

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

April 29, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כה' ניסן ערב שבת פרשת קדושים

פרשת קדושים – פרקי אבות פרק א'

ערב שבת פרשת קדושים

מנחה (summer schedule)	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:33 PM
שקיעה	7:51 PM

שחרית Weekday

Sunday		7:45 AM
Monday	6:20 AM	7:45 AM
Tues, , Fri	6:30 AM	7:45 AM
ראש חודש Wed, Thurs	6:10 AM	7:35 AM

שבת פרשת קדושים

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:25 AM
מברכים החדש אייר	
Shiur פרקי אבות	5:45 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	6:35 PM
מנחה	7:20 PM
שקיעה	7:52 PM
מעריב	8:34 PM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Monday-Thursday: 7:40 PM

ערב שבת פרשת אמור

מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:40 PM
שקיעה	7:58 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is available for sponsorship

The next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush is Shabbos Parshas Emor, May 7th. To help sponsor the Kiddush and honor a birthday or anniversary being celebrated in April and May call Aviva at 352-1343. The cost per simcha is \$18, and the deadline is May 3.

Join the Yom Hashoah Commemoration at Rockland Community College (Cultural Arts Center) Sunday May 1st at 5 PM. Special guest Speaker Yitta Halberstam, author of "Small Miracles."

Monday, May 9, Bais Torah will be co-sponsoring a community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration at Congregation Ohaiv Yisroel 30 Blueberry Hill Road, Monsey. Program begins at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Rabbi Berel Wein "Israel-The Continuing Miracle," all are invited to attend.

The Dinner is around the corner, and a fabulous event in the works!!! Be sure to send in your ads, and we can't wait to see you Sunday, May 15 at the new Crowne Plaza Hotel! Make your reservations TODAY!

The Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is May 12. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

Bais Torah welcomes and encourages all those who want to learn to use the shul's batei medrash

Mazal Tov

Alan and Malkie Zamore on the birth of a granddaughter, Kaila Nava, born to their children Yitzchak and Fara Rosenberg.
Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Adina and Hillel Mann in Israel

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-will resume in the summer

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

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

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

Larry Seligson's son- רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

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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 Kedoshim-5771– “And You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself” (Vayikra 19:18)

At the end of a series of profound ethical commands in Parashas Kedoshim, including the prohibition against cursing a deaf person, and putting an obstacle in the path of a blind person, the Torah says, “*And You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself*” (Vayikra 19:18). And Rabbi Akiva says that this counter-intuitive command, not self-denying but enhancing of the “other,” is the primary command of the Torah. Indeed, the ability to love one’s neighbor, to rejoice at his successes and grieve at his misfortunes, is the primary component of holiness in a person’s character, and feeling this universal empathy emanating from Rabbi Akiva may, more than anything else, underlie the universal popularity of this great Tanna.

On Shabbos Chol HaMoed Pesach, we read “Shir HaShirim.” In the discussion among the Sages as to whether this Megillah should be included in the Biblical canon, Rabbi Akiva said, “All the other ‘K’suvim’ (Sacred Writings) are holy, but ‘Shir HaShirim’ is the Holy of Holies.” He was able to look beyond the earthiness of the “moshol,” the metaphor, to the great intimacy and passion it indicates regarding the relationship between HaShem and the People of Israel.

His was a poetic and courageous soul, able to see in Bar Kochba the embodiment of the verse “*A star has risen from Yaakov...*” (BaMidbar 24:17). He ignited fires of independence in his students, making them true freedom-fighters against the invincible Roman legions.

The intensity of his Torah scholarship led him to find meaning in the crowns of Torah letters, to the initial bewilderment of Moshe Rabbeinu, who sat at the back of his shiur in prophecy, until the Teacher mentioned the phrase “Halachah L’Moshe MiSinai,” “It is a Law taught to Moshe on Mt. Sinai,” which pacified our great teacher.

At the end of Makkos, he and several colleagues gazed upon the ruined Temple. They wept, and he laughed. They asked him, “Akiva, why are you laughing?” and he responded, “And you, why are you weeping?” They said that the pain of seeing foxes running in and out of the Holy of Holies was causing them to weep. He said that that was the reason for his laughter. For now it was clear to him that the prophecies of the destruction were literally true, so he inferred that the prophecies of rebuilding and joy were equally true. And the Gemara concludes “Akiva, you have comforted us, Akiva, you have comforted us.”

I have the privilege of working with an individual, Mr. Felix Lehmann, one of whose talents is handwriting analysis. It brought to mind the memory of my cousin, Pinchas Rosenfeld, an eclectic personality, one of whose many interests was at one time handwriting analysis. He had in his possession at one time a note from R’ Aryeh Levin, the “Tzaddik of Yerushalayim,” who comforted Irgun soldiers as they waited in their cells to be hanged by the British. The analyst said, “I have never seen any handwriting like this. This person has no ego!” Perhaps what he meant was not that R’ Aryeh had no ego, but in his mind, the worth of the “other” was enhanced to such an extent that it appeared that he had no ego. Perhaps if Rabbi Akiva had had his handwriting analyzed, he would have had a similar result.