

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 20, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) שלח כ"ח סיון שבת פרשת שלח

## ערב שבת פרשת שלח

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 8:14 PM  
שקיעה 8:32 PM

## שבת פרשת שלח

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:10 AM  
מברכים החודש תמוז 6:25 PM  
פרקי אבות Contemporary Halachac Issues 7:15 PM  
מנחה 8:00 PM  
שקיעה 8:32 PM  
סעודה שלישית מעריב 9:14 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

## Weekday שחרית

Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM  
Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM  
Mon. and Tues.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

## Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. thru Thurs.: 8:20 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת קרח

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הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 8:14 PM  
שקיעה 8:32 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- **Will resume in the fall.**  
Wednesdays at 8:30 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- **Will resume in the fall.**  
Friday at 6:25 PM - Rabbi Yosef Fischer - Parshas Hashavua. **Will resume in July.**  
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 - חלה - גמרא מסכת חלה – 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 meets on שבת 45 minutes before פרקי אבות.

## Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is available for sponsorship.

Bais Torah is pleased to announce a double-header for this Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:aviva@baistorah.org). More information about The Mill House can be found at [www.gomez.org](http://www.gomez.org).

Ladies: **Zumba** will be continuing for 5 Tuesday evenings in the Multi-Purpose Room starting June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15 PM. Call 357-9571 or 369-1833 with any questions.

Bais Torah Adult Education Committee has obtained a limited number of orchestra seats for the **New York Philharmonic** Summertime Classics Russian Fest. Program: Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and Khachaturian. Guest pianist Vladimir Feltsman. Conducted and hosted by Bramwell Tovy. Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Avery Fisher Hall. Tickets are \$54.00 each. For more information and reservations contact Sandra Thurm 368-3418 or [sfthurm@optonline.net](mailto:sfthurm@optonline.net).

New date for **Kosher Food Pantry**: Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please bring your cans of fruit by that day and drop it into the bin in shul.

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

New **Kosher Discount Card** is now available. Cost is \$18.00. It benefits Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. Contact Aviva at 352-1343 or Leslie at 352-3257.

## Mazel Tov

Steve and Shifra Strum on the engagement of their son, Avi, to Sara Kagel of E. Brunswick, NJ.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Ed Tager on the p'tira of his sister, Ruth Tager.  
Bracha Ollech on the p'tira of her mother, Ruth Tager.  
Abe Rovner on the p'tira of his mother.

## 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

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה  
Joel Rosenwasser's mother - פשע לאה בת שפרינצא  
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

## How to Reach Us

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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.

## Parshas Shelach and its Haftarah - 5769 – And the Mitzvah of “Tzitzis”

The word “la-sur” means to search out, to view and examine, either literally or in one’s mind or imagination. Obviously, there are areas of life which it is desirable for one to dwell upon, such as Torah, medicine or science. But there are other areas which are dangerous for a person to dwell upon or fantasize about. The Mission of the Spies described in Parshas Shelach failed miserably because its purpose was to test the Truthfulness of HaShem, which was a purpose totally without merit. It is an example of those areas defined by “...velo sasuru...” – “...And you shall not follow your imagination or your eyes into areas which can lead you astray into sin.” (BaMidbar 15:39) To focus your thoughts, or bring you back from the brink, if necessary, is the purpose of the Mitzvah of “Tzitzis,” the performance of which is described as attaching threads dyed the color of “techeiles,” a color similar to that of the sea, which is similar to that of the sky, which is similar to that of the Heavenly Throne. Its effect upon the wearer is, “...and you shall look upon it and remember all the Commands of HaShem, and you shall do them;” (ibid.) And again, “So that you may remember and perform all My Commandments and be holy to your G-d.” (BaMidbar 15:40)

The Talmud in Menachos 44a records an incident involving a man who “was devoted to the Mitzvah of ‘Tzitzis.’ But he heard of a prostitute in a far away land who took a fee of four hundred gold pieces. (His imagination took hold of him) and he sent her that fee, and made an appointment to meet with her...She ascended seven ladders to the top of seven silver beds, where there was a golden bed...he thought he would climb up there as well. But his four Tzitzios struck him in the face. He climbed down and sat on the ground. She also descended and sat upon the ground. She said, ‘I won’t let you go until you tell me what flaw you saw in me.’ He responded that he had never seen as beautiful a woman as she, but there was one Command which HaShem our G-d commanded us and ‘Tzitzis’ is its name, and in the text of the Torah describing it is written twice, ‘I am HaShem your G-d;’ – I am the One Who punishes and I am the One Who rewards. Now these four threads seem to me as witnesses.’ She said to him, ‘I will not let you go until you tell me your name, the city in which you live, the name of your teacher and the name of the institution in which you have studied Torah.’ He wrote down this information and gave it to her. She arose and distributed her possessions; one third to the government, one third to the poor, and the other third she took with her...She came to the Academy of Rabbi Chiya. She said, ‘Master, tell me what to do, for I want to convert to Judaism.’ He said, ‘My daughter, did you perhaps fall in love with one of the students?’ She showed him what his student had written. He said, ‘Go and acquire your acquisition. That which you wanted to do for him in a prohibited way, do for him in a permitted way.’ This was his reward in ‘This-World,’ who knows what his reward will be in the ‘World-to-Come?’ ”

This is reminiscent of the account given in the Haftarah of Parshas Shelach, which describes the mission of the two “spies” whom Yehoshua sends into Yericho, primarily to determine the reaction of its citizens to the approach of Israel. The spies he sends are Calev, the faithful spy of the first mission, and Pinchas, the zealot, who had gained immortality by killing the sinful couple, the Prince of the Tribe of Shimon and the Princess of Midian, while they were engaging in a carnal act. The spies entered the residence of Rachav, a harlot, according to the literal meaning of the words, or an innkeeper, but in either case, she was likely to know the feelings of the residents regarding the approach of Israel which, according to her report, was abject fear.

Following the literal understanding of her profession, Rachav was a very beautiful woman. At the mere mention of her name, according to the Midrash, most men became aroused. But she had never met the likes of these two holy Jews. Calev had such self-control and courage that he had been able to oppose his fellow-spies on the disastrous first mission. And Pinchas! He had killed a Jew who lived with a non-Jewess! So impressed was Rachav by them that after helping them, she converted, married Yehoshua, and was the ancestress, according to the Midrash, of eight prophets: Neriah, Baruch, Seraya, Machsia, Yirmiyahu, Chilkiah, Chanamel and Shalum. According to another Midrash, this list includes Ezra, Yechezkel, and Chulda, the Prophetess. Which goes to show that her spiritual beauty was more than equal to her physical beauty.