

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

February 5, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כא' שבת ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו
הדלקת נרות 5:00 PM
מנחה 5:05 PM
שקיעה 5:18 PM
הלכות שבת Shiur 8:15 PM

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

שבת פרשת יתרו
דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:36 AM
Shiur גמרא 4:05 PM
מנחה 4:50 PM
שקיעה 5:19 PM
מעריב 6:01 PM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday
Sun. thru Thurs.: 5:10 PM
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת משפטים
הדלקת נרות 5:08 PM
מנחה 5:14 PM
שקיעה 5:28 PM

Shiurim

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם לז' פינגל meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

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 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 - 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 שלישיית is sponsored by Moish and Eileen Frommer, in honor of the yartzheit of her mother, Chaya Leah Bas Moshe Mendel

AVOS UBANIM: Meets Motzoei Shabbos at 7:15 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 co-sponsored by the Landas and the Markowitzes in honor of their grandchildren.

Be sure and join us **THIS Motzoei Shabbos, February 6th at 8:15 PM** for a special presentation by Dr. Mordechai Kedar, lecturer in the Department of Arabic Studies at Bar Ilan University. Dr. Kedar speaks widely about the Middle East, Islam, the Arab world and Jerusalem. His topic will be, "**WHAT IS THE STRUGGLE OVER JERUSALEM ALL ABOUT?**" Arutz Sheva said that Dr. Kedar was "Eloquent and Unafraid" in his interview on Al Jazeera about the right of Jews to build in Jerusalem. The video can be seen on youtube.com. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHpMhAzj-Tk>) Donation: \$10 for non-members.

The Herrmann family invites the entire membership to attend the **Hachnosas Sefer Torah** at Bais Torah, this Sunday, February 7. Kesivas HaOsiyos (writing of the letters) will take place between 10:00-11:45 followed by the Hachnosas Sefer Torah.

Come **MATZAH BAKING** with Bais Torah, Sunday February 14 at 2:30 at the Shatzter Matzah Bakery in Brooklyn. To order call the Lieders at 352-0122, or e-mail Eiyintova@optonline.net (write Matzah Order in subject line) or list your order on the form outside the simcha room.

Please reserve Sunday evening, **February 21st for our THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SIYUM MISHNAYOS.** This year's featured speaker is Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier, the founder of Tiferes Bnai Torah and TheShmuz.com. His topic is "They Don't Make Anti-Semites Like They Used To." Couvert is \$25 per person. For reservations, please call the shul office, 352-1343, Yossi Fischer, 425-2785, or Moshe Kranzler, 352-8410.

SHALACH MANOS lists are in the mail, and hopefully at your door!! Please fill out the list and return it to the shul office as soon as possible so that the **PURIM COMMITTEE** can get to work!!! If you did not receive the list, or if you have questions, call Hinda Kimmel at 357-9571.

PLEASE NOTE: On page two of the Purim mailing, the date is incorrect. Please indicate if you will be home on **February 25** NOT March 9. We regret the error.

SAVE THE DATE: THE BAIS TORAH ANNUAL DINNER is April 25 -Guests of honor - Bayla and Moe Tilson, Keser Shem Tov Award-Mr. and Mrs. Ben and Hilde Zauderer and the Aishes Chayil Award -Mrs. Hinda Kimmel

New collection date for **KOSHER FOOD PANTRY MARCH 10.** All fruit cans should be KOSHER L'PESACH.

Mazel Tov

Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the birth of a granddaughter, Elisheva Elka, born to their children Avi and Deena Horowitz.

Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann on their Hachnosas Sefer Torah

Murray and Mona Selzer on the marriage of their children, Michael and Tamara.

Yis and Bella Helprin on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Dovid and Feige Helprin of Livingston NJ

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's

הנתן משה בן דבורה טובה-Grandson
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
Eddie Tager – צחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא

Ben Zauderer- בנימין בן בילה

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הלני בת רחל

Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה

Irwin Citron - יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה

Bella Helprin's mother- פיגע בת חיה רבקה

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Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

Bais Torah Bulletin Email baistorahbulletin@gmail.com, or call (845) 371-5337. All submissions are subject to review and must be submitted by 9pm Wednesday evening.. This bulletin is downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

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 Yisro- 5770

– The Spirit of Shabbos

It is interesting to note that as the entire universe was created by “Ten Utterances” of the Creator, so was the Torah summarized at Sinai by “Ten Utterances.” This strongly suggests that the purpose of the Creation was the event at Sinai, where HaShem acquired the People of Israel, as that event is pictured in the Midrash as a “Wedding,” so to speak, between HaShem and the Jewish People, where the Torah played the role of “Kessef Kiddushin,” the “Article of Value accepted by the bride in exchange for pledging herself to the bridegroom.” This essay will discuss one of the Utterances, that regarding Shabbos, not that a trillion such essays could plumb the depths of that Command.

There are two versions of the “Ten Utterances” recorded in the Torah. One is in this week’s Parashah, Yisro; the other is in Parashas Vaeschanan, in Sefer Devarim. Most of the differences are minor and inconsequential; however, there is a significant difference with regard to the Command of Shabbos. Here in Yisro, we find, “*Zachor es Yom HaShabbos L’Kadesho,*” “*Remember the Day of Shabbos, to make it holy.*” (*Shemos 20:8*); whereas in Vaeschanan, the text is “*Shamor es Yom HaShabbos L’Kadesho,*” “*Guard the Day of Shabbos, to make it holy.*” (*Devarim 5:12*) Jewish Tradition asserts that G-d, in his super-human abilities, somehow recited the two versions simultaneously. Be that as it may, the fact is that “*Zachor,*” “*Remember*” alludes to positive behaviors that enhance, separate and distinguish the Day of Shabbos, whereas “*Shamor,*” “*Guard*” alludes to the aspect of Shabbos as a “Day of Rest,” by prohibiting certain behaviors and activities on Shabbos; that is, the prohibition of “*Melacha,*” thirty-nine categories of conscious, positive and creative activity, such as planting, cooking, writing, building, etc.

I will now begin citation from a great work on Shabbos, by Dayan (the word “Dayan” means a judge of a Jewish Court of Law, implying that this individual has great expertise in Jewish Law) Dr. I. Grunfeld. I found this work particularly inspiring when I read it as a young man.

Dayan Grunfeld opens with a Midrash, quoting HaShem, “‘I have a precious gift in my treasury,’ said G-d to Moshe: ‘Shabbos’ is its name; go and tell Israel that I wish to present it to them.” (Shabbos 10b)

“When G-d created heaven and earth, says the Talmud, they went on unreeling endlessly, ‘like two bobbins of thread,’ until their Creator called out to them, ‘Enough!’ G-d’s creative activity was followed by Shabbos, when he deliberately ceased from His creative work. This, more than anything, shows Him to us as the free Creator, freely controlling and limiting the creation He brought into being according to His Will...”

“It is thus not ‘work’ but ‘ceasing from work’ which G-d chose as the sign of His free creation of the world. By ceasing from work every Shabbos, in the manner prescribed by the Torah, the Jew bears witness to the creative power of G-d. He also reveals Man’s true greatness. The stars and the planets, having once started on their eternal rounds, go on blindly, ceaselessly, driven by nature’s law of cause and effect. Man, however, by an act of faith, can put a limit to his labor... By observing Shabbos, the Jew becomes, as our Sages say, ‘domeh l’yotzero,’ ‘like G-d Himself.’ He is, like G-d, work’s master, not its slave.”

“Another blessing flows from Shabbos – the blessing of ‘Menuchah,’ or ‘Rest.’ This ‘Menuchah’ is something much more than physical rest. It is an attitude of mind, a spiritual state, induced by the Shabbos experience.”

“There is the joy of being released from bondage to the pressing demands of everyday life...The spirit of ‘Menuchah’ finds its positive expression in the Shabbos meals in which the happy companionship of family and friends, the enjoyment of good food, the table-songs in praise of G-d and the Shabbos, all combine to form an entirely unique experience...With body refreshed and nervous tension relaxed, the mind is stimulated in its turn to achieve closer contact with G-d by the study of His Torah, not as an intellectual pastime, but in the full knowledge that it is the only source of truth and true living for the Jew. If we make this spiritual activity the positive content of the Shabbos’ leisure hours, then when Shabbos goes out, it will leave us in all respects better equipped for the tasks of the coming week – better equipped, in fact, for the task of living.”

“The blessings of Shabbos are not confined to the life of the individual. After helping the Jew to find himself, Shabbos helps him to find his fellow-man. One of the basic motives given in the Torah for the Shabbos command is: ‘*that your manservant and maidservant may rest as well as you.*’ (*Devarim 5:14*) The master like the servant – the servant like the master! Can anyone realize today what this equalization must have meant at a time when a bondservant was nothing but his master’s animated tool, to be broken and destroyed at will? On the Shabbos, servant and master meet as equals, as free human personalities. Shabbos restored to the slave his human dignity. Shabbos-rest and Shabbos-freedom applied also to the ‘*stranger within the gates*’ (*Shemos 20:10*). Thus the foundation was laid for the brotherhood of man. Indeed, as we shall see, even the cattle are not excluded from the heavenly blessing of Shabbos-rest...”

“Shabbos is thus a weekly recurring Divine protest against slavery and oppression. Lifting up his cup on Friday night, the Jew links the creation of the world with man’s freedom, so declaring slavery and oppression deadly sins against the very foundation of the universe. Can one be surprised that tyrants at all times would not permit Israel to celebrate the Shabbos?”