

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Dec 10, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ג' טבת ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

## 4:10 שבת פרשת ויגש-הדלקת נרות Scholar In Residence

### ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

מנחה 4:15 PM  
שקיעה 4:28 PM

### שבת פרשת ויגש

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
זמן קריאת שמע סוף 9:30 AM  
גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM  
מנחה 4:00 PM  
שקיעה 4:28 PM  
מעריב 5:10 PM

### שחרית Weekday

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

### מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday-Thursday: 4:15 PM

### מעריב Second

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

הדלקת נרות 4:11 PM  
מנחה 4:20 PM  
שקיעה 4:29 PM

## Shul Announcements

**WELCOME Rabbi Edward Davis, our Scholar in Residence.** Our Shabbos begins Friday night with the first lecture, "American Jewish History in the World of Responsa Literature" at 8:45 p.m. at Community Synagogue followed by an Oneg Shabbos. Shabbos morning, there is reserved lunch after davening, followed by a lecture in the Main Shul at Bais Torah: "The Rav and the Rebbe in Berlin, 1928." At 3:45 Rabbi Davis will be delivering a lecture at Community Synagogue: "The Influence of Christianity on the Machzor and the Siddur," followed by Mincha and Shalosh Seudas. **The program continues Motza'ai Shabbos at Bais Torah, where we will hear about "The Interaction Between Judaism and American Politics,"** at 8:30 PM followed by a collation sponsored by the sisterhood of Bais Torah.

**סעודת שלישיית** is sponsored by Dr. Yehuda and Judi Eliezri commemorating the yahrzeit of Yehuda's father Harav Avraham ben Dovid, and by Jack and Betty Schloss commemorating the yahrzeit of Jack's mother Faiga bas Menachem Mendel

**Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program December 11-Parshas Vayigash, at 6:15 pm** in the old Bais Medrash. Bring your children and grandchildren for a wonderful evening of Torah learning, hot pizza and prizes for all. This week's learning is sponsored by Max and Sandra Thurm in memory of Julius Fine. Sponsorships are still available; if you would like to sponsor an evening of Avos U'Banim learning, act, now!! Please contact Jonathan Rosenstock at [Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com](mailto:Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com) More information is also available at the shul website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org)

**Shvut Ami breakfast** reception at home of the Eliezris, 14 Carlton Lane, featuring Rabbi Michael Broyde, Sunday Dec 12, 9:30 am  
The next **Kosher Food Pantry** deadline for canned fruit is Monday December 13. Our quota is 120 cans of fruit per month.

## Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל בת מנחם לז"נ פייגל בת מנחם מנדל meets on שבת afternoon **45 minutes before** mincha

Sundays at 8:30 AM מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM Mishnayos class for women-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 – גמרא מסכת סוכה-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

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's Grandson-

יהונתן 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

Tova Eizik's grandson - שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

חיה עטיל בת שלימה

חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל-Chana Mayerfeld

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

## How to Reach Us

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**Sisterhood Tribute Cards**, Mona Selzer 356-0219

**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.

## Parashas Vayigash and Chanukah; “Al HaNisim” and Gratitude;

### The Hand and the Palm

Every day of one’s life, when one wakes up in the morning, he or she recites the “Modeh Ani” Prayer:

“I give thanks to You, O King Who lives and exists, for You have returned to me my soul in mercy; great is Your Faithfulness.”

Later in the Morning Prayer, we find:

“My G-d, the soul which You have placed within me is pure. You created it, You formed it, and sometime in the future, You will take it from me and return it within me in the distant future. All the while that my soul is within me, I give thanks to You, HaShem, my G-d and G-d of my fathers, Master of all deeds and of all souls; Blessed are You, Who returns souls to inanimate bodies.”

The “Shemoneh Esray,” the set of 18 (originally, now 19) Blessings,” which forms our most basic prayer, our connection with our Infinite Creator, is divided into three sections: “Avos,” our “Forefathers,” in which we invoke the highest praise of HaShem as the Holy Protector of humanity, during and after life, “Requests,” in which we pray for spiritual and material needs, and “Hoda’ah,” “Grateful Thanksgiving,” in which we, out of common courtesy, acknowledge and express Thanksgiving to HaShem.

The “Al HaNisim” Prayer, recited in unique versions on both Chanukah and Purim, is placed in both the “Shemoneh Esray” and the “Birchas HaMazon,” in the “Hoda’ah,” or “Gratitude” Sections.

The “Al HaNisim” Prayer begins “(And Thank You for) All the Miracles, Acts of Redemption, Manifestations of Divine Might, of spiritual salvation and physical victory which You have performed for our ancestors in those days at this time of year.” We thank HaShem for strengthening and empowering the hands of the Righteous:

“You gave over the mighty into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the spiritually unclean into the hands of the spiritually clean, the wicked into the hands of the Righteous, the cruel oppressors into the hands of those who occupy themselves with Your Torah and, by doing so, You make room for Your great and holy Name in the world.”

These hands refer to the proactive goodness with which the Jewish People, along with the rest of humanity is bidden to emulate their Creator “Who opens His hands and provides sustenance for every living creature, with His good and generous will.” (Tehilim 145:16)

There is another word, “kaf,” meaning “palm,” the hand in its upward-turned, receiving or paradoxically, offering mode, as a “single spoon, full of incense” or, on the Day of Atonement, in connection with which we find, “He shall take a shovelful of fiery coals from atop the Altar that is before HaShem, and his cupped palms-ful of finely ground incense, and bring it within the curtain.” (Vayikra 16:12)

We find the Question and Answer in Tehilim 24:4, “Who shall rise to the top of the Mountain of G-d, and who will rise in is Place of Holiness? The one with clean hands (the word “kapayim,” literally meaning “palms” is used)...and purity of heart.”

And when Shlomo HaMelech inaugurated the First Temple as a House of Prayer, he expressed that idea as follows: “Any prayer and any supplication that any person of Your entire People Israel may have – each man knowing the affliction of his heart – when he spreads out his hands” (again the word “kapav,” literally his “palms”) “towards this Temple.” Later verses make this same request for gentiles, so that the Temple was indeed a House of Prayer for the entire world.

Thus, we see the use of both expressions, the “hands” and the “palms” – “hands” indicating proactive activity, mainly “giving” and sharing one’s gifts, and “palms” indicating humble receipt of HaShem’s Blessings. And this is a wonderful description of the relationship between loving friends, as described in Shir HaShirim 2:16, “My Beloved is mine, and I am His” – or between a husband and his loving wife.

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

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