

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

April 9, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) י"ט ניסן ערב שבת פרשת שמיני

ערב שבת פרשת שמיני  
מנחה 7:00 PM  
הדלקת נרות 7:12 PM  
שקיעה 7:30 PM

שבת פרשת שמיני  
דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:41 AM  
מברכים החדש אי-יר 5:25 PM  
Contemporary Halachic Issues 6:15 PM  
מנחה 7:00 PM  
שקיעה 7:31 PM  
מעריב 8:13 PM

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

מנחה-מעריב Weekday  
Sunday- Thursday : 7:20 PM

ערב שבת תזריע-מצורע  
מנחה 7:00 PM  
הדלקת נרות 7:19 PM  
שקיעה 7:37 PM

## Shiurim

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

This week's **Kiddush** is sponsored by Barry Lifschitz in honor of Emily's birthday  
**סועדה שלישיית** is sponsored by Larry Seligson in honor of the yartzheit of his father, Alexander ben Ephraim  
**KOSHER FOOD PANTRY DATE is April 14.**

Sunday, April 18th, Congregation Bais Torah will be co-sponsoring a Monsey community celebration of **Yom Ha'atzmaut** featuring festive tefilla, divrei Torah and a special presentation by Colonel Bentzi Gruber, vice-commander of an armored division in the IDF Reserves. His topic will be "**Ethics in the Field: An Inside Look at the Israeli Defense Forces.**" The celebration will be held at Community Synagogue, beginning with Mincha at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

**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. Dinner Journal Ad Blanks are available on the shul website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org)

## Hamakom Yenachem

Ann Citron on the p'tira of her husband, Irwin  
Gina Frommer on the p'tira of her husband, Max

## Refuah Shelaimah

אליעזר בן דורה Allen Nussbaum's father  
רבקה בת הינה Carl Markowitz's mother-  
Katie Tannenbaum's  
הנתן משה בן דבורה טובה- Grandson  
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה Henry Shapiro-  
מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא Manny London-  
אסתר מלכה בת קילה Esther Lutwak -  
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית - Bob Schore  
יוסף בן שרה Suzie Kirshenbaum's father-  
צחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא Eddie Tager –

בנימין בן בילה- Ben Zauderer  
חיה עטיל בת שלימה  
חנה פרומא בת יהודית גיטל- Chana Mayerfeld  
Joel Rosenwasser's mother -  
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא  
אריה לייב בן רבקה Larry Seligson -  
הילני בת רחל Leni Loebenstein -  
פיגע בת חיה רבקה Bella Helprin's mother-

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**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](http://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.

## SHEMINI 5770

(The Eighth Day) - 5770 - "Who Knows Eight?"

In the Haggadah, among the songs that follow the Seder, which for many are true highlights of that memorable experience, is the song, "Who Knows a Number?" where that number runs from One, HaShem Himself, to Thirteen, His "Midos," or Characteristics. Among those numbers, of course, is the number "Eight." The answer given to the question "Who Knows Eight?" is "Eight Days of 'Milah,'" referring to the fact that the Ceremony of Circumcision is performed on the eighth day of life of every Jewish boy.

"Milah" is a Covenant between G-d and the Jewish People, that was first established with our forefather Avraham (Bereshis 17:9-14). A male who is uncircumcised is called an "arel," and is excluded from many defining Jewish experiences, including partaking of the Pesach Sacrifice, that will be re-instituted with the re-building of the "Beis HaMikdash," the Holy Temple, by the "Mashiach," soon and in our days.

What is special about the number "eight?"

Perhaps we can make an attempt to answer that question by looking at, together with the Haggadah's response to "Who Knows Eight?" other instances in the Bible and in Jewish History where the number "eight" plays an important role. The following come immediately to mind:

1. The Process of Consecration of the "Kohanim," the Priests, and the "Mishkan," the Tabernacle, into the Divine Worship, was an Eight-Day process, that is the main subject of this week's Parshah. On the eighth day, HaShem signaled His satisfaction with the activities of the Jewish People in creating an abiding place for His Divine Presence, by sending forth a fire from Heaven to consume the sacrifices on the altar.

2. The eighth day of the Holiday of "Sukkos," attached to it but really independent, is the Holiday of "Shemini Atzeres." On that day, in contradistinction to the earlier seven days of the Festival, when the number of bullocks sacrificed decreased daily from thirteen to seven, adding up to seventy, corresponding to the "seventy nations of the world," on "Shemini Atzeres," only one bullock was sacrificed. That single bullock corresponded to the People of Israel, the "One Nation in the Land," the "Kingdom of Priests and the Holy Nation."

3. The Holiday of "Chanukah," that celebrates the victory of the Jewish People over the Greeks and the "Misayavim," Jews who were assimilating into the culture of Yavan, the ancestor of the Greek People. It is an eight-day Holiday, commemorating also the rededication of the Second Temple and the miracle of the cruse of oil that lasted for eight days, when there was really only enough oil in it to last for one day!

What is the common thread that binds "Bris Milah," the Consecration of the "Mishkan," "Shmini Atzeres" and "Chanukah?"

It is possible that in each case, we find an instance of the Jewish People being raised, somehow, above nature, above the natural order, while remaining firmly anchored within it. In the case of "Milah," Circumcision, the Jews are asked to make a "Sign" in their bodies, specifically in the organ of desire, that shows their willingness to sublimate their natural desire, to control and regulate it in accordance with the Command of the Torah, and of its Holy Author, in accordance with the principles of "Tznius," Modesty and Restraint. In the case of the "Miluim," the Consecration, there is a demonstration of the possibility of a Connection between the Divine, the Eternal, and the human being, frail and mortal but possessed of an eternal soul. On "Shemini Atzeres," HaShem asks the People of Israel to remain behind and spend a "Special Day" alone with Him, to allow expression of the intimacy that exists between the two "Parties." On "Chanukah," the first Holiday after the cessation of Prophecy, there occurred a "Nes Nigleh," an "Open Miracle," when a limited amount of oil, somehow was made to last longer than its capacity, in a manner similar to miracles recounted in the Bible, assuring the Jewish People of the continuing Presence of G-d within them, even as they were moving closer to Exile.

In each case, the Connection between the Creator of the Universe and the Jewish People is stressed by the number "Eight," showing that His Chosen People are somehow within Nature, yet above it also, to be a Messenger of HaShem to the World, that He is One and His Name One.

L'Illuy Nishmat beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem