

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 5, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org י"ט' אדר ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

הדלקת נרות 5:34 PM
מנחה 5:40 PM
שקיעה 5:52 PM

שבת פרשת כי תשא

8:00 AM דף היומי
8:45 AM שחרית
9:15 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
פרשת פרה
4:40 PM Shiur גמרא
5:25 PM מנחה
5:53 PM שקיעה
6:35 PM מעריב

שחרית Weekday

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

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday thru Thurs.: 5:45 PM
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויקהל-פקודי

הדלקת נרות 5:42 PM
מנחה 5:50 PM
שקיעה 6:00 PM

Shiurim

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

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 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 שלישי is co-sponsored by Yehuda Eliezri for the yartzheit of his mother, Salba Bas R' Avraham and Avi Becker for the yartzheit of his mother, Itka bas Avraham Abish

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those who helped make the Shalach Monos campaign successful. Without the dedicated volunteers who came to pack the beautiful bags, and the drivers who braved the snow, we would never have achieved our goal!!!

If you ordered Matzos from Bais Torah they are waiting for you!!! **MATZAH PICK-UP** is this Motzoei Shabbos from 8 pm –10 pm and Sunday from 1pm-3pm and again from 8 pm –10 pm, at the Lieder home, 75 College Road. Please come to the front door.

The Shul is selling **WINE FOR PESACH**, if you would like to order please contact Miriam Frankel at (845) 893-4983 or email: frankelmath@yahoo.com

RABBI GOTTLIEB'S PRE-PESACH SHIURIM will be Wednesday March 10- "Cleaning and Kashering" and Wednesday March 17- "Products and Shopping," both are at 8:15 PM

THE BAIS TORAH ANNUAL DINNER is April 25 at the Holidome in Suffern. Be sure to put an ad in the journal honoring -Guests of honor –Moe and Bayla Tilson, Keser Shem Tov Award- Ben and Hilde Zauderer and the Aishes Chayil Award – Hinda Kimmel.

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

Mazal Tov

Mordechai and Bernice Rudman on the engagement of their son Aryeh to Rochel Spira, daughter of Steve and Loraine Spira of Los Angeles

Hamokom Yenachem

Eileen Frommer on the p'tira of her father, Herman Siegel

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's
Grandson משה בן דבורה טובה-
Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה -
Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא -
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 -

בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer -
Joel Rosenwasser's mother -
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא -
אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson -
הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein -
יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה - Irwin Citron -
פיגע בת חיה רבקה - Bella Helprin's mother -

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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 Ki Sisa – 5770

Atonement

Parshas Ki-Sisa begins with a census taken of the Children of Israel, according to the method prescribed by the Torah; that is, not to do a literal headcount, for that would invoke “Ayin HaRa,” as precisely counting anything of one’s wealth does, but especially people. Rashi explains that David inexplicably fell into that trap, bringing upon the People the Plague of “dever,” pestilence. Rather, each individual submitted a half-shekel, and the coins were counted. The reason given in the Torah for this census-by-contribution is “to atone for your souls.”

This need for atonement is, perhaps, a reference also to tragic events described later in the Parashah, and is a way for the Torah to place the “remedy before the punishment.” For the construction of the Golden Calf is described later, one of the major sins of the Children of Israel, which would weigh on their consciences, and for which they would pay, in installments, for all time. It would cause Moshe to break the original “luchos,” and to enter into an intense period of prayer for the forgiveness and atonement of the People.

In his prayerful encounter with HaShem, Moshe is told that, great as he is, he is still a finite human being and therefore unable to grasp HaShem’s Essence. Instead, HaShem says that He will teach him how to pray to Him in case of trouble, by revealing His Attributes. Then, “*HaShem passed before him and proclaimed: ‘HaShem, HaShem...’*” – Rashi explains the duplicate terminology as referring to the Attribute of Mercy, which is the same before one sins as after, if one repents; the relationship can be restored – ‘...*Almighty G-d...*’ – Rashi explains this as well as a reference to the Attribute of Mercy, as David says in *Tehillim (22:2)*, ‘*Almighty G-d, Almighty G-d, Do not abandon me!*’ and one would not say that to the Attribute of Strict Justice. ‘...*Compassionate and Gracious, Slow to Anger, and Abundant in Kindness and Truth; Preserver of Kindness for thousands of generations, Forgiver of Iniquity, Willful Sin and Error, and Who cleanses, but does not cleanse completely, recalling the iniquity of parents upon children and grandchildren, to the third and fourth generations.*’” (*Shemos 34:6-7*) Rashi points out that there is, so to speak, a “ratio” of Reward to Punishment of 500:1.

Parshas Parah, describing the procedures surrounding the sprinkling of the water containing the ashes of the “Parah Adumah,” along with cedar-wood, hyssop and crimson thread, as well seems to be an atonement for the Golden Calf, as mentioned above, one of the major sins of Israel, along with the selling of Yoseph into slavery by his brothers, which was responsible for the executions of the “Asarah Harugei Malchus,” and there is a trace of punishment for that sin accompanying every sin involving “Causeless Hatred,” and the sin of the “Meraglim,” whose lack of Faith regarding ‘Eretz Yisrael’ caused not only the death in the Wilderness of an entire generation, but also delayed the building of the Bais HaMikdash and the coming of the Moshiach.

“Perek Chelek,” the eleventh and final chapter of Maseches Sanhedrin, has much to say about the destiny of human beings, is certainly an eye-opener with regard to the power of sincere repentance to turn around one’s personality, and the even-more amazing capacity for Forgiveness of HaShem. On folio 96b, the Gemara describes how Nevzaradan went to great lengths in killing Jews in order stop the seething of the pool of blood belonging to the Prophet Zechariah, who was murdered by a Jewish mob, because of his prophecies regarding the coming destruction of Jerusalem. Nevzaradan began by killing the remnant of Torah scholars, proceeded to children who had been studying Torah in Yeshiva, and on to the young Kohanim, eventually reaching a total of some 940,000 innocent victims. He then had a thought of Repentance – if these people were punished in such numbers for the killing of one person, what is G-d going to do with me? He put down his sword, sent his will to his wife, and converted to Judaism. “The Rabbis taught: ‘Naaman was converted to the extent that he forswore idol worship and the other Commands incumbent upon all of humanity, Nevzaradan accepted all the Commandments. The descendants of Sisera learned Torah in Yerushalayim, descendants of Sancheriv taught Torah in public. And who were they? Shemaiah and Avtalyon. Descendants of Haman learned Torah in Bnei Berak. That was the great Rabbi Meir...’” whose name means ‘one who enlightens’ for he enlightened the world regarding the capacity of HaShem for Forgiveness and Compassion.

L’Illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem