

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Dec 17, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org י" טבת ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

שבת פרשת ויחי-הדלקת נרות 4:11

עשרה בטבת ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

Fast Begins 6:03 AM
שחרית 6:10 AM, 7:45 AM
מנחה 4:05 PM
שקיעה 4:29 PM
Kiddush should be made after 5:10 PM

שבת פרשת ויחי

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
זמן קריאת שמע 9:34 AM
גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM
מנחה 4:00 PM
שקיעה 4:29 PM
מעריב 5:11 PM

Weekday שחרית

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

Weekday מעריב מנחה

Sunday-Thursday: 4:20 PM

Second מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת שמות

הדלקת נרות 4:14 PM
מנחה 4:20 PM
שקיעה 4:32 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Yossie Stern commemorating the yahrzeit of his father Yitzchak Isaac ben Yosef Ben-Tzion.

Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program December 18-Parshas Vayichi, 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 Teddy and Malkie Katzenstien. 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
More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

Announcing our next Birthday and Anniversary kiddush on January 1st, Shabbos Parshas Va'era. Only \$18 per name or couple; your participation also helps subsidize our weekly kiddush. Contact Michael Kronenberg, Jack Gross or Aviva at the shul office.

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** deadline for canned fruit is Monday January 10. Our quota is 120 cans of fruit per month.

Mazal Tov

Felix Lehmann on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to Dr. Aaron and Avital Lehmann. The grandparents are Naftali and Miriam Lehmann

David and Carol Abramczik on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Bina Leah Weiss of Cedarhurst, NY.

Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Rena and Yoni Merl of Kew Garden Hills, NY

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל, 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

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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 Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

Parashas Vayechi - 5771 –

Will the Ten Tribes Ever Return?

After the split of the United Kingdom of Israel into the Kingdom of Yehudah and the Kingdom of secessionist Israel, and the disastrous reign of Yeravam ben Nevat, followed by a succession of rulers of very dubious character, the Kingdom of Israel was conquered by Asher, and exiled far from its homeland. The question before us is, “Will the Ten Lost Tribes ever return?”

In Parashas Vayechi, Yaakov Avinu blesses his sons. But the Midrash tells us that just before, he wanted to reveal the fate of his descendants at the end of days, but HaShem would not allow him to. Yaakov knew the answer to the question posed above, but he was not permitted to reveal it. Yaakov also sees that Yehoshua, a descendant of Ephraim, would lead the People of Israel into the Land of Israel, and command the awe of the nations when HaShem performs a miracle for him by suspending time at Yehoshua’s command: “Sun, remain at rest in Givon, and Moon, in the Valley of Ayalon.” Perhaps he also sees, at the end of days, Mashiach ben Yoseph, a descendant of Ephraim, participating in the Redemption of Israel, and that is why he moved his hands to give a greater blessing to Ephraim than to the “bechor,” Menashe.

In the Haphtarah of Parashas Vayigash, we find: *“The word of HaShem came to me, saying: ‘Now you, son of man, take yourself one wooden tablet, and write upon it, ‘For Yehudah, and the Children of Israel, his comrades,’ and take another wooden tablet and write upon it, ‘For Yoseph, the wooden tablet of Ephraim, and all the Children of Israel, his comrades.’ And bring close to yourself, one to the other, like a single wooden tablet, and they shall become one in your hand.”* (Yechezkel 37:15-17) This seems a rather clear prophecy of the eventual reunification of the entire People of Israel.

We also find a startling dispute in Perek Chelek of Maseches Sanhedrin 110b, “ ‘The Ten Tribes will not return, as it says, ‘And He sent them to a far-away land, as this very day;’ just as a day occurs and after it is over, it is over, so did the Ten Tribes have their place in history, but when it passed, it passed forever;’ this was the opinion of Rabbi Akiva. Rabbi Eliezer counters by interpreting the same words, ‘as this very day’ to mean, just as a day has cloudy periods and then sunshine, so it will be with the Ten Tribes, for whom history is now dark, their time will come again to be in the sunshine of history.” The most surprising viewpoint here is that of Rabbi Akiva, in light of his encouraging words to his colleagues when they stood overlooking the destroyed Temple Mount, and also his encouragement of Bar Kochba. But perhaps it was the disastrous fall of Bar Kochba and the massacre that followed, that changed Rabbi Akiva’s attitude to a more pessimistic one.

The wise men who formulated the text of the Tephilos, presumably the “Anshei Knesses HaGedolah,” surely believed that the Ten Tribes would return, for they composed the following Tephila as an introduction to the Shemoneh Esray, “Rock of Israel, arise to the defense of Israel, and redeem, as You promised, Yehudah **and Israel**. Our Redeemer, the L-rd of Hosts is His Name, the Holy One of Israel; Blessed are You, the Redeemer of Israel.”

L'illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem