

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

April 30, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) י"ז אייר ערב שבת פרשת אמור

## AUFRUF OF AVI ROSENBAUM

ערב שבת פרשת אמור  
מנחה 7:00 PM\*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular הדלקת נרות 7:34 PM  
שקיעה 7:52 PM

### שחרית Weekday

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

### מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday- Thursday : 7:45 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת בהר-בחקותי

מנחה 7:00 PM\*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular הדלקת נרות 7:42 PM  
שקיעה 8:00 PM

\*early mincha for the summer

\*\* Shul accepts Shabbos

### שבת פרשת אמור

8:00 AM דף היומי  
8:45 AM שחרית  
9:24 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע  
5:50 PM פרקי אבות  
6:40 PM Contemporary Halachic Issues  
7:25 PM מנחה  
7:53 PM שקיעה  
8:35 PM מעריב

## Shiurim

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם meets on שבת 45 minutes before פרקי אבות.

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 Mendel and Renee Rosenbaum in honor of the Aufruf of their son, Avi  
סוועיה שלישיית is sponsored by Yis Helprin in honor of the yartzheit of his mother, Devorah Bas Shlomo Hacohen  
**ZUMBA is back!!** Exercise with us , Mondays at 8:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. For more information, call  
357-9571

Photos of our Annual Dinner can be found on our website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org)

The new KOSHER FOOD PANTRY collection date is May 5.

## Mazal Tov

David and Elaine Zelmanovic on the birth of a grandson born to Dovid and Lisa Kram.

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great grand-daughter, born to their grandchildren, Avi and Mazal Stern of Queens

Yisroel and Ruthie Safrin on the engagement of their daughter, Shoshana to Meir Amsel of Monsey, son of Avrohom and Chana Amsel.

## 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 מנוש 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-

יצחק 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-

## **How to Reach Us**

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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.

## **EMOR- 5770**

The dangers of establishing a priestly class are apparent to all. It can breed and lead to discrimination against others, corruption, misuse of power and position and an unwarranted sense of hubris and entitlement amongst the priests.

In the ancient world all societies had a priestly class. But these priests usually had temporal power as well and were seen as possessing magical and supernatural powers. In a world of idolatry and superstition this naturally gave them additional stature and powers.

To a great extent this situation was inherited and sanctified by the Church itself when Christianity became the dominant religion of the Western world. Because of this, the Church has suffered scandal and rebellion throughout its centuries and certainly in our day as well.

Papal infallibility has only added to the problem already existing because of a strongly entrenched priestly hierarchy that often disdains the public it is meant to serve. Yet no faith can exist without leadership and committed public servants. The Torah recognizes this in this week's parsha with the special role it assigns to the kohanim – the descendants of Aharon – in Jewish life, especially in times of the Temple.

The service of the kohanim and the existence of such a group itself were deemed essential by the Torah to assure a full Jewish life of Godly values and public worship. The kohanim served to bind the disparate tribes of Israel together in the service of God and to give direction to national life and moral goals. The kohanim were the “angels” of God to the people, the guardians of the faith and the teachers of Israel. They were also to always serve as the role models for proper moral behavior and holy probity.

Thus the special laws and standing applied to kohanim, as described in this week's parsha, came to serve as a safeguard against their potential abuse and exploitation of power and position. The kohein was not to be the king, he owned no land by right of being one of the tribes of Israel and he was subject to special familial restrictions – all meant to enhance his position of a servant of God and of the people.

In Tanach we read that in spite of all of these safeguards, the kohanim in both the First and Second Temple periods were eventually corrupted by power and avarice. The prophets became the true “priests” of Israel, the moral role models and spiritual leaders of the Jewish nation. The Hasmonians who were kohanim, in spite of their initial great piety and heroism, violated the rules of balance of power ordained by the Torah and usurped the monarchy for themselves in spite of being kohanim.

Eventually this led to disastrous consequences for the Jews. The Second Temple saw great corruption in the ranks of the kohanim with the office of the Kohein Gadol being bought and bartered. Thus the rabbis of the Mishna and later the Talmud became the spiritual “priests” of Israel Yet the kohanim have retained their special identity and position within the Jewish world over these many millennia. They are to be respected and we are to be grateful to receive their blessings and services.

Shabat shalom.  
Rabbi Berel Wein