

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Nov 18, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כא' חשוון ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

Welcome, Rabbi Aharon Adler 4:17 PM הדלקת נרות – פרשת חיי שרה

ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

הדלקת נרות	4:17 PM
מנחה	4:25 PM
שקיעה	4:35 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 חיי שרה

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:15 AM
Men's Gemara Shiur	3:20 PM
מנחה	4:05 PM
שקיעה	4:34 PM
מעריב	5:16 PM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday Second Maariv

Sun -Thurs: 4:20 PM
Mon-Thurs: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

הדלקת נרות	4:13 PM
מנחה	4:20 PM
שקיעה	4:31 PM

Shul Announcements

סעודת שלישית is sponsored by Leaon Pachter commemorating the yartzheit of his father Yaakov Yitzchak ben Simcha Bunim **Scholar in Residence** is this Shabbos, Parshas Chayei Sarah. Bais Torah and Community Synagogue welcome Rabbi Aharon Adler who will lead a nusach Carlebach Kabalas Shabbos at Bais Torah. Later at 8:30 PM, at Community Synagogue Rabbi Adler will speak about **“Singing in the Rain: Rav Soloveitchik’s Novel Approach to Rain in Eretz Yisroel,”** followed by an Oneg Shabbos. On Shabbos afternoon in Bais Torah Rabbi Adler will speak at 1:15 PM about **“Does Strict Observance Make for a Better Jew? The History and Ramifications of the Modern Day Chumrah Phenomenon.”**

Scholar in Residence continues on Motzoei Shabbos and Sunday. Join us at 8:30 PM in Bais Torah for an inspiring **Kumtitz**: "Shir Hashirim Asher L'Shlomo" Conducted by "Reb Arele" Adler with his guitar, interspersed with Chassidic tales by Rabbis Adler and Gottlieb. Refreshments provided by Bais Torah Sisterhood. Sunday come to Community Synagogue at 9:30 AM for breakfast followed by a lecture in the Main Shul discussing: **“Religious Coercion: Religious Legislation in Israel is a Great Cause of Social Tension. When is it Counterproductive?”**

AVOS UBANIM Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Chaya Sarah, November 19 at 6:30 PM in the Bais Medrash. Come learn with your son or grandson and enjoy hot pizza! This week's learning is sponsored by David and Judy Rhine. Sponsorships are available for \$50. Please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

The Sunday morning gemara shiur given by Rabbi Gottlieb, will be beginning *maseches Pesachim* - so now is a good time to join. Thank you to Carl and Sarah Markowitz for donating the *gemaros* for Pesachim.

Bais Torah Sisterhood would like to remind the ladies of our community that **ZUMBA** is alive and well and still kicking. We exercise at 8:15 p.m on Mondays in Bais Torah. Join us for \$10 a session.

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

Mrs. Edith Edelstein on the Bar Mitzvah of her twin grandsons, Yehuda Zev and Yosef Dov Beer Kay of Lakewood.
"Moe and Bayla Tilson birth of a grandson, Betzael Aryeh, born to their children Aviva and Moishe Brandsdorfer

Shiurim

Women's תהילים Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before Mincha-If you have the time, we NEED you!

Sundays at 8:30 AM מטכת פסחים – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

ב' Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Women's Mishnayos class Thursday at 8:00 PM-Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

דף היומי I Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Avromy Fein

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 after the second שחרית – נבאים – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM גמרא שיעור – Rabbi Leibel Reznick

REFUAH SHELAIMA LIST IS ON REVERSE

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה
Teddy Kallner-טודרוס בן הינדא-נדא
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.

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 Chayei Sarah – 5772 – The “Akeidah” as a Double-Edged Sword

One of Adam HaRishon's first tasks was to assign permanent names to the creatures that HaShem had brought into being. A key verse in the History of Man is *Bereshis (2:20)*, “*And the man assigned names to all the cattle and to the birds of the sky and to every beast of the field; but as for man, he did not find a helper corresponding to him.*” Without his wife, Man is nameless. The Creator alleviated Adam HaRishon's predicament by creating for him an “Ezer K'negdo,” a “helper corresponding to him,” Chava.

The first couple begins its task of populating the world by producing two boys, Kayin and Hevel. Chava has begun to fulfill her role as “*aim-kol-choi*,” the biological mother of all of humanity. Hevel becomes a shepherd, while Kayin is a farmer. Kayin has a spiritual impulse, and makes an offering to HaShem “*mi-pri ha'adamah*,” “*from the fruit of the ground.*” (*Bereshis 4:3*) Inspired, Hevel selects “*the firstlings and the choicest of his flock*” (*Bereshis 4:4*) as his offering. HaShem indicates pleasure with Hevel's offering, but not with Kayin's. Kayin is depressed and acts out his depression by killing his brother. We hear no note of sadness, not from Hevel's biological father, Adam HaRishon, nor from his biological mother, Chava. The Torah merely reports that “*Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, because 'G-d has provided me another child in place of Hevel, for Kayin killed him.'*” (*Bereshis 4:25*) An act of substitution has taken place; Seth for Hevel; no more and no less.

Twenty generations will pass, ten from Adam to Noach, ten more from Noach till Avraham, until the word “love” appears regarding the relationship between a parent and a child. In Parashas Vayera, HaShem confronts Avraham with what will be his tenth, last, and hardest “*nisayon*” test of faith. “*And it happened after these things that G-d tested Avraham and said to him, 'Avraham' and he replied 'Here I am.'* And He said, ‘*Please take your son, your only son, whom you love – Yitzchok – and go to the land of Moriah; bring him up there as an offering upon one of the mountains which I shall tell you.*’” (*Bereshis 22:1-2*) And Avraham knew that Sarah's heart was for Yitzchok an inexhaustible reservoir of love.

Last week it was Avraham's turn to take the “*nisayon*” of ‘Akeidas Yitzchok,’ the “Binding of Yitzchok;” this week it is Sarah's. Last week, Avraham passed the test by consenting to offer up his beloved son as an offering to HaShem. This week, Sarah passes the test by passing away. On the words “*to eulogize Sarah and to weep for her*” (*Bereshis 23:2*) Rashi begins his commentary by asking, “Why is it that the death of Sarah is discussed by the Torah right after the account of the ‘Binding of Yitzchok?’ And he answers that ‘one was a cause for the other, for she heard that her husband was prepared to sacrifice their beloved son, and it was only by the intervention of HaShem that the tragedy did not occur. When she heard this, her soul left her.’” (Tanchuma; end of Vayera, Pirkei D'Rabbi Eliezer, Chapter 32)

When Avraham consented to sacrifice his son, he was also consenting to the death of his wife. This may be the reason that the word “*ve-livkosah*,” “*and to weep for her*” is written with a small “Choff,” because he himself, was responsible, in a way, for her death.