

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

July 2, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כא' תמוז ערב שבת פרשת פנחס

Mazurek (Herrmann) Bris

ערב שבת פרשת פנחס
מנחה 7:00 PM*
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular הדלקת נרות 8:15 PM
שקיעה 8:33 PM

שבת פרשת פנחס
דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:14 AM
פרקי אבות 6:25PM
Contemporary Halachic Issues 7:15 PM
Parasites in Fish part II
מנחה 8:00 PM
שקיעה 8:32 PM
מעריב 9:15 PM

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

מנחה-מעריב Weekday
Sunday-Thursday : 8:20 PM

ערב שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי
מנחה 7:00 PM*
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM **
Regular הדלקת נרות 8:12 PM
שקיעה 8:30 PM

*Early mincha for the summer
** Shul accepts Shabbos

Shiurim

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם meets on שבת. 30 minutes before פרקי אבות.
Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah
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 סוכה - 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 the Herrmann and Mazurek families in honor of the bris of the baby born to Penina and Menashe Mazurek

סעודה שלישית is sponsored Moe Tilson for the yartzeit of his father, Yonah ben Avraham Leib, and also by Shlomo Horowitz for the yartzeit of his mother, Elka bas Shmuel

Congregation Bais Torah is pleased to announce that Mrs. Shani Taragin, Rosh Beit Medrash Midreshet Lindenbaum, will give a Nine Days Lecture on Sunday morning, **July 11th at 10 a.m.** Her topic is **Figs and Foxes: Misinterpreting and Reinterpreting Nevuah**. The lecture is sponsored by Bracha and Moshe Ollech in memory of Marvin Hochbaum a"h, Natan Ollech a"h, and Ruth Tager a"h. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Tisha B'Av, July 20th, Bais Torah will once again be scheduling a full day of events, beginning with **Rabbi Gottlieb's Kinot with Explanation and History at 8:40 a.m.** Following Chatzos, we will be showing four films: **Killing Kasztner** is a newly released movie about a Hungarian Jew who saved thousands by negotiating with the Nazis. **Desperate Hours** tells the stories of Muslims, Jews and Christians who put their own lives at risk to save others during WWI. The concept of cultural Jihad as a means to infiltrate and undermine our society from within is explored in our third film, **The Third Jihad**. The last presentation of the day will be **The Chofetz Chaim video Eemunah: Our One Safe Harbor** featuring Rabbi Jonathan Rietti and Rabbi Zev Leff. A \$15 donation and \$5 for children includes admission to all four films.

The new **KOSHER DISCOUNT CARD** is available. Cost is \$18.00. The card benefits Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. Call Aviva at 352-1343 or Leslie at 352-3257

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** deadline for canned fruit is Monday July 12.

INFORMATION ON ALL OUR EVENTS CAN BE FOUND AT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BAISTORAH.ORG

Mazal Tov

Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Menashe and Penina Mazurek. Special mazal tov to the great-grandmothers Stephanie Preiss and Lottie Herrmann.

Abe and Phyllis Frankel on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Sholom and Pamela Frankel

Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg on the birth of a grandson, born to Josh and Tova Zern of Cedarhurst, NY

Yisroel and Ruthie Safrin on the marriage of their children Shoshana & Meir Amsel

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
Esther Lutwak- אסתר מלכה בת קילה
Bob Schore- חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית
Suzie Kirshenbaum's father- יוסף בן שרה
Ben Zauderer- בנימין בן בילה
חיה עטיל בת שלימה

חנה פרומא בת יהודית גיטל- Chana Mayerfeld
Joel Rosenwasser's mother -
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא
Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה
Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל
Bella Helprin's mother- פיגע בת חיה רבקה
Ed Furman- יהודה בן סימא

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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.

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 Pinchas –5770

The Month of “Tammuz” and Jewish Feminism

The Fast of the 17th of Tammuz initiates the “Three Weeks,” a sad period of time when we remember many tragic events which befell our People, and contemplate how we can prevent them from happening again.

