

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

July 29, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ז תמוז ערב שבת פרשת מסעי

Aufruf of Buri Rosenberg – פרקי אבות פרק ב'

ערב שבת פרשת מסעי

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

שבת פרשת מסעי

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:26 AM
מברכים החדש מנחם אב	
Shiur פרקי אבות	6:10 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	7:00 PM
מנחה	7:45 PM
שקיעה	8:17 PM
מעריב	8:59 PM

שחרית Weekday

Sunday		7:45 AM
ראש חדש Mon,	6:10 AM	7:35 AM
Thurs	6:20 AM	7:45 AM
Tues, Weds, Friday	6:30 AM	7:45 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun-Thurs: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת דברים

מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:50 PM
שקיעה	8:08 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg in honor of the Aufruf of their son, Buri
סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Dr. Moshe Tilson commemorating the yartzeit of his father, Yonah ben Avraham Leib
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 begin its special scheduling with Rabbi Gottlieb's **Kinos with Explanation and History** at 8:40 a.m. Following Chatzos, we will show **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. Tisha B'Av shiurim will include **Tears of Faith...Visions of Hope** by Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb of the OU and The Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation 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. A detailed schedule of the day's events is posted on our website, www.baistorah.org.

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!!

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

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children, Deena and Aharon Bodenheim

Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg on the Aufruf of their son Buri on his upcoming marriage to Chumi Stohl

Manny and Chana Mayerfeld on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Rivka, born to their grandchildren Avraham and Nechama Mayerfeld of Yerushalayim

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-סק

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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 Masei - 5771

The “Ir Miklat,” the City of Refuge, the Accidental Killer and the “Kohen Gadol,” the High Priest

There were 48 Cities of Refuge spread throughout the Land of Israel, providing the Accidental Killer (AK) refuge from the “Goel HaDam,” the “Avenger of the Blood” – a relative of the deceased to whom the Torah strangely allows the right to kill the AK, if he finds him outside the boundaries of the City of Refuge, during the lifetime of the present “Kohen Gadol.” After the latter passes away, the AK is allowed to return home, and, should the “Goel HaDam” kill him then, he is tried for murder. This essay will attempt to deal with the difference between a pre-meditated killer and the AK, and the role played by the “Kohen Gadol” in the tragedy.

The entire subject of the “Ir Miklat” must be looked upon from the perspective of the Torah’s attitude towards murder. First of all, “Retzichah,” Murder, is one of the three “Cardinal Sins for which one is required to give up his life rather than commit the “Aveirah:” Idolatry, Murder and Adultery. Each of the three indicates a fundamental lack of belief in HaShem as Creator: Idolatry – of the Universe; Murder – of the human being and the human soul; Adultery – of Morality.

With regard to Murder, we find: *“And you shall not defile the Land where you reside, for spilled blood defiles the Land, and there will be no atonement for the Land in which the blood was spilled, except by the blood of the one who spilled it. And you shall not contaminate the Land in which you dwell and in which I dwell; for I am HaShem, Who dwells among the Children of Israel.” (BaMidbar 35:33-34)* Concerning the premeditated murderer the Torah says *“Even from My Altar shall you take him to die. (Shemos 21:14)*

Having established that Murder is among the most heinous of sins, it remains for us to inquire whether, and to what extent the Torah differentiates between the Premeditated Murderer and the AK. That an accidental sin remains a sin one needs to examine the violation of the Torah’s Day of Rest by performing a “Melachah.” If one performs the act on purpose, thereby violating the fundamental Jewish belief that HaShem created the Universe, he is subject to the death penalty. If one violates the Shabbos by performing a “Melachah” by accident, the action is still a sin, but the penalty is mitigated to the bringing of a Sacrifice, the “Chatas” Offering. The existence of the sin implies the need for “Kapparah,” Atonement, intervention by a Temple representative; namely, a “Kohen,” or Priest.

Thus, “Shogeg,” even accidental sin, requires Atonement, for **the Torah requires the Jew to be fully focused on his actions**, and lack of focus, though not deliberate, is considered sinful. This is not, however, comparable to “Maizid,” deliberate, purposeful sin, which implies impudence and defiance, and denial of the authority of the “Metzaveh,” the one who issued the “Mitzvah,” the Command.

Another case in which a “Kohen” provided assistance to the Jewish People in the area of obtaining Atonement was on the Day of Atonement, when the “Kohen Gadol,” the High Priest, risked his life by entering the “Holy of Holies” to perform the “Avodah,” during which it was not uncommon for the Priest to lose his life.

In the case of accidental murder, the perpetrator is not impudent with respect to HaShem’s authority. He is, however, **not fully focused on the possible consequences of his actions**. If he were, he would not have fallen on the victim below, nor would his arrow have found its target in the body of the victim. For his lack of complete focus in this most critical of areas, he requires “Kapparah,” delivered again by a representative of the Temple; in fact, by its chief representative, the “Kohen Gadol.” And the life of the High Priest is the “Korban,” the Sacrifice, that the AK must bring, in order to obtain Atonement and freedom to leave the “City of Refuge.”

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