CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

February 11, 2005 · 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org י'ג שבט שבת פרשת בשלח

ערב שבת פרשת בשלח

הדלקת נרות: 5:06 PM
מנחה: 5:15 PM
Rabbi Gottlieb's **הלכות שבת** shiur at 8:30 PM

שבת פרשת בשלח

שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:33 AM
גמרא שיעור 4:10 PM
מנחה 4:55 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 6:08 PM

***Sunday* שחרית** 7:45 AM

***Weekday* שחרית**

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
Tues., Wed and Fri: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

***Weekday* מנחה-מעריב**

Sun. –Thurs.: 5:15 PM
Second **מעריב** Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

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מנחה: 5:20 PM

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – **מסכת סנהדרין** – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Mondays at 6:30 PM – **מסכת ברכות** – Rabbi Chaim Wein
Mondays at 8:00 PM - Hachnosas Kallah of Monsey lectures for women. This week's lecture is by Rabbi Aaron Fink.
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM - **ספר עזרא** - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – **No shiur this week**
Monday through Friday after the second **שחרית**- **משנה תורה להרמב"ם' ספר מדע** – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - **גמרא** shiur - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
Friday night at 8:15 PM – Hilchos Shabbos shiur – Rabbi Gottlieb
דף היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
דף היומי II, Monday through Thursday at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Women's **תהלים** group meets on **שבת** 45 minutes before **מנחה**.

Shul Announcements

The **Avot U'Banim Learning Program** continues this Motzoei Shabbos at 7:00 PM in the library. Parents, children and grandchildren are invited to enjoy the learning, the pizza and the prizes. This week's program is sponsored by the Frists.

Bais Torah invites everyone to "see the stars appear after Shabbos" at a fun-filled **melave malka** on March 25th. There will be a delicious buffet, a live performance by comedian Marc Weiner and music by Omek Hadavar. Our own rav, Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb will be the emcee. For further information on how to order tickets, log on to www.baistorah.org.

For details and further information on shul events, be sure to visit our **website**, www.baistorah.org. To subscribe to **e-mail updates** on late-breaking shul news, write to baistorah@aol.com.

Keep us informed. Are you planning a simcha or special event? To avoid scheduling conflicts, please call Esther Garber, our shul secretary. She is in the office Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Please reserve Sunday May 14th (Mothers Day) for the shul **Annual Dinner** honoring Steve and Jackie Fessel. Further details and journal ad blanks will be forthcoming shortly. Kindly see Laurence Gordon or Moe Tilson, Dinner Co-Chairs, for further information.

Our twenty-seventh Annual **Siyum Mishnayos** will be celebrated on Sunday evening, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Rabbi Yosef Viener, Mora D'Asra of Agudath Israel of Flatbush. He will speak on the topic, "How to Prevent Headaches and and Cure the Common Cold: A Torah Hashkofo on Trading in Your Aggravations." For reservations or further information, call Yossi Fischer at 425-2785 or Moshe Kranzler at 352-8410.

Calling all singles 25-35: Sign up for a March 24th-25th **Shabbaton** at Bais Torah sponsored in conjunction with End the Madness. The Shabbaton will be limited to 24 young men and 24 young women hosted by Bais Torah families, but all singles are invited to join the Shabbos luncheon and attend the Motzoei Shabbos Melave Malka at a special rate. For further details, please visit our website, write to baistorah@aol.com or call 426-6499. To register for the Shabbaton, write to SALK1111@aol.com.

Shalos seudos is being sponsored this week by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lachman.

Mazel Tov

Manny and Shirley London on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Steven and Shoshi London of Jerusalem.

Hamakom Yenachem

Leslie Goldress on the p'tira of her brother, Kenneth Slavitt. She will be sitting at home on Friday and Motzei Shabbos. She is in Florida until then and can be reached by phone at 561 793-2907 or her cell 845 304-5937.

Refuah Shelaimah

Yis Helprin's mother, Dora Helprin - **דבורה בת בריינה**
Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman – **יעטע בת שרה**
Shirlee Aaronson – **שרה חנה בת בלומא**
Mr. Shapiro - **חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה**
Jerry and Roz Seigel's son, Yoni - **יהונתן בן שושנה**
Sandy Rosenwasser - **שולמית חנה בת מטל**
Ruth Levi - **שרה בת קילה**

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In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

Parashat Beshalach - 5766 – The Shabbat of Song

The highlight of this week's parashah is the "Shirah," the great Song of the Sea, introduced by the verse *(Shemot 15:1) "**Then** Moshe and the Children of Israel sang this song to HaShem, and they said the following:…"*
The Kedushas Levi analyzes the word, "Az" which is Hebrew for "Then." He notes that it is spelled "Aleph," "Zayin." "Zayin" is the seventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet and has the numerical equivalent of 7. He cites "VaYikra Rabbah" 29:11, "This reflects the fact that HaShem loves the number 7, because all of Creation revolves around it. There were seven land masses (6 continents and "Eretz Yisrael"), seven seas (6 seas plus the Yam Kinneret, the beautiful lake in the Galil with the shape of a harp), seven rivers (six great rivers plus the River Yarden in Eretz Yisrael), and seven levels of heaven. But the "Aleph" of "Az" alludes to the word "Ayin," spelled "Aleph," "Yud," "Nun" – meaning "Nothingness." This expresses the idea that all the greatness of Creation reaches its peak when it aspires to "Nothingness." Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest human being, said to HaShem, who had offered, after the great sin of the Golden Calf, to destroy the People of Israel (G-d Forbid) and make him alone into a Great People, *"If You forgive the People, well and good," "Ve-im Ayin," "but if You choose to render them as Nothing, then erase me as well from the Book that You have written."(Shemot 32:32).* By these words, Moshe taught the People of Israel that "Nothingness" is superior to the highest level of greatness. And for this Characteristic, he is called by HaShem in BaMidbar 12:3, *"And the man Moshe was exceedingly humble, more than any other man on the face of the earth."*
The man who was called "Ne'im zemirot Yisrael," the "sweet singer of Israel" David HaMelech, composed the vast majority of the 150 Chapters of the Book of Tehilim. A tiny few of the emotions he expresses there are the following:

- That song cannot emerge from a broken heart, when our captors in David's prophecy, urged us to sing for them from the joyous Songs of Zion, we would respond *"How can we sing the songs of HaShem upon foreign soil?" (Tehilim 147:4)*
- *"I will sing the song of Kindness and Justice;"(Tehilim 101:6)* teaching that song can attach only to righteous entities, such as "Kindness" and "Justice," but never to their evil counterparts, Cruelty and Injustice.
- The Song of Nature – *"The meadows don sheep and the valleys cloak themselves in fodder; they shout joyfully, they even sing!" (Tehilim 65:14)*

The Multi-Faceted Song of Devorah and Barak ben Avinoam (Shophtim 5:1-31)

The Haftarah this Shabbat is taken from Sefer Shophtim, where we find in Chapter 5 a song of victory sung by the prophetess Devorah and the general Barak ben Avinoam. In this chapter-length song, many functions are accomplished:

- We are told the history of the time, *"In the days of Shamgar ben Anath, in the days of Yael* (a reference to the main heroine of the story on the human stage – see below), highway travel ceased, and those who traveled went by circuitous routes) (Shophtim 5:6)
- Sarcasm is showered on Tribes who exhibited excessive delay and indecision in the time of preparation for battle. *"…But in the indecision of Reuven, there was great deceit." (Shophtim 5:15)*
- Gratitude is expressed to the Tribes who supported the military effort; *"Zevulon was a People that risked its life; like wise Naphtali on the high fields."*
- Gratitude is expressed to HaShem for performing the Miracles that enabled the victory; *"From heaven did the stars fight; from their pathways in heaven they fought with Sisera." (Shophtim 5:20)*
- Gratitude is expressed to the woman who sealed the victory; *"Blessed by women is Yael; wife of Heber the Kenite; by women in the tent will she be blessed." (Shophtim 5:24)*
- Sarcasm is heaped upon the mother of Sisera and her courtiers for the false comfort that they express, *"Are they not finding and dividing loot? A comely captive, two comely captives for each man…" (Shophtim 5:30)*
- Praise of HaShem for this victory and Prayer for future victories: *"So may all your enemies be destroyed, O HaShem! And let those who love Him be like the powerfully rising sun." (Shophtim 5:31)*