

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 9, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ט"ו אייר שבת פרשת אמור

ערב שבת פרשת אמור

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting 7:43 PM
שקיעה 8:01 PM

שבת פרשת אמור

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:18 AM

פרקי אבות 5:55 PM
Contemporary Halachac Issues 6:45 PM
מנחה 7:30 PM
שקיעה 8:02 PM
סעודה שלישית 8:44 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.: 7:50 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בהר-בחקתי

מנחה: 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting 7:50 PM
שקיעה 8:08 PM

* Early Mincha for summer

** Shul Accepts Shabbos

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
Wednesdays at 8:30 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- Megilas Rus
New! Beginning next Friday afternoon, May 15th, Rabbi Yosef Fischer will give a Parshas Hashavua shiur at 6:25 PM.
דף I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
דף II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
דף III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - ברכות – Mordechai Rudman
פרשת השבוע עם רשי - שחרית – 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 Bert Sirote.
New date for **Kosher Food Pantry**: Friday, June 5th. In addition, Jewish Family Service has requested that we join Kehillat New Hempstead on Sunday, June 14th from 9 to 12 to help with the packing and distribution of the food packages. Both men and women are welcome and encouraged to share in this mitzvah. If you are interested and are available for all or part of the time please contact Leslie Goldress at 352-3257 or Sandra Thurm at 368-3418.
Experience **Ellis Island** on Sunday May 17th. 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 21st for a trip to Gomez Mill House and Kedem Wineries in Marlboro, New York. On Sunday, July 12th, 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 19th and on Sunday, July 26th, there will be a Yom Iyun and light breakfast in shul. Stay tuned for further details.

Mazel Tov

Steve and Jackie Fessel on the birth of a grandson, born to Ariella and Bobby Faigen.
Ari and Adina Halpert on the birth of a granddaughter, Leah, born to Mordechai and Henny Zolty.
Josef and Barbara Fischer on the bar mitzva of their grandson, Paysach, son of Judith and Barry Levitt of Atlanta.
Chatz and Libby Lazarus on the birth of a granddaughter, Tziporah, born to Shira and Dovid Rosenbaum.

Refuah Shelimah

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
פשע 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 -

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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.

Parashas Emor – 5769 – A Fiftieth Anniversary

I have returned from my self-imposed exile from the shul bulletin, which was for the purpose of allowing me to accelerate my progress towards completion of the translation of the “Kedushas Levi,” by Rav Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev, the “Saneigor,” the Defender, of Israel. Baruch HaShem, I’ve finished that project and am now free to return. Of course, following our great Founding Rabbi is no mean feat.

Actually, this is not an inappropriate Shabbos for my return, for it is the fiftieth anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah. How time flies! The number 50 has great significance in Judaism. It’s the number of days between Pesach and Shavuos, the days of the “Sephirah,” the Counting, the Mitzvah introduced in this Parashah by the words, “*Speak to the Children of Israel and say to them: **When you shall enter the Land that I give you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring an Omer from your first harvest to the Cohen. He shall wave the Omer before HaShem to gain favor for you... You shall count for yourselves – from the day after the Day of Rest, from the day when you bring the Omer that is waved – seven weeks, which shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh week you shall count fifty days; and you shall offer a new Meal-Offering to HaShem.***” (VaYikra 23:10-11,15-16) These days commemorate the passage from Egypt to Sinai, from the miraculous grant of physical freedom, through the elevation of our People over seven weeks to the level of acceptance of the obligations of the Torah, by which they achieved spiritual freedom. Fifty is also the number of years in a Yovel, consisting of seven Shemitah cycles, of seven years each, nearly a lifetime, during which worthy individuals build legacies of children and grandchildren, creating links to the chain of “Doros,” Generations.

My birthday is 7 Iyar 5719; “Yom HaAtzmaut,” when we again, after 2,000 years, **entered the Land that HaShem gave us**, and called it ours, occurred on 5 Iyar 5721. My birthday was two days after and two years before that Magnificent Day. To some extent, I grew up with the State. It certainly helped in developing my feelings in this area that my parents, A”H, were both strong believers in Religious Zionism, my elementary school, Yeshiva Rabbi Moshe Soloveitchik, and its Principal, Rabbi Yitzchak HaCohen Weinberg, A”H, encouraged it, and we studied “Limudei Kodesh,” “Ivrit B’Ivrit.” Thus, I’ve come to view “Eretz Yisrael” as inseparable from the Jewish Religion, and I find it hard to understand what would seem to be an opposing point of view. Our “Mora D’Asra,” Rabbi Yisrael Gottlieb, however, gave a balanced two-part shiur on the question of “Should we say Hallel on ‘Yom HaAtzmaut?’ ” in which he explained both sides and gave a rationale for a negative response to that question. Perhaps those who respond in that manner are awaiting a sign in re-awakened “Nevuah,” Prophecy, or the agreement of the majority of “Gedolai Yisrael,” the great Torah Scholars of Israel, that the time had come to initiate a return to the Holy Land.

A famous non-political question is asked at the beginning of “Emor” as to why the double expression “Emor”-“VeAmarta” is used? Rashi, citing the Talmud, answers that the point is to warn parents concerning their children. In the Stone Chumash, the commentary cites Rav Moshe Feinstein that the Torah here cautions adults to regulate their own behavior, because the example they set has an effect on the children who see them. While the impact of a parent upon a child is clear, the Parashah also illustrates the potential negative impact of a child upon a parent, “*If the daughter of a Cohen desecrates herself by adultery, she desecrates her father...*” (VaYikra 21:9) Even in the animal kingdom, the Torah shows its sensitivity to parent-child relationships, “*But an ox or sheep or a goat, you may not slaughter it and its offspring on the same day.*” (VaYikra 22:28)

With regard to the subject of parent-child relations, the Prophet Malachi describes the role of Eliyahu in the days preceding the Final Days of Redemption as uniting the generations in “Teshuvah,” Repentance, such that if either generation experiences a spiritual fall, the other generation will be there to pick him up: “*Behold, I send you Eliyahu the Prophet before the coming of the Great and Awesome Day of HaShem. And he will turn back (to G-d) the hearts of fathers with their sons and the hearts of sons with their fathers...*” (Malachi 3:23-24) May we all be blessed with seeing “Doros Yesharim,” Upright Generations, arise from our children and grandchildren. PF