

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

July 22, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"י תמוז ערב שבת פרשת מטות

פרשת מטות – פרקי אבות פרק א'

ערב שבת פרשת מטות

מנחה (summer schedule)	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	8:05 PM
שקיעה	8:23 PM

שבת פרשת מטות

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:19 AM
Shiur פרקי אבות	6:15 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	7:05 PM
מנחה	7:50 PM
שקיעה	8:22 PM
מעריב	9:04 PM

שחרית Weekday

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: 8:10PM

ערב שבת פרשת מסעי

מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:58 PM
שקיעה	8:16 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודת שלישיית is available for sponsorship

Please join us for a fascinating presentation: **The Centrality of Yerushalayim in Tanach** by world-renown lecturer, Professor **Smadar Rosensweig, Sunday August 7, 9:30 am**

On **Tisha B'Av, August 9th**, Bais Torah will once again be scheduling a full day of events, beginning with Rabbi Gottlieb's **Kinos with Explanation and History** at 8:40 a.m. Following Chatzos, we will be showing **Inside Hana's Suitcase**, a true-life mystery about a suitcase from the Auschwitz Museum belonging to a young girl, Hana Brady. The gripping account of Israel's first difficult years is told with rare footage in **Israel Birth of a Nation**. The film **Crossing the Line, the Intifada Comes to Campus** offers a glimpse into the experiences of Jewish college students struggling to fight misinformation against Israel both in and out of the classroom. The last presentation of the day will be The Chofetz Chaim video **Mending Our Relationships Building Our World**, featuring Rabbi Yitzchok Berkowitz, Rabbi Eli Mansour and Rabbi David Lieberman. Admission to all films is \$15 and \$5 for children.

STAY CONNECTED: Participate in the **Bais Torah Simcha W.E.B. Kiddush!!!** What better way to celebrate **Weddings, Engagements, Births or Bar/Bas** mitzvos then participating in this Kiddush?! Sponsorships are just \$50 for up to three (3!) Simcha listings! **Shabbos Nachamu, Parshas V'eschanan Aug 13**. Contact the shul office with your Simcha information right away!!

The Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is August 15. 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.

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

Mazal Tov

David and Ruth Lehmann on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children, Shira and Ariel Benmergui in Yerushalayim. Mazel tov also to Felix Lehmann on the birth of a new great-granddaughter.

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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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 Matos - 5771 The "Living Torah"

(The contents of this essay were taken, in paraphrase form and with apologies to the author for errors, from the Sefer, "Ma'ayan Bais HaSho'evah" by Rav Shimon Schwab, ZT"L)

"Yair son of Menashe went and occupied their villages, and called them 'Chavos Yair' ('Villages of Yair'). Novach went and occupied Kenath and her suburbs, and called it, 'Novach,' after his name." (BaMidbar 32:41-42)

*In reverse translation, the last words of the citation above are "va-yikroh **loh** Novach, bishemo." In general, the word "loh," spelled "Lamed," "Heh" would have a dot in the "Heh," called a "mapiq." Rashi points out that he saw in the commentary of Rabbi Moshe HaDarshan that the reason for the absence of the "mapiq Heh" is that the name "Novach" had no permanence, as opposed to "Chavos Yair," which remained the name of those villages.*

It seems that for a person who has a lot of property, the property is called by his name, as "Chavos Yair," but they remain external to the person, and are not a part of his essence. But Novach had a different attitude towards his property; for him, they were a part of his essence. This attitude is alien to that of the Torah, and therefore, the name had no permanence.

But this attitude, of having one's possessions becoming part of one's essence, while not true and invalid for physical property, is very appropriate in the case of certain "Mitzvos," where the more a person tries to identify with the "Mitzvah," the more it becomes part of him. Thus, in the case where there is a physical object which is an essential part of the "Mitzvah," such as a "Shofar," "Tefilin," "Tzitzis," "Succah," or "Lulav," it is not possible for a person to become one with the "Mitzvah," for the person in no sense becomes a "Shofar," "Tefilin," etc. But there are Positive Commands, such as "Talmud Torah," about which Chaza"l say that there is a progression from "Toras HaShem" to the point where the individual actually makes a "Kinyan," an act of possession, in the "Mitzvah" and becomes, as it were, a "living Sefer Torah."

Another example of this phenomenon is in the case of "Tefila," Prayer. For if the individual prays with his whole heart, he becomes, in a sense, indistinguishable from the Prayer, and the expression "Ani Tefila," "I am the prayer" becomes an accurate expression of his self.

*For Negative Commands, such as refraining from uttering a falsehood, one who is able to control his speech in this manner is called an "Ish Emes," a "Person of Truth." Similarly, one who abstains from eating forbidden foods embodies "Holiness." And one who lives among his friends and refrains from all manner of inter-personal sin is called "Peace," as David HaMelech referred to himself as "**And I am Peace**" (Tehilim 120:7) And one who observes the Shabbos "KeHilchaso," provides a reality in which we can understand why Shabbos is excluded from the requirement of wearing Tefilin, because the Torah says "And it shall be a sign on your arm and a marker on your head..." – because the essence of this person is a "living Shabbos," becoming himself the Sign of HaShem, and there is no need, therefore, for external signs.*

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