

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 27, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כג' אייר ערב שבת פרשת במדבר י

פרשת במדבר – פרקי אבות פרק ה'

ערב שבת פרשת במדבר

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

שחרית Weekday

Sunday and Monday		7:45 AM
Tues, Weds.,	6:30 AM	7:45 AM
Thursday	6:20 AM	7:45 AM
ראש חודש Friday	6:10 AM	7:35 AM

שבת פרשת במדבר

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:11 AM
שבת מברכים חדש סיון	
Shiur פרקי אבות	6:15 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	7:05 PM
מנחה	7:50 PM
שקיעה	8:19 PM
מעריב	9:01 PM

Weekday-מנחה מעריב

Sunday-Thursday: 8:10 PM

ערב שבת פרשת נשא

מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	8:06 PM
שקיעה	8:24 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Diane Schmeltz commemorating the yartzeit of her son, Harav Binyamin Zev ben Yitzchak The Dinner is over, but the memories remain... See the poster with pictures from the dinner hanging in shul, or go to www.baistorah.org.... Also, the Yated has a write up on the Dinner on page 130.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: OHR V' DAAS Dinner is Tuesday night, May 31 at the Atrium Plaza

Next Week, Shabbos Parshas Naso, June 4, **Steven Savitsky, Chairman and former President of the OU** will be joining us for Shabbos, and delivering the drasha Shabbos morning. At 6:45 he will be speaking on the topic of: **"Achdus in the Jewish Community: Is it Worth the Fight?"** At Seudas Shlishis he will deliver the dvar Torah, all are invited to attend.

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

General Membership meeting and elections will take place Sunday morning July 3rd at 10am. This year's Nominating Committee Chairman is Abe Frankel.

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

Mazal Tov

Ted and Rosalie Kallner on the marriage of their grandchildren Ephraim and Rikki Davis children of Hinda and Yossi Davis

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 Bamidbar-5771

The *parsha* of this week, and certain portions of this particular *Chumash* as a whole, deals with the counting of the people of Israel. The traditional Jewish commentators always saw the repeated counting of the Jewish people, that we see in the desert as recorded in the Torah and later in the Land of Israel as well, as a sign of love. People always count and check up on their important assets, whether familial, social or financial.

Everyone checks on their financial portfolios and so to speak counts their money. This is such an inborn natural trait that the *halacha*, when it wishes to describe the necessary attention and care due to the recitation of the words of our prayer services, compares this level of care “as though one was counting one’s money coins.”

Naturally, counting people is far different than counting money or other inanimate objects. Every human being is different than anyone else. Our fingerprints and DNA are unique to ourselves as are our opinions, thoughts, character traits and behavior patterns. It is therefore imperative that the Lord alone order and supervise the count of the Jewish people. A purely human count will not truly reveal the diversity and human qualities embedded in the cold numbers that jump from the printed page of the *Chumash*.

Perhaps this is the message that Jewish tradition tells us when it warns us humans not to count people coldly and statistically purely by number lest a plague of troubles follow such a count. Counting people as identical creatures and thinking of them in that fashion always brings about troubles and tragedies both in personal lives and in national Jewish life as well.

Much is made of the disparity in numbers between the individual tribes of Israel. Some of the tribes have a very large population while others are relatively small in number. While the simple surface explanations to this phenomenon have to do with demographic patterns within families and groups, the rabbis always searched for deeper spiritual and supernatural reasons for these disparities.

Much of this can be traced to the relative hardships that each of the individual tribes suffered during the centuries of Egyptian slavery and persecution. The tribe of Levi was pretty much exempted from the true horrors of Egyptian persecution - therefore, the blessing of the Torah that “the greater the persecution, the more those Jews became more numerous.”

The tribe of Shimon still suffered from criticism of their behavior and their undue aggressiveness by their father regarding the incidents of Shechem and Yosef. Therefore their numbers were always small and the tribe itself as an independent entity practically ceased to exist after the Jewish people established themselves in the Land of Israel.

The blessings of Yaakov to Yosef and the favored position of Yosef and his rise to power vis a vis his brothers enabled the combined numbers of the tribes of Menashe and Efrayim to far surpass those of any of the other tribes of Israel. Apparently many lessons and much guidance is tucked away within the seemingly dry numbers that are recorded in this week’s *parsha*.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein