

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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שבת פרשת וארא-הדלקת נרות 4:26

ערב שבת פרשת בא

הדלקת נרות 4:26 PM
מנחה 4:35 PM
שקיעה 4:44 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur: 8:00 PM

שבת פרשת בא

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:42 AM
גמרא שיעור 3:30 PM
מנחה 4:15 PM
שקיעה 4:38 PM
מעריב 5:27 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 מנחה

Sunday-Thursday: 4:35 PM

Second מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בשלח

הדלקת נרות 4:33 PM
מנחה 4:40 PM
שקיעה 4:51 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by

סעודת שלישיית is available for sponsorship

Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program January 8-Parshas Bo, at 6:45 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 Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb.

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 fruit collection date is January 10. Our goal is 120 cans for the month.

Mazal Tov

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the marriage of their grandchildren Yosef Mordecai and Sara Chana Rohinsky children of Reuven and Miriam Rohinsky

Fishel and Pessy Strenger on the engagement of their daughter Elisheva to Yaakov Weiss of Toronto.

Ralph and Esther Gable on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Achiezer and Aviva Gable

Marvin and Sally Borgen on the marriage of their grandchildren, Nachum and Elaina Hascalovici, children of Drs. Ruth and Simmy Lauer of Englewood, NJ.

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל 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

Carol Ginsberg's mother- ראתי בת פייגע

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law –

חיים יששכר בן חיה מוסקיט

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

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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 Va'era– 5771– Miracles and a Prayer

Last Sunday, residents of the northeastern United States were witness to and victims of a tremendous winter storm, which deposited 16-34 inches of snow upon us, with near-hurricane force winds blowing. Traffic was snarled on all roads, especially Brooklyn, which as of today, Thursday, has many streets which have not seen a snowplow, and the amount of snow overwhelmed the number of plows and salt-spreaders the city threw into the battle. Thousands of flights were cancelled and tens of thousands of would-be passengers were stranded in local airports. The volume of snow recorded was the sixth highest measured in Central Park since measurement began. "Mashiv HaRuach U-Morid Ha-Geshem" (in this case, Ha-Sheleg (the snow), became a reality for us.

Parashas Vaera is the parashah in which HaShem, the author of and controller of nature, begins to intervene in history in behalf of the People of Israel, and against the Egyptian nation, for its excessively harsh treatment of the Israelites, who were their slaves for hundreds of years. The method of "gentle persuasion" used by HaShem to convince the Pharaoh to let His People go was the "Ten Plagues:" Blood in the Nile River and all the waterways of Egypt, a frog infestation throughout the Land, except where the Jews were, lice on man and beast, a swarm of wild animals, Pestilence, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, and the Killing of the First-Born. And as a final gesture to the Egyptians, the Splitting of the Sea of Reeds, which resulted in the destruction of the Egyptian Army.

In the Haggadah, we find: "*And HaShem took them out of Egypt*" – not by an Angel, nor by a Fiery Heavenly Being, and not by a Messenger; rather, the Holy One, Blessed is He, in His Honor and by Himself. As it says, "*And I passed through Egypt on this night, and I struck every first-born in the Land of Egypt, from human being to beast, and from all the gods of Egypt I exacted punishments; I am HaShem.*" (Shemos 12:12)

The above selection implies that for the other plagues, HaShem may indeed have acted using messengers of various types: angelic, human, from the animal kingdom, or an inanimate force of nature, such as wind. In connection with the Splitting of the Sea of Reeds, the Torah says explicitly, "*Moshe stretched out his hand over the sea, and HaShem moved the sea with a **strong east wind all the night**, and He turned the sea to dry land, and the water split. The Children of Israel came within the sea on dry land, and the water was a wall for them, on their right and on their left.*" (Shemos 14:21-22) With the rest of the miraculous plagues, the agency is obvious, and the miraculous aspect is **only**, like at Chanukah and especially Purim, the exquisite timing. The only plague which presents a difficulty is the one involving changing the Nile and all the waterways of Egypt into "blood," especially if that was really blood, and not a natural phenomenon, such as red tide, and whatever it was, it would be difficult to explain how the "blood" was everywhere, "*even in the wooden and stone vessels.*" But for the other eight plagues, and the Splitting of the Sea, it is not difficult to say that the miraculous aspect was the timing, except for the "Killing of the First-Born," where HaShem acted alone.

Over Jewish History, we have seen both types of Miracles, HaShem acting alone, as in the Mohn, and the Miraculous Well in the merit of Miriam, and when Yehoshua stopped time by praying/commanding the sun, "*O Sun, stop your movement at Givon, and Moon, at the Valley of Ayalon.*" (Yehoshua 10:12) and timing Miracles, such as the aforementioned Chanukah and Purim, and many times in each of our lives.

In particular, at this time, in the usually rainy season in Israel, and we are already praying "And give the dew and the rain for a blessing on the face of the earth" (Shemoneh Esray), may HaShem lift the drought that now plagues Israel, and miraculously provide rain for that Blessed and Holy Land.

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