

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

April 25, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) א' אייר שבת פרשת תזריע-מצורע

## ערב שבת פרשת תזריע-מצורע

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:28 PM  
שקיעה 7:46 PM

## שבת פרשת תזריע-מצורע

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:28 AM

פרקי אבות 5:40 PM  
שיעור 6:30 PM  
מנחה 7:15 PM  
שקיעה 7:47 PM  
סעודה שלישית 8:29 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 מנחה-מעריב

Sun.thru Thurs.: 7:35 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

מנחה: 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:35 PM  
שקיעה 7:53 PM

\* Early Mincha for summer

\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## 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 8:00 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- **No shiur this week**  
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

סעודה שלישית this week is sponsored by Yussie and Fayge Deutsch.

Please join us for a community-wide **Yom Ha'azmaut** Celebration on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at ASHAR. Joshua E. London, Co-Director of Government Affairs of the ZOA in Washington, D.C. will speak on "Israel at 61: Much to Celebrate." Mincha is at 7:15 PM followed by the lecture at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

The **Rockland Kosher Food Pantry** is counting on your participation!! New collection date for canned fruit is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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, please reserve now before the bus fills up. Call Doris at 352-2816 or Marilyn at 369-3631 to reserve your space.

The **Adult Education** Committee has planned several special events for the upcoming weeks. Please save Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for a trip to Gomez Mill House and Kedem Wineries in Marlboro, New York. On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, view a special movie in our Simcha Room entitled "My Father, My Lord." A visit to the Holocaust Center in Spring Valley is planned for July 19<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Yom Iyun and light breakfast in shul. Stay tuned for further details.

## Mazel Tov

Yussie and Fayge Deutsch on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Devora and Shachar Kehati.

## 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  
Manny Frankel אלימלך בן רבקה חוה

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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**Lost and Found** Michael Loebenstein, 425-8895

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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.

## **TAZRIA – METZORA**

This week's double parsha presents to us a difficult set of rituals regarding a type of physical disease that evinced physical manifestations. The rabbis associated this disease with the sin of improper speech and personal slander. We no longer have any true knowledge of the disease, its true appearances and effects, its quarantine period and the healing process that restored the person to one's community and society.

The ritual laws of purity and impurity are no longer applicable in our post-Temple society and since there are no comments on these laws in a specific manner in the Babylonian Talmud these ritual laws are not subject to the usual intensive scholarship and study that pertain for instance to the laws of money and torts in the Talmud.

In the nineteenth century a great Chasidic rebbe and scholar composed a "Talmud" regarding the laws of purity and impurity. This feat of scholarship however met with criticism from other scholars and has remained controversial and relatively ignored in the modern yeshiva and scholarly world. So in effect the entire topic of this week's double parsha remains mysterious and unclear to us.

After all of the attempted explanations and reasons for these ritual laws of purity and impurity, they nevertheless remain mysterious and relatively inexplicable to us.

Especially when these two parshiyot occur, as they do this year and in most years, in tandem together, the question of their relevance becomes even more acute and perplexing. The Torah which always challenges us to understand it here retains its inscrutability.

Perhaps this is the message of the Torah itself to us. There is a world that is beyond our earthly eyes and rational vision. Modern man always dreams about space aliens and different universes than the one we inhabit. There is an almost innate sense that pervades us that there is more to creation than what we sense and feel.

It fuels our individual drive to immortality, our dreams and imaginations, and it allows us to imagine and invent. There is a popular belief that necessity is the mother of invention. But in reality I do not feel that this is accurate.

Imagination is the mother of invention. There was no real necessity for the unbelievable advances in technology that our past century has witnessed. But people lived in a world beyond our present real world and imagined the computer the wireless phone and the internet.

This capacity of human imagination and of being able to deal with an unseen world that nevertheless truly exists is one of the great traits of the human mind. The Torah indicates to us the existence of such another world, a world of purity and impurity, a special world of holiness and of the human quest for attachment to the Creator of all worlds.

Therefore even though we do not quite relate to that world with our finite mentality, the Torah wishes us to realize that such a world does exist beyond our limited human vision. And that is a very important and essential lesson in life.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein