

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Feb 11, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ז' אדר א' ערב שבת פרשת תצוה

5:07 ארבע שבת פרשת תצוה - הדלקת נרות

ערב שבת פרשת תצוה

הדלקת נרות	5:07 PM
מנחה	5:15 PM
שקיעה	5:25 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	8:30 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: 5:15 PM

Second מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

הדלקת נרות	5:16 PM
מנחה	5:25 PM
שקיעה	5:34 PM

שבת פרשת תצוה

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:33 AM
גמרא שיעור	4:10 PM
מנחה	4:55 PM
שקיעה	5:27 PM
מעריב	6:09 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Diane Schmeltz in honor of the Aufruf of her son, Yosef Dov **סעודת שלישיית** is available for sponsorship

FINAL Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program February 12-Parshas Tetzaveh, at 7:15 pm in the old Bais Medrash.

Bring your children and grandchildren for a wonderful evening of Torah learning, hot pizza and **SPECIAL PRIZES** for all.

This week's learning is sponsored by Leiby and Devora Pomerantz

Is your Birthday or Anniversary in February or March? Our next "Kiddush celebration" is on Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel, February 26th. 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.

Mark Your Calendar!! Matzah Baking with Bais Torah is Sunday March 6 at the Shatzer Matzah Bakery in Brooklyn. This year there will be one pick up day Sunday March 13. More details to follow...

Siyum Mishnayos will be held in the shul Sunday evening, March 13, details to follow...

Purim Chagiga, in our Shul Simcha room, will be Purim Night, Motza'ai Shabbos March 19, following Megillah Reading

Save The Date Sunday, May 15th at 6PM - Bais Torah Annual Dinner, always a great event! This year we will be honoring Rabbi Berel Wein, Dr. Yehuda and Judi Eliezri, Marilyn Sapir, Allen Nussbaum and Yis Helprin. Stay tuned for more details....

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

Mazal Tov

Ben and Hilda Zauderer on the birth of twin great-grandsons born to their grandchildren, Sarit and Elliot Bekritsky of N. Woodmere.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky, on the birth of twin grandsons born to their children, Sarit and Elliot Bekritsky of N. Woodmere.

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on a birth of a grandson born to their children Basya and Menachem Brickman

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

אהרן בן זיסל רחל- Yehuda and Suzette Munk's son

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law -

חיים יששכר בן חיה משקט

בנימין בן בילה- Ben Zauderer

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

מנחם בן קילה - Manny Mayerfeld

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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 Tetzaveh–5771 The Concept of “Mitzvah”

This week's Parashah, Tetzaveh, begins as follows: *“Now you shall command the Children of Israel that they shall take for you pure, pressed olive oil for illumination, to kindle the lamp continually.”* (Shemos 27:20) Here the verb “Tetzaveh” has been translated as “you shall command.” The noun associated with this verb is “Mitzvah,” generally translated as “Commandment.” The skeleton and backbone of the Jewish religion consists of 613 Divine Commandments, 248 Positive Commandments, corresponding to the number of bones or significant organs in the body and 365 Negative Commandments, corresponding to the number of days in the solar year. This is the case so that every part of the human body can participate in the holiness that is part and parcel of the Divine Commandments, as Chaza”l, who formulated the “Birchos HaMitzvos,” the Blessings recited before performance of a “Mitzvah,” realized, because they used the language “...Who sanctified us with His Commandments, and Who commanded us...” And similarly with the Negative Commandments, the Torah teaches that its Author is above Time, to paraphrase, substituting time for space in the famous Chassidic saying “There is no place where He is not;” similarly, “There is no time where He is not.”

Another Parashah that begins with an expression related to commanding is Parashas Tzav, where we find, *“Command Aharon and his sons, saying: ‘This is the Law of the Elevation Offering; it is the Elevation Offering that stays on the flame on the Altar, all night until the morning...’”* (VaYikra 6:2) Rashi, commenting on the first verse in Parashas Tzav, says. “The word ‘Tzav’ indicates that the command includes the idea of performing the indicated action with ‘zerizus’ (translated as agility, nimbleness and alertness), immediately and for all generations.” Here we have a first sign of the direct relation between the “Mitzvos” and the psychological and spiritual makeup of the commanded. “Zerizus” was always considered to be the attitude of the priests serving in the Temple. A Biblical indication of a connection between observing the “Mitzvos” and one’s attitude is found in the Ten Commandments, where HaShem promises to shower Kindness for thousands of generations upon *“...those who love Me and observe My Commandments.”* (Shemos 20:6) The effect of the “Mitzvos” upon human emotions is indicated by the verse (Tehilim 19:9), *“The statutes of HaShem are right, rejoicing the heart; the ‘Mitzvah’ of HaShem is pure, enlightening the eyes.”*

There is a strong connection between “Emunah,” Faith and “Mitzvos.” Avraham Avinu was the Founder of our Faith in HaShem, and he was rewarded because he *“obeyed My voice, and observed My safeguards, My ‘Mitzvos,’ My decrees, and My Laws.”* (Bereshis 26:5) King David, the “sweet singer of Israel,” loved the “Mitzvos” with an abiding passion:

“Your ‘Mitzvos’ are my delight.” (Tehilim 119:143)

“You are near, HaShem, and all Your ‘Mitzvos’ are true.” (Tehilim 119:151)

“My tongue shall speak of Your Word, for all Your ‘Mitzvos’ are righteousness.” (Tehilim 119:172)

“Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have believed in Your ‘Mitzvos.’” (Tehilim 119:66)

“...Fortunate is the man who fears HaShem and who delights greatly in His ‘Mitzvos.’” (Tehilim 112:1)

His son, Shelomoh, builder of the First Temple, carried on the great tradition of his father:

“For Your ‘Mitzvah’ is a lamp and the Torah is light itself...” (Mishlei 6:23)

“Observe My ‘Mitzvos’ and live.” (Mishlei 4:4)

After examining all philosophies of life, Koheles states his conclusion: *“After everything has been said, and everything has been heard – Fear G-d and observe His ‘Mitzvos,’ for that is the sole purpose of Man.”* (Koheles 12:13)

Finally, there are verses in the Bible that declare the Infinite Majesty of the One Who is the “Metzaveh,” the One Who issues the Commands. In Iyov (38:12), we find HaShem’s challenge to Iyov, who met all of G-d’s expectations of him, issued before He restores that suffering hero’s good health and fortune, *“Have you, in your lifetime, commanded the onset of morning?”* In Tehilim (148:5) we find, *“For He commanded, and the universe came into being.”* With the approach of Purim and Pesach, two Holy Days when HaShem delivered Salvation of two types to His People, Israel, and now, when the situation of the Jewish People in the world seems less than hopeful, we issue with David the prayer and declaration of absolute trust in HaShem that we find in Tehilim (44:5), *“You are my King, O G-d, Command salvations for Yaakov.”*