details are anachronistic if not even completely not understandable in the context of our present world and its society. Yet all of the words of the Torah are eternal and all have value to everyone at any given moment in human time.

Therefore I think that it becomes obvious that the Torah here shows us that there is a world that requires sacrifices and is influenced somehow by the offering of those sacrifices. It is also a world where ritual purity and impurity matter greatly and have profound influence over human life and society.

In this alternative world that we sense exists, and we are sometimes able to have a glimpse of, the chumash of Vayikra reigns supreme. In that basically unseen world all of the laws of Vayikra matter greatly.

The chumash of Vayikra comes to remind us of our limitations, both mental and spiritual, and that we must be able to accept the fact that we cannot always fathom God's motives in commanding us to behave or not to behave in a certain fashion. The chumash of Vayikra is not meant to confuse and unnerve us. Rather, it is meant to humble us.

Human beings always wish to be in control. But life blindsides at unexpected moments and in unpredictable ways. The experiences of life only reveal to us how powerless and irrational we really are. There is very little that we are actually able to control.

Therefore human beings always long for solutions and answers that emanate from the occult – from another world of being, the existence of which we are only dimly aware. So here we have the rub. The Torah is unalterably opposed to magic, superstitions, and appeals to spirits. So how do we square that strict approach with the presence of all of these laws in Vayikra that obviously rely for their relevance and strength of purpose on the existence of another unseen world?

The answer lies in our understanding that all of the words of the Torah are to be first taken at face value and that the ultimate reason for obedience to those Torah laws is the fact that we were commanded to do so. Many times the correct answer to the ubiquitous question of "Why?" is "Because!"

All parents apply this rule of life at numerous times while attempting to raise their children in a proper fashion. The Lord for His own reasons, so to speak, employs this same method when dealing with the Jewish people who had already previously pledged allegiance to the Torah and its values. The chumash Vayikra is a prime example of this axiom of Jewish life.

Shabat shalom.  
Rabbi Berel Wein