

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Aug 19, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) יטי' מנחם אב ערב שבת פרשת עקב

## Aufruf of Mordechai Kronenberg – פרקי אבות פרק ה'

### ערב שבת פרשת עקב

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| מנחה (summer schedule)            | 7:00 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos) | 7:20 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (actual)               | 7:32 PM |
| שקיעה                             | 7:50 PM |

### שבת פרשת עקב

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| דף היומי Rabbi Yosef Fischer | 8:00 AM |
| שחרית                        | 8:45 AM |
| סוף זמן קריאת שמע            | 9:32 AM |
| Shiur by Dr. Avi Becker      | 6:30 PM |
| מנחה                         | 7:20 PM |
| שקיעה                        | 7:48 PM |
| מעריב                        | 8:30 PM |

### שחרית

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

### מנחה-מעריב

Sun -Thurs: 7:30 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת ראה

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| מנחה                              | 7:00 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos) | 7:20 PM |
| הדלקת נרות (actual)               | 7:21 PM |
| שקיעה                             | 7:39 PM |

## Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the Kronenberg family celebrating Mordechai's aufruf and upcoming marriage to Elisheva Lax

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg in honor of their son's Mordechai's Aufruf, and by Steve and Jackie Fessel celebrating their Family Reunion at Bais Torah

If your Birthday or Anniversary are in August or September we have not forgotten you! It's time once again for the **BAIS TORAH BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH!** Shabbos Parshas Shoftim, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. For just \$18 you can celebrate a milestone and help subsidize our weekly Kiddush! Call Aviva in the Shul office, and join today!

The **Kosher Food Pantry** canned fruit collection date is September 12. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

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 · Leslie at 352-3257

## Mazal Tov

David and Carol Abramczik on the birth of a grandson born to their children Rabbi Shimon and Huvie Abramczik of Los Angeles.  
Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the birth of a grandson born to their children Elisheva and Aron Weinraub in Israel.  
Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the Aufruf of their son Mordechai

## Nichum Aveilim

Dr. Seymour Lutwak on the petirah of his mother, our long time member, Esther Lutwak  
Shaya Hollander on the petirah of his brother, Max Hollander

## Shiurim

Women's תהילים מנדל בת מנחם מנדל לז"נ פינגל בת מנחם מנדל 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 יומא-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 -

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](http://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 Eikev – 5771 The “Yiras HaShem” of Moshe

There seems to be a rather odd question that Moshe asks the Jewish People in this Parashah. *“And now, Israel, what does HaShem ask of you? Is it not **only to fear HaShem, your G-d, to follow in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve HaShem, your G-d, with all your heart and with all your soul?**”* (Devarim 10:12) Only that.

The Talmud discusses the difficulty in Masechet Berachot (33b), where we find Rabbi Chanina asking, "Is fear of HaShem then a minor matter?" And the Gemara answers, "Yes; as far as Moshe was concerned, fear of HaShem was a minor matter." But this answer really only begs the question, "Was Moshe a poor educator? Did he not realize, even in his great humility, that he was asking the People of Israel to emulate him, a task that they were not prepared for and not capable of doing?"

The RAMBAM, Maimonides, seems to add to the difficulty by writing in "Hilchos Teshuvah," "Laws of Repentance (5:2)," "Do not seriously consider this thought, promulgated by foolish idol worshippers and ignorant people of the Jewish Faith, that the Holy One Blessed Be He decrees concerning a person from the time of his birth to be righteous or wicked. That is not the case; rather, any person can be **as righteous as Moshe our Teacher** or as wicked as Yeravam, or wise or foolish or merciful or cruel or stingy or generous, and likewise all the other characteristics..." Indeed, Moshe was arguably the greatest human being who ever lived! HaShem chose him to lead the Jewish people out of Egypt and to perform, with Aharon, all the associated miracles. He was with HaShem for forty days and forty nights on top of Mt. Sinai receiving the Torah. He is called the Master of the Prophets. And HaShem says about him, *"...In all of My Palace, he alone is trustworthy (BaMidbar (12:7))."*

How then can the RAMBAM make the statement that any person can be as righteous as Moshe?

I think we can use an idea of the "Torah Temimah" to suggest an answer to these difficulties. If we look back at the Gemara in Berachos, we notice that the Gemara seems only to be bothered by HaShem's requirement, as stated by Moshe, for the Jewish People to have "Fear of HaShem." What about the other requirements mentioned in the verse cited, "to follow in all His ways, to love Him, and to serve Him with all one's heart and with all one's soul?" Why are these ignored by the Gemara? Perhaps, answers the Torah Temimah, it is because the root of one's relationship to HaShem is exclusively "fear of HaShem." If one can achieve this, everything else will follow, with "seyata di'shemaya," the aid of HaShem. And with regard to this basic requirement of "Yiras HaShem," "Fear of HaShem," all human beings, including Moshe, are created equal. It is the fundamental "Bechirah Chofshis," "Free Choice," made by a human being, to follow HaShem or not to follow Him.

Our shul lost this past week an individual, Esther Malka Lutwak, mother of Seymour and mother-in-law of Raisy, who, as a survivor of Hitler as well as of Russian Siberia, displayed “Emunah,” Faith in HaShem and “Yiras HaShem,” Fear of HaShem, to an amazing degree. Based on this root of her relationship with HaShem, she developed a love for humanity and for her family that enabled her to surmount all the difficulties with which life presented her with a cheerful and optimistic demeanor. She became a beloved matriarch of our shul. May the example of this wonderful woman inspire us as we approach “Chodesh Elul” and the New Year.

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