

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Jan 14, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ט' שבט ערב שבת פרשת בשלח

## שבת פרשת בשלח -הדלקת נרות 4:33

### ערב שבת פרשת בשלח

הדלקת נרות 4:33 PM  
מנחה 4:40 PM  
שקיעה 4:51 PM  
Contemporary Halacha Shiur: 8:00 PM

**What Could Be Bad About Saying Tehilim**

### שבת פרשת בשלח

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:42 AM  
גמרא שיעור 3:35 PM  
מנחה 4:20 PM  
שקיעה 4:52 PM  
מעריב 5:34 PM

### Weekday שחרית

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

### Weekday מעריב

Sunday-Thursday: 4:40 PM

### Second מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

הדלקת נרות 4:41 PM  
מנחה 4:50 PM  
שקיעה 4:59 PM

## Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

**סעודת שלישיית** is co-sponsored by Dr. Arthur Landau for the yartzeit of his mother, Sarah bas Aharon Tzvi, Yossi Stern for the yartzeit of his mother, Malkah Fradel bas Yechiel Meir Yehuda, and Dr. Alfred and Nechama Becker for the yartzeit of his father, Sholom ben Yaakov Yitzchak, and her father, Menachem Yehoshua ben Meir

**Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program January 15-Parshas Beshalach, at 7:00 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 Gina Frommer.

**New!** Bais Torah is pleased to announce that there will be a special **Kabbolas Shabbos davening b'nusach Carlebach (Carlebach-style) on Friday evening, January 21st**, Shabbos Parshas Yisro. The davening will be led by Moishe Weinstock and Mincha will be at 4:45 PM. All are welcome!

**Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is February 14.** Our goal is 120 cans for the month.

## Mazal Tov

Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Ari and Michele Lifschitz of teaneck  
ShiraRus Steinberg on the birth of a grandson born to her children, Syma and Noach Davidovich  
Gerry and Suzie Kirshenbaum on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Shlomo Kroopnick  
Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg on the engagement of their son Buri, to Chumi Stohl of Los Angeles, California.  
Yisroel and Ruthie Safrin on the birth of a granddaughter, Elisheva, born to their children, Yanky and Shiffy Safrin.  
Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the marriage of their grandchildren, Yosef Mordecai and Sara Chana (Wealcatch) Rohinsky children of Reuven and Miriam Rohinsky  
Yossi and Aviva Schmutter on the birth of a grandson born to their children, Yosef and Shoshana Szachtel of Passaic.  
Rabbi Zvi and Minca Szachtel on the birth of a grandson born to their children. Yosef and Shoshana Szachtel of Passaic.  
Alan and Malkie Zamore on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children, Donny and Arielle Rosenberg

## Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל בת מנחם, לז"נ פייגל בת מנחם, 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

Felise Katz's father- חיים בן חנה

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law –

חיים יששכר בן חיה משקט

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Chana Mayerfeld - חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל

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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## 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 Beshalach – 5771 –

“Shabbos Shira” - The Feminine Spirit of Prophecy

Parashas Beshalach contains the magnificent “Shiras HaYam,” the Song of the Sea, sung by Moshe and the Children of Israel after the miraculous splitting of the Sea of Reeds. Following the “Shirah,” the Torah relates (Shemos 15:20-21) “And Miriam the Prophetess, the sister of Aharon, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam called to them ‘Sing to the L-rd, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider has He thrown into the sea.’” Miriam began her prophecy in Egypt, when she foresaw that Amram and Yocheved would produce the “redeemer of Israel.” And according to the Midrash, when Moshe was born, and light filled the house, Amram saw that his daughter’s prophecy had been fulfilled. It was Miriam also who succeeded in having Yocheved nurse her baby. And Miriam’s nurturing continued, as the miraculous Well of Miriam accompanied the people throughout its wandering.

The Talmud in Maseches Megilah 14a identifies the seven women in Jewish history who were endowed with the gift of prophecy:

“...Sarah, Miriam, Devorah, Chanah, Avigayil, Chuldah and Esther.”

When Avraham and Sarah are engaged in a conflict over whether to send Yishmael away. HaShem intervenes on the side of Sarah, who favors banishment, telling Avraham (Bereshis 21:12), “Whatever Sarah says to you, heed her voice.” On these words, Rashi comments, “We learn from this that Avraham was on a lower level than Sarah in prophecy.”

In the Haftarah, taken from the Book of “Shoftim,” Judges, Chapters 4 and 5, we encounter Devorah, the Prophetess and Judge, who was the leader of her generation. This alone was a unique situation, to have a woman as leader, as well as a Torah scholar, about whom it is written (Shoftim 4:5), “And the Children of Israel came up to her for judgment.” She is pictured as engineering the victory of Israel over Yavin, king of Canaan, and his huge army, commanded by the great general, Sisera. Devorah offers command of the army of Israel to Barak ben Avinoam, who refuses to go unless accompanied by Devorah. Devorah agrees but informs Barak that he has forfeited the chance to be remembered as a hero, for the victory over Sisera will be attributed mainly to Yael (who, after using her feminine wiles, plunges a tent peg into the head of the sleeping general). After the victory, Devorah sings a song to HaShem, which is the reason that this Haftarah was selected to be read on “Shabbat Shira,” the Sabbath of Song. Her song concludes with the immortal lines (Shoftim 5:31), “So will be destroyed all Your enemies, O G-d, but those who love Him, will be as the sun, rising in its might...”

Chanah, the mother of “Shmuel HaNavi,” whose story appears in I Samuel (1-2:11), prays for a son with such intention and devotion that many of the Laws of Prayer are derived from her behavior. When HaShem answers her prayers, she responds with another immortal song of gratitude and prophecy. The entire prayer of Chanah is also interpreted as a prophecy concerning Sancheriv, Nevuchadnezzar and Haman (Yalkut Shimoni, Shmuel).

Avigayil, the wife of Naval, who intercepts David and his band of warriors who are on their way to kill her husband and his shepherds, because Naval has insulted David and denied him any provisions, with a load of provisions, blesses David and prophecies concerning him (I Samuel 25:28-29), “For the L-rd will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fights the battles of the L-rd, and evil has not been found in you all of your days. Though a man rises to pursue you, and to seek your soul, yet the soul of my lord is bound in the bond of life with the L-rd your G-d, and the souls of your enemies shall He sling out, as out of the hollow of a sling...”

Chuldah the Prophetess, who appears in II Kings (22:14-20), identifies the holy manuscript that had been found in the Temple as the warnings of HaShem to the City of Yerushalayim that it faces destruction for its sins, but that Yoshiyahu the king will be spared because of his repentance. Chazal identify Chuldah as one of the three prophets of the generation, who prophesied to the women, as Miriam had sung to the women, and as the Midrash says concerning Avraham and Sarah, regarding the reference “...and the souls that they made in Charan” (Bereshit 12:5); namely, that Avraham would preach to the men and Sarah would preach to the women.

Queen Esther, the Prophetess, for whom the Megilah is named, of course needs no introduction, nor do her deeds require elaboration. The Sages (Megilah 14a) interpret the reference “And Esther put on her royal apparel” (Megilas Esther 5:1), as meaning that she clothed herself with the spirit of prophecy.

These seven great women who as bearers of life, had keen senses of human nature as well as an inexhaustible reservoir of love for their children and their people, were rewarded by HaShem with the gift of prophecy.