

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Sept 9, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) י' אלול ערב שבת פרשת כי תצא

## פרשת כי תצא – פרקי אבות פרק ב' הדלקת נרות 6:58 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת כי תצא

הדלקת נרות	6:58 PM
מנחה	7:00 PM
שקיעה	7:16 PM

### שחרית Weekday

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

### שבת פרשת כי תצא

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:42 AM
פרקי אבות Shiur	5:10 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	6:00 PM
מנחה	6:45 PM
שקיעה	7:14 PM
מעריב	7:56 PM

### Weekday-מעריב מנחה

Sun -Thurs: 6:55 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת כי תצא

הדלקת נרות	6:46 PM
מנחה	6:55 PM
שקיעה	7:04 PM

## Shul Announcements

**This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship**

**סעודת שלישיית** is co- sponsored by Barry Lifschitz for the yartzeit of his mother Leah bas Avigdor HaLevi and by Alan Zamore for the yartzeit of his mother Malka bas Dovid Ber

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL LETTERS AND YOMIM NORAIM SEATING REQUESTS** have been sent out. Please be sure to return both as soon as possible!

**The SIMCHA TEA** has been scheduled for **Shabbos Parshas Ki Sovo, September 17!** Our players are hard at work getting ready for a great Simcha revue! Please send in bios of each kallah, chasan, and/or bas mitzvah girl of this past year so they can be celebrated at the Simcha Tea. The information should be emailed to **Gloria Gordon** at [gittels@optonline.net](mailto:gittels@optonline.net).

**Yad Leah** wishes to thank the Bais Torah Families for their clothing and charitable contributions. The clothing is now being sorted and will be shipped to Israel and distributed to the needy

**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 or Leslie at 352-3257

## Mazal Tov

Bob and Rita Landa on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children, Avi and Ruchama Landa

Max and Sandra Thurm on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Sharona and Jesse Ohayan

## 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 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 Ki Setze – 5771 - Divine Mercy and Compassion

This week's Parashah, Ki Setze, is replete with Torah Commandments regarding our interaction with the Animal Kingdom. Among them is "*Lo sachsom shor b'disho,*" *You shall not muzzle your ox while it is treading out corn (Devarim 25:4).* This Law of the Torah may be based on the fact that the feeding instinct is too strong to forcibly suppress it without causing "psychological" harm, "tzaar," to the beast. This prohibition of causing pain to living animals is not only a prohibition of the Torah; it is also a prohibition of the "Sheva Mitzvos bnei Noach," the Seven Noahide Laws, Commandments incumbent upon all human beings as Sons of Noach, self-understood laws planted within the human conscience.

Another is "Shiluach HaKan," the Divine Command not to take young, nesting birds while the mother bird is present, but rather to send away the mother bird first (Devarim 22:6-7). It is tempting to say that HaShem, the "Author" of the Torah is showing Mercy by this Command to the mother bird, for the maternal instinct seems to be universal in Nature, and this is the general direction followed by commentators who attempt to provide "Taamei HaMitzvos," Reasons for the Commands.

However, the Talmud in Maseches Berachos, cautions: "The one who says '**Your Mercy extends even as far as the Law of the Bird's Nest**' is to be silenced." And the Talmud gives two reasons for this: The first is that to make such a declaration would amount to being "matil kinah b'maaseh bereshis," introducing a false element of limitation into the Creation of the World; namely, that Divine Compassion extends **only as far** as the "Law of the Bird's Nest." Whereas, we know from other sources, such as the praise of HaShem uttered by King David in the "Ashrei" Prayer, ("*Tehilim/Psalms 145*), "*You open Your Hand, and satisfy every living thing Willingly!*" that HaShem does not play favorites, and allows every living being that He Created, from the smallest to the largest, to satisfy its needs with the full measure of His Will!"

The second is "that he falsely implied that the Attributes of the Holy One, Blessed be He, are based on 'Mercy,' whereas they are in fact only 'Decrees'." The latter notion is very puzzling. For if these laws, so strongly suggestive of "Rachamim," of Compassion, are only "Gezeros," "ethically neutral decrees issuing from a Divine Source, and requiring obedience only because of the Authority of the One Who made the decrees," the implication is that the Giver of the Laws is not a "Merachem," is not One Who has Mercy. But this cannot be!

For when the Thirteen Attributes of HaShem are listed, they include "Compassionate and Merciful." When the Prophet Gad offers King David the choice of being punished by G-d Himself or by other men, David immediately chooses to be punished by G-d "for G-d is full of Mercy, but let me not fall into the hands of Man."

We are of course not required to have an answer to this question. For our understanding of how Eternal and Omniscient G-d conducts the world cannot, by definition, be complete, by virtue of our very mortality, "*Lo yirani ha-adam, vachai,*" "*No human being can 'see Me' and live.*" (Shemot 33:20)

One approach to an answer might be that HaShem's Mercy is so all-encompassing that we cannot grasp the "big picture." Another, quoted by Rav Yissachar Yaakovson in "Bina BaMikra" in the name of Dr. Yoseph Wohlgemuth, is that the statement about "only decrees" was part of the struggle with the Early Christians, who focused exclusively on HaShem's Love and Mercy, and devalued the Commandments. And we are assured in the Haftarah read this Shabbos, by the Prophet Yeshayahu, that indeed HaShem is a "Merachem," Who has infinite Mercy, and Who conducts His World with Mercy and Compassion:

*"For but a small moment have I forsaken you,*

*But with great **Compassion** will I gather you.*

*For only an instant of wrath did I hide My Face;*

*And then only for a second,*

*But with everlasting **Kindness** will I have **Mercy** upon you,*

*Says HaShem, your Redeemer." (Yeshayahu 54:7-8)*