

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

July 1, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org חקת פרשת חקת

פרשת חקת שבת ראש חדש תמוז – פרקי אבות פרק ד'

ערב שבת פרשת חקת

מנחה (summer schedule)	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	8:15 PM
שקיעה	8:33 PM

שבת פרשת חקת

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:14 AM
פרקי אבות Shiur	6:25 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur "THE LADY IN RED"	7:15 PM
מנחה	8:00 PM
שקיעה	8:33 PM
מעריב	9:15 PM

שחרית Weekday

ראש חדש Sunday		7:45 AM
Mon, Thurs	6:20 AM	7:45 AM
Tues., Weds, Friday	6:30 AM	7:45 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun-Thurs: 8:20 PM

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מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	8:13 PM
שקיעה	8:31 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by all those who participated in honor of a **BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY or GRADUATION**, Mazal Tov and congratulations to all. Aside from sharing your simcha you have helped keep the weekly Kiddush going! Please see the list of sponsors and celebrants, attached and hanging in shul

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Irving and Eudice Rohinsky commemorating the yartzeits of her parents Avraham Dovid ben Simcha Moshe Halevi and Nesha Nechama bas Rav Yehoshua Hachohen

General Membership meeting and elections will take place THIS Motz'ei Shabbos July 2nd at 10:15 PM. This year's Nominating Committee Chairman is Abe Frankel.

The **new KOSHER DISCOUNT CARD** is now available. Cost is \$20.00. The card benefits Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. Call Aviva at 352-1343 or Leslie at 352-3257

The **Kosher Food Pantry** canned fruit collection date is July 11. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

It is still not too late to buy tickets for the Mostly Mozart concert which promises to be another enjoyable Bais Torah evening. **Mostly Mozart at Avery Fisher Hall, Tuesday, August 23rd at 8:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$45 pre-paid and can be obtained by contacting Sandra Thurm at 368-3418 or by emailing sfthurm@optonline.net.

Mazal Tov

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Rachelle and Paul Haimowitz
Fishel and Pessy Strenger on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Chaim Ezra and Tziporah Strenger
Allen and Miriam Nussbaum on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Aryeh and Keri Adler

Shiurim

Women's תהילים Shabbos afternoon **30 minutes before the Pirkei Avos shiur**

Sundays at 8:30 AM מסכת סנהדרין – 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 10:00 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

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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Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0219

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 Chukas-5771 The Problematic Sins of Moshe and Aharon

(The content of this essay is derived mainly from the Sefer “Ma’ayan Bais HaSho’evah” by Rav Shimon Schwab, ZT”L)

The sins of Moshe and Aharon, which kept them from entering the Holy Land, are basically derived from this parashah. The context is the Wilderness, shortly after the death of their sister, Miriam, whose presence had kept the miraculous well with the People of Israel, during all the years of their sojourn. The key “p’sukim” are those in which HaShem commands Moshe *“Take the staff, and gather the assembly, you and your brother, Aharon, and speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will give of its waters... You shall bring forth for them water from the rock and give drink to the assembly and to their animals. Moshe took the staff from before HaShem, as He had commanded him. Moshe and Aharon gathered the assembly before the rock and he said to them ‘Listen now, you rebels, shall we bring forth water for you from this rock?’ Then Moshe raised his arm and struck the rock with the staff twice; abundant water gushed forth, and the assembly and their animals drank.”* (BaMidbar 20:8-11)

Rav Schwab begins his discussion of the parashah with a key question: “We need an explanation, why was Moshe commanded to take the staff, for in truth, he was not required to strike the rock, but only to speak to it...” And Rav Schwab continues:

“Let us understand by analyzing the verses of the Torah in Parashas Korach, after the staff of Aharon budded with almonds (BaMidbar 17: 25-26), *“HaShem said to Moshe, ‘Return Aharon’s staff to the Place of the Testimony, as a safekeeping, as a sign for rebellious ones; let their complaints cease from Me, that they not die.’ Moshe did as HaShem had commanded him; so he did.”* It is important to ascertain why it was said and repeated *“Moshe did”* and *“so he did.”* It seems that scripture intends to point out that it was only with respect to this one item that Moshe did do as he was commanded. But afterwards, there was another matter that he had to perform with Aharon’s staff, where he did not do as he was commanded. The explanation of this is that HaShem promised Moshe that the staff of Aharon would be *“a sign for rebellious ones, which would preclude their complaints against Me”* – that is, when potentially rebellious Jews would see the staff, their complaints would be stifled. With respect to this matter, Moshe did not perform as commanded.”

“With this idea, the parashah before us is well understood, for when the Children of Israel began to complain about the lack of water, the Holy One, Blessed is He said to Moshe, *‘Take **the staff...**’* – with the ‘Heh HaYedyah,’ the ‘Specifying ‘Heh’ ,’ *‘from before HaShem;’* referring, specifically, to the staff of Aharon which had been placed in the ‘Kodesh HaKodoshim’ - that special staff which had been designated as having the power to suppress rebellion...and afterwards, *‘speak to the rock before their eyes, and it would give of its water.’* Therefore, we find, *‘And Moshe took **the staff** from before HaShem’* – for indeed it was the staff of Aharon that was placed as a safekeeping before HaShem, and Moshe took it, as he had been commanded, but afterwards, did something with it, **apparently with Aharon’s permission**, that he had not been commanded by HaShem; that is, he hit the rock.”

“The language of HaShem’s command to “speak to the rock” involved “havchanah,” testing, as in the case of the “sotah,” between the innocent and the ones who’d complained against HaShem, who would face severe punishment, perhaps death. This would be possible only if the water would emerge at a moderate, controlled pace, as a response to a spoken request, not as *“and abundant water gushed forth,”* explosively and uncontrollably, as happened when he hit the rock. Therefore, Moshe, the Faithful Shepherd, when he saw that all those who met the requirements of HaShem’s decree had already perished, could not bear to see any more of his beloved people die. In an act of self-sacrifice, then, he **purposely disobeyed HaShem’s command** to speak to the rock, perhaps showing some lack of ‘Emunah’ that the sight of the staff alone could silence their complaints, and instead allowed his temper to take charge of his actions, and hit the rock. And that is why in Tefilas Geshem we implore HaShem ‘O remember the one who was set afloat upon the water in a basket of reeds, who **hit the rock** and waters gushed forth.’ ”

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