

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Jan 21, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ט"ז שבט ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

## שבת פרשת יתרו -הדלקת נרות 4:41

### ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

הדלקת נרות 4:41 PM  
מנחה 4:45 PM  
שקיעה 4:59 PM

\*SPECIAL CARLEBACH KABBOLAS SHABBOS\*

### שחרית Weekday

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

### שבת פרשת יתרו

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

### מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday-Thursday: 4:50 PM

### מעריב Second

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת משפטים

הדלקת נרות 4:50 PM  
מנחה 4:55 PM  
שקיעה 5:08 PM

## Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is available for sponsorship

This Shabbos, Parshas Yisro there will be a special Kabbolas Shabbos davening b'nusach Carlebach (Carlebach-style). The davening will be led by Moishe Weinstock and Mincha will be at 4:45 PM. All are welcome!

Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program January 22-Parshas Yisro, 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 David and Ruth Lehmann in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ruth's father, Yehuda ben Eliezer.

Parlor meeting for the Scranton Community Kollel, Motza'ai Shabbos at 8:30 PM at the Lieder home, 75 College Road  
Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is February 14. Our goal is 120 cans for the month.

## Mazal Tov

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the engagement of their daughter Nechama to Yitzy Tendler of Baltimore  
Rabbi Zvi and Minca Szachtel on the birth of a grandson born to their children Rachel and Josh Goldberg

## Shiurim

Women's תהילים group 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 מושג 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

Manny Mayerfeld- מנחם בן קילה

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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 Yisro-5771 – A Great Soul

This week's Parashah provides information about Yisro, "Chosen Moshe," the Father-in-Law of Moshe, who had fled the Council of Advisors when Pharaoh had sought counsel concerning his plan to genocidally attack the male population of the Jewish People. Yisro added a Section to the Torah having to do with the establishment of a court system, and he ultimately converted to the Jewish Faith. He possessed a great soul.

A fundamental belief of the Jewish Religion is that the human being possesses a "Neshamah," an immortal soul.

Time Magazine dedicated its January 29, 2007 issue to a discussion of "The Brain – A User's Guide." Rabbi Berel Wein said that when one writes, he always writes with a bias. In his case, the bias was towards the viewpoint of Orthodox Judaism. But we shall see, as we might have expected, that this "Law" of Writers' Bias cuts both ways; sometimes in ways that are alien to our way of thinking and believing. Time presented about ten essays; their authors distinguished scholars all, with medical, experimental and theoretical experience, discussed most of the topics currently in vogue, in connection with the brain. Each seemed to be saying that the notion of consciousness, of unique identity, is an illusion; the product of a random set of biochemical reactions. I was about to put down the magazine with disappointment that ten or so extremely intelligent authors could not recognize and reject their secular, anti-spiritual bias. After all, was it not the famous Crick of the Watson-Crick team of researchers who had discovered DNA who had asserted that it was more reasonable (!?! ) for life to have arisen on earth as a result of some sort of "seeding" by extraterrestrials, than to invoke the idea of a Creator!

Until I came upon an essay which seemed to be an exception; "The Power of Hope," by Scott Haig, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. In his essay, he writes: "David's head was literally stuffed with lung cancer...I dreaded making rounds on a patient for whom there was no good news, no good plan. When his doctors rescanned his head, there was barely any brain left...It was particularly bad in the room that Friday when I made evening rounds. The family was there, sad, crying faces on all of them. I fussed with the hip a bit. His respirations had become agonal – the gulping kind of breathing movement that immediately precedes death...Saturday morning the sun poured in as I checked the room. The bed was at chest height, made up and empty, with clean, fresh sheets over the vinyl mattress. As I turned to leave, I was blocked by a nurse, an older Irish lady with a doleful look on her face. She had taken care of David last night. 'He woke up, you know, doctor – just after you left – and said goodbye to them all. Like I'm talkin' to you right here. Like a miracle. He talked to them and patted them and smiled for about five minutes. Then he went out again, and he passed in the hour.' But it wasn't David's brain that woke him up to say goodbye that Friday. His brain had already been destroyed. Tumor metastases don't simply occupy space and press on things, leaving a whole brain. The metastases actually replace tissue..."

"What woke my patient that Friday was simply his mind, forcing its way through a broken brain, a father's final act to comfort his family. The mind is a uniquely personal domain of thought, dreams and countless other things, like the will, faith and hope. These fine things are as real as rocks and water but, like the mind, weightless and invisible, maybe even timeless. Material science shies from these things, calling them epiphenomena, programs running on a computer, tunes on a piano. This understanding can't be ignored; not too much seems to get done on earth without a physical brain. But I know this understanding is not complete, either.

I see the mind have its way all the time when physical realities challenge it. In a patient stubbornly working to rehab after surgery, in a child practicing an instrument or struggling to create, a mind or will, clearly separate, hovers under the machinery, forcing it to a goal. It's wonderful to see, such tangible evidence of that fine thing's power over the mere clumps of particles that, however pretty, will eventually clump differently and vanish... But many think the mind is only in there – existing somehow in the physical relationship of the brain's physical elements. The physical, say the materialists, is all there is. I fix bones with hardware. As physical as this might be, I cannot be a materialist. I cannot ignore the internal evidence of my own mind. It would be hypocritical. And worse, it would be cowardly to ignore those occasional appearances of the spirits of others – of minds uncloaked, in naked virtue, like David's goodbye."

When a Jew puts on his "Tephilin shel Rosh," he recites the following prayer, "...and on the head, opposite the brain, that the soul in my brain, together with all my senses and potentialities, should all be bound in His Service, May His Name be Blessed."