

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

December 11, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כד' כסלו ערב שבת פרשת וישב

ערב שבת פרשת וישב- שבת חנוכה 1

Early מנחה 3:00 PM
הדלקת נרות 4:09 PM
מנחה 4:10 PM
שקיעה 4:27 PM

שבת פרשת וישב

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:31 AM
מברכין החדש טבת
Shiur גמרא 3:15 PM
מנחה 4:00 PM
שקיעה 4:28 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 5:10 PM

שחרית Weekday

Sunday 7:45 AM
Mon. 6:20 and 7:45
Tues., and Wed.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM
Thurs. and Fri: 6:10 and 7:35 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun. thru Thurs.: 4:15 PM
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת מקץ- שבת חנוכה 2

Early מנחה 3:00 PM
הדלקת נרות 4:11 PM
מנחה 4:15 PM
שקיעה 4:29 PM

Shiurim

מנחה 45 minutes before שבת לז'נ פייגל בת מנחם מנדל **Women's תהלים group** meets on

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 8:15 PM – מלכים ב' – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.

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 - סוכה – Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית – נבאים – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM – גמרא שיעור – Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Sharon Kronenberg in memory of her mother, Harabanis Rivka Bas Harav Shimon Asher, and Yussie Deutsch in memory of his mother, Dubba bas Zalmen Pinchos Hacoheh, and Avi and Moshe Rosenbaum for their birthday.

Avos U'Banim: Meets Motzoei Shabbos at **6:30 pm.** in the Bais HaMedrash. Bring your children and grandchildren for a wonderful evening of Torah learning, hot pizza and prizes for all. This week's learning is sponsored by the Rhines. There are only a few weeks still available for **SPONSORSHIP**, if you would like to sponsor an evening of Avos U'Banim learning, act, now!! Please contact Jonathan Rosenstock at Jonathan.Rosenstock@ge.com More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

"It was one of the nicest evenings I ever spent," said our Rav last Shabbos morning in shul. He was referring, of course, to Friday night's hugely successful **Carlebach Shabbos**, and his sentiment about it being the "best ever" was shared by most everyone who attended. **Many thanks** to Dr. and Mrs. Elli Kranzler, Dr. Moishe Kranzler, Doris Newman, Marilyn Sapir and Malkie Zamore. Special thanks also to Shaul Stern and family, Michael Rossman and family, and Moshe Lehmann for preparing a delicious seudas Shabbos and beautiful dessert table. We also wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Rabbi Gottlieb, whose wonderful "maiselech" not only entertained us, but also inspired us at his "tisch."

LADIES ZUMBA: One more Zumba class has been added!!! It will take place Monday, Dec. 14, 8:15 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room. Join US!!!!

Sisterhood members, save the date for the evening of December 22nd for our upcoming **Membership Tea**. We will be having a fabulous craft project and presentation from "The Place To Bead". More details to follow...

New collection date for **Kosher Food Pantry** is Wed., Jan. 6th

If you would like to add a d'var torah, or sponsor the **Bais Torah Youth Newsletter, Toras Habayis**, please send all submissions to: torashabayis.baistorah@gmail.com

Mazel Tov

Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Adina and Hillel Mann in Eretz Yisroel.

Hamokom Yenachem

Jeffrey Sapir on the petirah of his father

Refuah Shelaimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro
מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London
שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל - Tova Eizik's grandson
אסתר מלכה בת קילה - Esther Lutwak
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית - Bob Schore
יוסף בן שרה - Suzie Kirshenbaum's father
יצחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא - Eddie Tager
בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer
מנחם בן קילה - Manny Mayerfeld

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -
פשה לאה בת שפרינצא
אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson
הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein
חיים יונה בן חנה - Eileen Frommer's father
יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה - Irwin Citron
חנה בת תמרה - Helen Furman
פיגע בת חיה רבקה - Bella Helprin's mother

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Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

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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 Vayeshev – 5770

Yaakov, Moshe and Matsiyahu – “Follow Me!”

