

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 16, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ב אייר שבת פרשת בהר-בחקתי

ערב שבת פרשת בהר-בחקתי

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

שבת פרשת בהר-בחקתי

8:00 AM דף היומי
8:45 AM שחרית
9:15 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

6:05 PM פרקי אבות
6:55 PM Contemporary Halachac Issues
7:40 PM מנחה
8:09 PM שקיעה
סעודה שלישית
8:51 PM מעריב

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. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת במדבר

7:00 PM * מנחה
7:20 PM ** הדלקת נרות
7:56 PM Regular Candle Lighting
8:14 PM שקיעה

* 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 8:30 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- Megilas Rus

Beginning this Friday afternoon, May 15th, Rabbi Yosef Fischer will give a Parshas Hashavua shiur at 6:25 PM.

I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - חלה – 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 פרקי אבות

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is sponsored by Laurence Gordon..

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

You are invited to join a communal celebration of **Yom Yerushalayim** Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at The Young Israel of Monsey and Wesley Hills, 58 Parker Blvd., Monsey. Mincha will be at 8:00 p.m.; the program will begin at 8:15 p.m. The guest speaker is Rabbi Daniel Rapp, Associate Dean, Yeshiva University. His topic is "Dealing with the Devil: Ethics of Prisoner Exchanges and Negotiating with Terrorists." A festive Maariv and refreshments will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Rabbi Gottlieb is being honored with the **Harbotzas Torah Award** at Yeshivas Ohr Reuven's May 25th dinner. Those who are attending the dinner and wish to sit with their spouses and other Bais Torah members should indicate their seating preference on the response card. If you wish to participate in a Bais Torah collective ad for the Rav, please contact Allen Nussbaum. Your response is needed no later than May 17th.

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.

Bais Torah is pleased to announce a double-header for **Father's Day**, June 21st. It begins with a visit to the oldest standing Jewish dwelling in North America, The Gomez Mill House, which is five miles north of Newburgh, NY and about 50 minutes from Monsey. We've arranged for a special 11:30 a.m. Bais Torah tour of the historic house and grounds. Fathers will be admitted free. Afterwards, we'll head 3 miles down the road to sample another taste of history - at Kedem Winery. Further information, maps and directions are on our website and in the mail. To reserve for the tours, please call Aviva at 352-1343 or e-mail aviva@baistorah.org. More information about The Mill House can be found at www.gomez.org.

The **Adult Education** Committee has planned several special events for the upcoming weeks. 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

Moishe and Eileen Frommer on the birth of a grandson, born to Eli and Aviva Frommer.

Shaul and Kreindy Stern on the engagement of their daughter, Goldie, to Shayne Rubin of Har Nof.

Hamakom Yenachem

Joel Rosenwasser on the p'tira of his father, Seymour Rosenwasser

Avromi Fein on the p'tira of his grandmother, Mollie Fein..

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 mother -

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

Irwin Citron - יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה

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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.

Parashios Behar-Bechukosai – 5769 – “Dror Yikra”- “He shall proclaim Freedom”

For forty nine days after the Jewish People left Egypt and attained their physical freedom on the Holiday of Pesach, they underwent a period of spiritual elevation which enabled them to accept the Torah, the Divine Source of Morality and Holiness, thereby attaining their spiritual freedom, on the Holiday of Shavuos.

The Torah defines a cycle of seven years, in which on the seventh year, the “Shemitah Year,” no planting or any other agricultural activity is to be done upon the land; it is a Year of Shabbos, a Year of Rest, for the Land. After seven seven-year cycles, seven “Shemitos,” comes a special year, called the “Yovel,” the Jubilee Year. It shares some of the aspects of a “Shemitah Year,” no agricultural activity, but it is more. If every “Shemitah Year” is a Shabbos for the Land, the “Yovel Year” has the aspect of Yom HaKippurim, and indeed it is heralded by the sounding of a Shofar on the tenth day of Tishrei, the Day considered “Shabbas Shabbason,” the Ultimate Shabbos.

In that Year, all sales of property are cancelled to signify that the Land belongs not to Man but to HaShem. Similarly, the “Eved Ivri,” the Hebrew Indentured Servant, who has had his ear pierced to show that he loves his human master more than his Divine Master, leaves that human master and regains his freedom, signifying that HaShem is the Ultimate Master of the human being. The verse says, “*You shall sanctify the fiftieth year and **Proclaim Freedom throughout the Land for all its inhabitants, it shall be the ‘Yovel Year,’ for you; each of you shall return to his ancestral heritage, and each of you shall return to his family.***”(Vayikra 25:10)

Each Shabbos, we sing a “zemer,” “Dror Yikra,” composed by Dunash Ibn Librat, the famed medieval grammarian and religious poet from Baghdad who lived from 920 CE till 990 CE, who is often cited by Rashi in cases where he needs expert help in explaining a Hebrew word. The “zemer” is a plea to HaShem to protect Israel from its enemies, and bring to His Chosen People peace and redemption:

“Freedom shall He Proclaim for son and daughter, and protect you like the pupil of His eye. Pleasant will be your reputation, never to cease. Rest and be content on the Shabbos Day.”

“Seek my Temple and my Hall, and show me a sign of salvation. Plant a branch within my vineyard, and turn to the outcry of my People.”

“Tread the press in Bozrah, and also Babylon, who overpowered me. Smash my foes with a wrathful anger, and hear my voice on the day that I call.”

“O G-d let bloom on the desert-like mountain myrtle, acacia, cypress and box tree. To those who caution regarding Your Laws and to those who adhere to them, give peace as flowing as a river’s waters.”

“Crush my foes, O Jealous G-d, with broken heart and grief. May we open our mouths and fill them, let our tongues sing Your joyful song.”

“Let your soul know Torah, and it will be a crown on your head. Observe the precepts of your Holy One, observe your Holy Shabbos.”

The Liberty Bell Center is located in Philadelphia, on Market Street, between 5th and 6th. On the Bell is inscribed the verse cited above, “*Proclaim Freedom throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof.*” The Pennsylvania Assembly ordered the bell in 1751 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of William Penn’s Charter of Privileges, Pennsylvania’s original constitution. It speaks of the rights and freedoms valued by people the world over. The bell was crafted by English craftsmen John Pass and John Stow. Soon after the bell was rung for the first time, it developed a crack, which rendered it unusable. When a replacement bell arrived from England, it mysteriously suffered the same fate. Perhaps it was a message from the Almighty that human beings should realize that great as Freedom is, G-d is its Source, and not Man alone.