

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Dec 24, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org יז' טבת ערב שבת פרשת שמות

שבת פרשת שמות-הדלקת נרות 4:14

ערב שבת פרשת שמות

הדלקת נרות 4:14 PM
מנחה 4:20 PM
שקיעה 4:32 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur: "Nittel Nacht" 8:00 PM

שבת פרשת שמות

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:38 AM
גמרא שיעור 3:20 PM
מנחה 4:05 PM
שקיעה 4:33 PM
מעריב 5:15 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: 4:20 PM

מעריב Second

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וארא

הדלקת נרות 4:19 PM
מנחה 4:25 PM
שקיעה 4:37 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Eliot Shapiro commemorating the yahrzeit of his father, Chaim Dov ben Yitzchok Issac
Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program December 25-Parshas Shemos, at 6:30 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 Michael and Sharon Kronenberg in memory of Harav Mordechai Yosef ben Azriel Zelig and Dovid and Rena Bussu l'zeicher nishmas Rosa bas Sophia. 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 next week, January 1st, Shabbos Parshas Va'erah. 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

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Marcus, son of Abe and Iris Loebenstein, LaJolla, Ca.

Hamakom Yenachem

Dr. Fishel Strenger on the petirah of his mother, Mrs. Brana Strenger.

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group תהילים 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

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-

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

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law –

חיים יששכר בן חיה מוסקיט

בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer

חיה עטיל בת שלמה

חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל - Chana Mayerfeld

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson

הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein

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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.

Parashas Shemos – 5771 – “The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth”

Parashas Shemos begins with the descent of the family of Yaakov Avinu to the Land of Egypt. But who was Yaakov Avinu, the patriarch of that family? We find the expression, “*You have given Truthfulness to Yaakov, Kindness to Avraham.*” (*Malachi 7:20*) And the Talmud tells us, “The seal of the Holy one, Blessed be He, is Truth.” The Torah tells us in Parashas Bereshis that the human being was created “*B’Tzelem Elokim;*” “*In the image of G-d*” (*Bereshis 1:27*), and the Talmud elaborates that we are obligated to emulate, as far as possible, His Characteristics, which include, “*Patient, Abundant in Kindness and Truthfulness.*”

The prophets Yeshayahu and Yechezkel were shown visions of the “Throne Room” of HaShem. The Throne in that room had four sides, each with the image of an earthly face engraved upon it, including a human face. That prototypical, or ideal human face was that of Yaakov Avinu. Avraham, Yitzchok and Yaakov are the “Avos,” the Forefathers, of the Jewish People; yet Yaakov Avinu is called the “Bechir sheb’Avos,” the “most preferred among the Avos.” Perhaps this is because Avraham had a Yishmael, who has awakened in our time to become our most dangerous enemy, and Yitzchok had an Esav, who as the Roman Empire and then the Catholic Church, pursued us through 2,000 years of Exile. But Yaakov had only the “Shivtei Kah,” the “Tribes of G-d,” all Righteous, with differing characteristics in the Service of HaShem.

But what evidence exists in the Torah that Yaakov was in fact a representative of Truthfulness? In fact, his twin brother, Esav, accuses him of being the opposite! But considering the character of Esav, I think we can better rely on Yaakov Avinu’s description of his work ethic in his confrontation with Lavan: “*These twenty years I have been with you, your ewes and she-goats never miscarried, nor did I eat rams from your flocks. That which was mangled I never brought you – I would bear the loss, from me you would exact it, whether it was stolen by day or stolen by night. This is how I was: By day scorching heat consumed me, and frost by night; my sleep fled from my eyes. This was my twenty years with you: I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flocks, and you changed my wages ten times...*” (*Bereshis 31:38-41*)

The Talmud in Bava Metzia 23b, explains that “The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth” is not the Jewish definition of truthfulness in general life (though it may be in the case of testimony). The Talmud lists three cases where a person may utter something other than the truth:

- 1) If a person is questioned with regard to his relations with his wife
- 2) If a person is questioned with regard to his knowledge of a certain matter in Torah
- 3) If a person is questioned with regard to the quality of the service he received at a particular inn, because a positive response may result in overwhelming the proprietor

We see from these cases that the ideal of truth-telling can be over-ridden by other ideals: modesty with regard to family matters, with regard to personal scholarship in Torah and on occasions when a truthful response will infringe on another’s happiness.

The standard of our People reads, “Truthful;” therefore, it is shocking that we have witnessed scandal after scandal, in the financial world and even, a number of years ago, in the area of Kashrus. One scheme defrauded thousands of their life-savings; the other deprived thousands of their spiritual innocence, albeit unintentionally. How could each one have done it? After all, it meant lying, on a massive scale, for years. The only explanation is that it shows the power of the “Yetzer HaRa,” the “Evil Inclination.” In each case, the massive crime must have begun with small infractions, little lies, which grew, over the years, to monstrous proportions. And, as we know, in a sense, these massive crimes by two individuals represent only the “tip of the iceberg,” as many, if not most, of us are in the “little lies” stage. In particular, we should bear in mind such basic principles as “Dina D’Malchusa Dina,” “The law of the land is considered the law, according to Halachah,” and stealing from non-Jews is considered stealing in Halachah, Let us be faithful to the ideals of Yaakov, the “Man of Truth.”

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