In the immediate aftermath of Shimon and Levi's exacting revenge against the City of Shechem and its prince for the violation of Dinah, we find Yaakov receiving a Command from HaShem, *“Arise – go up to Beth El and dwell there, and make an altar there to G-d Who appeared to you when you fled from Esav your brother.”* (Bereshis 35:1) This was to be a Sinai-like experience for the people, at the “Place of the Temple,” and Yaakov wanted to make sure that there was no confusion between the gods of the nations and the One G-d of Israel Who had chosen Israel and had bound Himself to their fate. Therefore, he issued the following clarion call to his household, *“Discard the alien gods that are in your midst; cleanse yourselves and change your clothing. Then come and let us go up to Beth El; I will make there an altar to G-d Who answered me in my time of distress, and was with me on the road that I have traveled.”* (Bereshis 35:2-3) And afterwards we find, *“And they did indeed set out, and there fell a G-dly terror on the cities which were around them, so that they did not pursue Yaakov's sons. Then Yaakov came to Luz in the land of Canaan – it is Beth El – he, and all the people who were with him. And he built an altar there and called the place Beth El, for it was there that G-d had been revealed to him, during his flight from his brother. (Bereshis 35:5-7)*

After their Exodus from Egypt, the People of Israel were inspired, but only temporarily, because in the end, they did succumb to the temptation of Idol Worship. Moshe descends from the mountain, smashes the first “luchos,” burns the Golden Calf, grinds it into a fine powder, sprinkles it over the water, and makes the Children of Israel drink the toxic compound, as the waters of the Sotah. Then, *“Moshe stood at the gateway of the camp, and called out, ‘Whoever is for HaShem, follow me!’ and all the Levites gathered around him.”* (Shemos 32:26)

More than a thousand years later, the cry of **“Whoever is for HaShem, follow me!”** rings out again. This time it was from the mouth of Matsiyahu ben Yochanan, High Priest of the Chashmonai Family. Responding initially in this case were his valiant sons Yehudah, Shimon, Yehonatan, Elazar and Yochanan, known as the Maccabees (an acronym of *“Who is like You among the mighty, HaShem?”*) Afterwards, other brave Jews, who were not afraid of self-sacrifice and who also believed in *“It is not by bravery and strength alone that victory is attained; rather, it is by My Spirit, says HaShem.”* (Zechariah 4:6), also volunteered. The enemy in this instance was the confederation of the Greeks and the Hellenistic Jews who sought the spiritual destruction of the Jewish People. The specific event that elicited the cry from Matsiyahu was his slaying of the king's messenger and of the first Jew to approach the heathen altar. It had been made unlawful for anyone to keep the Sabbath and the Festivals as ordained in the Torah, or to profess himself at all to be a Jew. Women who had their sons circumcised were paraded around the City of Jerusalem and then cast headlong from its walls.

The Jewish army under the leadership of Yehudah HaMacabee was vastly outnumbered and for the first time faced the use of military elephants imported from Africa to serve as battle “tanks.” Yet the Jews accomplished victory after victory until, in the end, they achieved their main goal, the **purification and rededication of the Holy Temple** that had been defiled by the Greeks and Hellenists. As the Talmud relates, they searched and found uncontaminated oil in an amount sufficient for kindling the Menorah for only one day, but miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days. A new holiday was established, called Chanukah, which was to be celebrated each year for eight days in commemoration of the miraculous military victory and the miracle of the oil, which kept the Menorah lit even though there was no fuel.

Thus, throughout its history, the Jewish People, by heeding calls to faith by its religious leaders, has attained victories over its enemies, internal and external. Let us hope that in our time, though we are blessed with an independent Jewish State, and although it and we are beset from all sides by our enemies, declared and undeclared, we will respond to the call of “Whoever is for HaShem, follow me!” by generating from within a mighty act of faith, and lead all the nations to greet the “Mashiach.”

L'Iluy Nishmas beni Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem