

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Nov 4, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ז' חשוון ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

פרשת לך לך – הדלקת נרות 5:31 PM

ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

הדלקת נרות	5:31 PM
מנחה	5:40 PM
שקיעה	5:49 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 לך לך

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	10:05 AM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	4:30 PM
מנחה	5:15 PM
שקיעה	5:47 PM
מעריב	6:29 PM

Move clocks back one hour at 2 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday Second Maariv

ערב שבת פרשת וירא

Sun -Thurs: 4:30 PM	
Mon-Thurs: 8:00 PM	
הדלקת נרות	4:23 PM
מנחה	4:30 PM
שקיעה	4:41 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

Now that the days are getting shorter, for your convenience there is a **second Maariv at 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.**

AVOS UBANIM is back! Starting Motzoei Shabbos of Parshas Vayera, November 12 at 6:30 PM in the Bais Medrash. Come learn with your son or grandson and enjoy hot pizza! Sponsorships are available for \$50. Please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

Motzoei Shabbos November 12 at 8 PM join us for a fascinating lecture by Dr. H. Leon Pachter, "**Clash of Civilizations: 9/11 and the Cult of Death.**"

Our popular **Scholar in Residence** weekend will take place **November 18-20th**, Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah. Rabbi Aharon Adler will be our special guest speaker and lead a nusach Carlebach davening on Shabbos and at a kumsitz Motzoei Shabbos. For further information and to sponsor this special event, please contact Dr. Moshe Kranzler. Shabbos luncheon reservations can be made through Ruth Malinowitz (845 598-1977 or 561 338-0015) or Marilyn Sapir (845 369-3631).

BAIS TORAH SISTERHOOD **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA** will take place **Monday evening November 21, at 7:30 PM** at the home of Max and Sandy Thurm on 8 Misty Lane. Join us for a sumptuous dessert reception, and be enthralled by our **Guest Speaker**, renowned beauty expert Rachele Weisberger, author of **Biblical Beauty: Ancient Secrets and Modern Solutions**. Beginning at **6:30 PM**, we will feature a **Cash for Gold Fundraiser**: Bring your unwanted gold, silver, diamonds, watches and estate jewelry – be prepared to leave with CASH!! Leave with the best prices paid while at the same time benefitting our shul!

Mazal Tov

Simcha and Ruth Friedman on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Sarah and Zvi Tischler of Monsey
Ed and Helen Furman on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Chloe and Jonathan Kleinbird of Chashmonaim

Nichum Aveilim

Ben Horwitz on the petirah of his father, Harold Horwitz

Shiurim

Women's תהילים Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before the shiur
Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
מנחת מונש בן חנה פרידא – 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 שיעור – גמרא – Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה – Henry Shapiro
מנחת מונש בן חנה פרידא – Manny London
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית – Bob Schore
יוסף בן שרה – Suzie Kirshenbaum's father-
שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל – Tova Eizik's grandson
הילני בת רחל – Leni Loebenstein

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law –

חיים יששכר בן חיה משקט
בנימין בן בילה- Ben Zauderer
חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל- Chana Mayerfeld
Joel Rosenwasser's mother -
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא
אריה לייב בן רבקה – Larry Seligson
רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל- Larry Seligson's son

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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 Lech-Lecha – 5772 – The Spiritual Journey of Terach, Father of the “Avos”

Parashas Lech-Lecha begins with the command of HaShem to Avram, “Go for your own benefit from your land, and **from your birthplace**, and from your father’s house, to the Land that I will show you.” (Bereshis 12:1) Now this verse already requires some explanation. For the origin of Avram’s journey would indeed not be his birthplace, Ur Kasdim, but rather Charan, as the Chumash informs us in Bereshis 12:4, “And Avram went as HaShem had commanded him, and Lot went with him, and Avram was seventy five years old **when he left Charan.**”

Every child knows the Midrash that Avram smashed all the idols except the largest in Terach’s store, and placed the ax in the hands of the only idol left standing. When Terach returned to the store, Avram said, “Father, I cannot tell a lie; it was this idol who did the damage.” The Midrash doesn’t tell us whether Avram’s sarcastic words made any positive impression on his father, but we do know that Terach, in his rage, reported Avram to Nimrod as a heretic, for his demonstration of contempt for the King’s culture of idolatry. Terach then observed the miraculous survival of his son when he was thrown into Nimrod’s furnace, due to his steadfast belief in a single, omnipotent, albeit invisible G-d. As well as the death of his son Haran, in the same furnace, because his belief was weak, and he just wanted to be “on the winning side.”

It is clear that these observations made a deep impression on Terach. **For he was the one** who initiated the journey to the Land of Canaan, as is reported at the end of Parashat Noach, “And Noach took his son Avram, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and his daughter-in-law, Sarai, the wife of his son, Avram, and together they left Ur Kasdim **to go to the Land of Canaan**; but when they reached Charan, they stayed there.” (Bereshis 11:31) And in fact, Terach never resumed his journey, as we see from the final passuk in Parashat Noach, “The days of Terach were two hundred and five years, and Terach died in Charan.” (Bereshis 11:32) Apparently, Terach saw a glimmer, had a sense of the holiness, emanating from the Land of Canaan. Why he stopped in Charan is unknown. Also, why he did not resume and complete his journey, remains a mystery.

The Gematria of the name “Terach” is 608. This number is close to 613, but one might have shrugged and said, “Close, but no cigar!” Except that Avram had a letter added to his name, so that he would be called, “The Father of a multitude of nations” (Bereshis 14:5); the letter “Heh,” the Gematria of which is five, the number that “Terach” lacked. Perhaps this can be seen as a gift from father to son.

The Midrashim are united in their assessments of Terach’s latter years. “Terach repented,” states the Midrash Tanchuma in Shemos 18. Bereshis Rabbah declares, “Terach has a share in the World-to-Come” (38:12). And, most tellingly, we find in Midrash HaGadol (Bereshis 11:27), “Terach decided to choose the Land of Israel even before the Jewish People were commanded regarding it.”

There is a slight resemblance in the story of Terach’s interrupted journey followed by Avraham’s full embrace of Eretz Yisrael to the desire of David HaMelech to build the “Beis HaMikdash,” for he sensed the absurdity and expressed it in words to Nathan the Prophet, “...See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the Ark of the L-rd dwells within a curtain!” (Shmuel Beis 7:2). And HaShem rewarded him for his noble thought with the promise of an eternal dynasty, but says of Shlomo, David’s son, **“He will build the house for My Name,** and I will make firm the throne of his kingdom forever.” (Shmuel Beis 7:13)

However, there is a crucial difference. David HaMelech inspired and taught Shlomo, his son. Whereas, Avraham Avinu was the iconoclast, the breaker of idols, who recognized his Creator at the age of three. In a very unlikely, indeed miraculous manner, he inspired and taught his father, as well as the rest of humanity.

However, despite that major difference, there is a common denominator in both cases, which is indeed universal. A parent begins a journey, but given his mortality, cannot complete it. His fondest wish, and that of his spouse, is that their offspring follow in their footsteps, and continue their journey toward its goal. As indeed, they attempted to do for their parents. And so on, backwards in time. The goal is closeness to HaShem, Whom we can only approach, but Who allows us to narrow the gap with each generation.