The origin of the names of the months of the Hebrew Calendar is shrouded in mystery; all we know about them is “The names of the months were brought up from Babylonia” (Yerushalmi Rosh HaShanah 1, 2); their origin was not Jewish, but foreign. One exception is where we find in Yechezkel (8:14), “*And He brought me to the entrance at the Gate of the House of the L-rd which was at the north; and there were women sitting, bewailing the Tammuz.*” “The ‘Tammuz’ cult involved the symbolic death of Tammuz. The death of this god was initially symbolic of the grain being turned into wine or beer for the new wineskins. The wine was put into jars and stored underground... When the tanks ran dry, the gods of wine and beer failed, and they had to be aroused or resurrected with wine and music, to restore the harvest. This religion began in Babylonia, was adopted throughout the world, and even, sadly, by the Jews... At some point, the old god Tammuz was imagined to be mated with Asherah, Queen of Heaven (sic)... Tammuz dies and descends into hell... and Asherah braves all its terrors in search of him... While Asherah is below, the streams of fertility on earth dry up... The great gods hear the petition of the mortals... and Asherah is allowed to depart with Tammuz. So it is every year from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean. The maids and matrons laid the pale and handsome Tammuz on a bier and mourned... The statue was a comely young god clad in a red robe; and it was anointed and bathed by the women, who chanted their dirges to the shrill music of flutes... They let their long black hair trail in the wind... and burned incense to the god.” (Joseph McCabe, “The Myths of Resurrection”)

This was approximately the scene that the Prophet Yechezkel observed, with great disgust, as the honorable ladies of Jerusalem, let their disheveled hair trail in the wind over the figure of Tammuz. And that was the “Feminism” of the ancient, pagan world; not very different, in its self-absorption, from today’s Feminism.

Parshas Pinchas is always read during the Month of Tammuz. One reason for this may be that the Parashah makes reference to four models of **Jewish Feminism**: Serach, the Daughter of Asher, the Daughters of Tzelophchad, Yocheved and Miriam.

Serach is mentioned explicitly during the account of the Census of the Tribes. Rashi comments that she was very long-lived, having survived from the time of Yaakov. Her first act of greatness involved the tenderness that she showed to her grandfather, Yaakov, when she informed him that Yoseph was still alive, so that the shock would not kill him. For all of her gentle deeds, and for saving the City of Avel-Beis-Ma’achah from destruction by Yoav, in the time of David, by a wise and clever argument, she is considered to be among the nine human beings who entered Gan Eden without tasting death.

The Gemara Bava Basra records that “The **Daughters of Tzelophchad** were wise, knowledgeable in Torah, and righteous. They also set a great example in “Ahavas Eretz Yisrael,” love of the Land of Israel, by successfully arguing for their own share in the Holy Land.

The Midrash says that **Yocheved** led the midwives referred to in Parshas Shemos who courageously defied the Pharaoh and refused to implement his genocidal plan for the Jewish People. She was rewarded by HaShem, Who enabled her to give birth “...to *Aharon, to Moshe and to their sister, Miriam.*” (BaMidbar 26:59)

Miriam, at the age of five, assisted her mother as one of the midwives. She was the one who persuaded her father to retake her mother, Yocheved, after Amram had divorced her, out of hopelessness regarding bringing Jewish boys into the world, only to be drowned. She persuaded her father to have faith in HaShem and to serve as a model for the rest of the Generation, who had followed his example as the “Gadol HaDor,” the Greatest Man of the Generation, and had also divorced their wives. Miriam prophesied that her mother would give birth to the “savior of Israel.” And she was the one whose great faith in HaShem caused Him to provide a well for the Children of Israel during their sojourn in the Wilderness. Her only sin was in trying to help her sister-in-law, Tzipporah, from whom Moshe had separated, because he was subject to visitation by G-d at all times. And she led the Women of Israel in singing the Great Song of Gratitude, after the crossing of the Red Sea.

In every generation, HaShem blesses the Jewish People with hundreds of righteous women, who teach their generation the true nature of “Jewish Feminism,” which includes “Tzeniut,” Modesty, “Eemunah,” Faith in HaShem, and of being an inexhaustible source of love and support for her husband and children.

L’Illuy Nishmas Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem