

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Mar 25, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org י"ט אדר ב' ערב שבת פרשת שמייני

פרשת שמייני – הדלקת נרות 6:55

ערב שבת פרשת שמייני

הדלקת נרות	6:55 PM
מנחה	7:00 PM
שקיעה	7:13 PM

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 שמייני

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	10:03 AM
גמרא שיעור	5:10 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur:	6:00PM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Monday-Thursday: 7:10 PM

The Sale of Chometz: Halachic and Historical Overview

מנחה	6:45 PM
שקיעה	7:15 PM
מעריב	7:57 PM

ערב שבת פרשת תזריע

הדלקת נרות	7:03 PM
מנחה	7:00 PM
שקיעה	7:21 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Allan and Miriam Nussbaum in honor of the birth of their newest grandchild, Lily Nussbaum, daughter of Mark and Rena Nussbaum

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg in honor of Michael Rossman's birthday
Rabbi Gottlieb's **Pre-Pesach Shiurim:**

Tuesday March 29: Cleaning and Kashering Part II, Products Part I 8:15 PM

Wednesday April 6: Products Part II 8:15 PM

Wednesday April 13: Haggadah 8:15 PM

In preparation for this year's **Annual Dinner, which will be May 15**, the Dinner Committee is collecting **old pictures of Bais Torah's early years**. We would very much appreciate your lending us any early photos that you have, particularly those of Rabbi and Rebbitzin Wein. Please drop them off at our shul office, or if at all possible, scan them and send them to aviva@baistorah.org. Thank you!

A charitable foundation has been established to perpetuate the memory of Ilan Tokayer a"h, the grandson of Eveline and Moshe Kranzler and son of Reva and Aaron Tokayer. Donations made to this foundation will be a meaningful tribute to his memory. Please visit <http://www.netailan.com/> for more information.

The Kosher Food Pantry needs super market "give aways" of five pounds of Matzo. Please drop off at Leslie Goldress, Sandy Thurm, Rena Wilen or Sandy Rosenwasser.

Mazal Tov

Philip and Marcia Holzer on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Elior Shalom Holzer, son of Avram and Shulamit Holzer of Teaneck

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל בת מנחם meets on שבת afternoon **45 minutes before Halacha Shiur**

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

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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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 Shmini 5771 (The Eighth Day) - 5771 - “Who Knows One?”

“Who knows One? - I know One – One is our G-d, in Heaven and on Earth!” This is the opening of one of the songs sung after the Pesach Seder in Jewish homes.

“Who knows Eight? – I know Eight – Eight is the number of days which pass before a newborn boy receives his ‘Bris Milah.’ ” The “Bris” is the covenant between HaShem and the Jewish People. It is our contribution to Creation. By commanding it, HaShem allowed us to become His junior partners.

Succos is one of the three “Regalim,” or Pilgrim Festivals. Its theme is our gratitude to HaShem for protecting us in the Wilderness on our way to receiving the Torah at Sinai, and during the balance of the forty years, as well as tending to our needs on our way to the Holy Land. We also express gratitude to HaShem for providing us with a bountiful harvest, on what becomes essentially the Jewish Thanksgiving Holiday. During the first seven days, we offer seventy sacrifices, corresponding to the seventy nations, to express our proud membership in the “Family of Nations.” And we teach the lesson that all the blessings received in the world, derive from HaShem. The Eighth Day is a separate Holiday, called “Shemini Atzeres,” the “Eighth Day of Remaining,” which expresses the idea that we remain with HaShem after the seventy nations, the other members of the human family, have departed, to celebrate an intimate, face-to-face encounter, with the One Who gave us the Torah, and chose us as His Holy Nation.

Parashas Shemini describes the events which occurred on the Eighth Day of the Inauguration of the “Mishkan,” the Sanctuary, the purpose of which was to serve as the “Residence,” so to speak, of the “Shechinah,” the Divine Presence, on earth. It was also the final day of the Inauguration of the “Kohanim,” the Priests, whose mission it was to serve HaShem in His Holy House, and to serve as a conduit between the People of Israel, and its Infinite, Heavenly Father Who had constrained Himself, to be accessible in this manner. In each of the cases cited, the number “Eight” serves to express the idea of a special connection between HaShem and the Jewish People, over and above the holy connection between HaShem and the rest of the human race. As we find in Pirkei Avos (3:18), “He (Rabbi Akiva) used to say, ‘Beloved is Man, for he was created in the Image of G-d; an even greater measure of love was granted to him in that it was made known to him that he was created in the Image of G-d, as the Torah says, *“for in the Image of G-d did HaShem make Man.”* (Bereshis 9:6) Beloved is Israel, for they have been called the “Children of the Omnipresent;” an additional measure of love was granted to them in that it was made known to them that they are called ‘Children of the Omnipresent,’ as the Torah says, *‘You are children of HaShem, your G-d...’* (Devarim 14:1)

Other examples where the number “Eight” bears the similar meaning of “Rededication” is Chanukah, the Eight-Day Holiday which commemorates the defeat of the “Misyavnim” (assimilated Jews to the cause of the Syrian Greeks who vastly outnumbered the Jewish force of Maccabim, and who used military elephants to bolster their forces). After this conquest, the Jews proceeded to the Temple, which had been totally vandalized, and where they found only one cruse of oil with the seal of the High Priest, eligible to be used as fuel for the Menorah, and physically able to serve as fuel for only one day. A Miracle occurred, and that one cruse of oil was sufficient to light the Holy Menorah for eight days, until new oil could be procured.

The Holy One created our beautiful world of blue skies, bright sunshine and flowers of all types and colors, to name but a few of its lovely features, with the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, but also with the family of numbers and relationships, on which the Laws of Nature are based.

And, even though the number system begins with the symbol “1,” which is referred to as “One,” it is not, by any stretch of the imagination to be confused with the Unity represented by the Holy One, Blessed is He. As the Rambam wrote, early in His Principles of Faith, “I believe with perfect Faith that the Creator, Blessed is His Name, is unique, and there is no uniqueness like His in any way, and that He alone is our G-d, Who Was, Who Is, and Who Always Will Be.” Or as this Principle was formulated in poetic form by an unknown author, in the beautiful poem “Yigdal,” sung as we welcome the Shabbos, “He is One, and there is no Unity like His Oneness; Inscrutable and Infinite, is His Oneness.”

And it was only David, **the eighth son** of Yishai, ancestor of the Moshiach, whose spirit was able to approach the awesome majesty of HaShem.

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