

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 20, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org טו"ז אייר ערב שבת פרשת בחוקתי

פרשת בחוקתי – פרקי אבות פרק ד'

ערב שבת פרשת בחוקתי

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| מנחה (summer schedule) | 7:00 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos) | 7:20 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (actual) | 7:54 PM |
| שקיעה | 8:12 PM |

שחרית Weekday

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

שבת פרשת בחוקתי

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| דף היומי | 8:00 AM |
| שחרית | 8:45 AM |
| סוף זמן קריאת שמע | 9:13 AM |
| Shiur פרקי אבות | 6:10 PM |
| Contemporary Halacha Shiur | 7:00 PM |
| מנחה | 7:45 PM |
| שקיעה | 8:13 PM |
| מעריב | 8:55 PM |

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday-Thursday: 8:05 PM

ערב שבת פרשת במדבר

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| מנחה | 7:00 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos) | 7:20 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (actual) | 8:00 PM |
| שקיעה | 8:18 PM |

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Bert Sirote commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Basha bas Shimon Noson Shabbos Parshas Naso, June 4, **Steven Savitsky, Chairman and former President of the OU** will be joining us for Shabbos...details to follow

SAVE THE DATE: Bais Torah Simcha Tea, Shabbos Parshas Korach, June 25...stay tuned for more info....

The Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is June 6. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

Thank You to everyone whose participation made this year's **Dinner** such a rousing success! Thank you Dinner committee for such a beautiful event, congratulations to all the honorees, and don't forget, next year's Dinner is May 6!

Mazal Tov

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the engagement of their granddaughter, Shira, daughter of Laura and Lawrence Ben David of Neve Daniel, to Gidon Gross of Efrat

Yussie and Gail Tuchman on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Yehuda and Ali Tuchman of Pittsburgh, PA.

Shiurim

Women's תהילים will meet at the Frommer home, 100 College Road 45 minutes before the Pirkei Avos 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 8:30 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 Bechukosai-5771— The “Tochachah” – The Historical Reproof

The “Tochachah” in Bechukosai, fearsome though it is, pales, to some extent, before the “Tochachah” in Parashas Ki-Savo. Together, they describe every malady with which the Jewish People would be punished for disloyalty to HaShem throughout history. But at the end of each, there shines the light of forgiveness and redemption.

The “Tochachah” of Bechukosai uses an unusual word to describe the treacherous behavior of Israel; that word is “Qeri,” meaning “Randomness.” *“If you behave ‘be-qeri’ randomly with Me” (Vayikra 26:21)* And if Israel persists in this type of behavior, it will receive a response from HaShem, which can be described as “Measure for Measure” – *“Then I will behave with you ‘be-qeri’ with randomness...” (VaYikra 26:24)*, allowing the forces of history to operate upon you, and suspending My protection. *“If despite this you will not heed Me, and you behave towards Me ‘be-qeri’ with casualness...” (Vayikra 26:27)* – again, you will not escape the consequences of your actions – *“I will behave towards you with a fury of ‘qeri’ casualness...” (Vayikra 26:28)*. But, in the end, *“Then they will confess their sin, and the sin of their fathers, for the treachery with which they betrayed Me, and also for having acted towards Me with ‘qeri’ (randomness).” (Vayikra 26:40)* And they will understand My behavior towards them, *“I too will behave towards them ‘be-qeri’ with randomness and I will bring them into the land of their enemies – then at last, their unfeeling heart will be humbled, and then they will gain appeasement for their sin.” Then I will remember My covenant with Yaakov, and also My covenant with Yitzchok, and also My covenant with Avraham will I remember, and I will remember the Land.” (Vayikra 26:41-42)*

Now I mentioned that “Qeri” is an unusual word. However, it has an interesting feature. It is spelled “Kuff,” “Resh,” “Yud” – and has a “Gematria” of 310. There is another case in Tanach where we find a word, unusual in its context, with the same “Gematria.” In Mishlei (8:21) we find *“le-hanchil ohavai ‘yesh’ ve-otsrosayhem amale” – “I have ‘substance’ with which to reward those who love Me, and I shall fill their storehouses.”* In this context, the word “yesh,” substance, seems to mean the exact opposite of the word “qeri” – nothingness or randomness, and has the exact same “Gematria.” The Talmud also says that the righteous are promised *“shei olamos”- “Shin,” “Yud” Olamos, - 310 Worlds,* “as reward for their meaningful lives; again the opposite of random or meaningless.

The word “Tochachah,” meaning “reproof,” is also related to the word *“Tochiach”* in the expression *“Hoche’ach tochiach es amisecha” – “Give reproof to your neighbor.”* The years of misfortune afflicting the Jewish People were indeed a reproof for their misbehavior.

The Rambam describes the ways of carrying out the Mitzvah of “giving reproof.” “For one who sees his friend who sinned or who has left the proper path, it is a Mitzvah to attempt to return him to a better way of behaving, and to let him know that he was harming himself with his bad deeds, as it says, *“Be sure to give reproof to your neighbor.”* One who gives reproof for behavior involving himself and another human being or himself and the Omnipresent, must give the reproof privately, and he should speak gently and softly, and he should make clear to the recipient of his criticism that he offers advice on his friend’s behalf, to help him gain entry to the life of the World-to-Come. If he accepts the reproof, he has succeeded, but if not, he should try again two or three times. And one must always try to give reproof until the sinner pushes him away and says, ‘I will not listen to you.’ And in any case, where someone has the ability to give reproof, and fails to do so, he will be caught up in the sin, since he had the ability to prevent it.”

“...From here we see that it is forbidden to shame his fellow Jew, and certainly not in public. And even though one who puts his neighbor to shame is not subjected to corporal punishment, nevertheless it is a great sin. So said the sages, ‘One who causes the face of his neighbor to turn white from shame, has no share in the World-to-Come.’ (Hilchos Deos)