

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 17, 2006 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"א סיון שבת פרשת בהעלותך

ערב שבת פרשת בהעלותך

* מנחה: 7:00 PM

** הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM

Regular Candle Lighting 8:13 PM

שבת פרשת בהעלותך

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:10 AM

פרקי אבות 6:25 PM

נמרא שיעור 7:15 PM

מנחה 8:00 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 9:13 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., through Thurs.: 8:20 PM

ערב שבת פרשת שלח

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Regular Candle Lighting: 8:15 PM

* Early mincha for the summer

** Shul Accepts Shabbos

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.

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM - **איכה** - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Monday through Friday after the second - **פרשת השבוע עם רש"י** – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - **נמרא** shiur - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

היומי II, Monday through Thursday 1 hour before **מנחה** and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Women's **תהלים** group meets on **שבת** 45 minutes before **מנחה**.

Shul Announcements

A special **Kiddush** this Shabbos will be honoring all students completing their elementary school through post graduate studies.

Sunday morning, June 18th at 10 AM., Bais Torah will hold an **Azkarah**, a Memorial Tribute to Rebbetzin Jackie Wein z"l sponsored by Congregation Bais Torah and Yeshiva Shaarei Torah. Rabbi Berel Wein will be the featured speaker. The breakfast originally planned for June 18th has been cancelled.

The **Simcha Tea** will begin promptly at 4:00 PM on Shabbos, June 24. If you have a kallah or bas mitzvah in your family, please send her bio in writing to Raizie Lutwak at raizie@optonline.net or fax it to 425-3243. The Bais Torah Players are dedicating this year's event in memory of Rebbetzin Jackie Wein, o"h.

New Pricing for Bais Torah Sisterhood Occasion Cards--Cards may be purchased and picked up from Esther Garber at the Bais Torah office for \$5 per card or \$100 for 25 cards . Cards sent out from the Bais Torah office (includes postage and handling) will be \$10 per card.

The **general membership meeting** scheduled for Monday, June 19th, has been postponed. Notices will be mailed as soon as a new date for the meeting is set.

Eveline Kranzler and Doris Newman are collecting submissions for a **Book of Memorial Tributes** to be collated and given to Rabbi Wein. If you wish to write a tribute or have already written one, please submit it to our shul office or leave it in the shul mailbox. Entries may be hand-written or typed and may also be e-mailed to baistorah@aol.com. Photographs of Rebbetzin Wein with Rabbi Wein or with any members of the Bais Torah family are especially welcomed. Photos will be scanned and returned to you. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TRIBUTE BEFORE JUNE 30TH.

Mazel Tov

Ellen Kaplan on the birth of a grandson, born to Josh and Felice Kaplan.

Sam and Rena Wilen on the birth of a grandson, born to Elliot and Arielle Kwestel of Neve Daniel, Israel.

Ben and Fran Horwitz on the marriage of their children, Talia and Chaim Feigenbaum.

Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman - **יעמע בת שרה**

Mr. Shapiro - **חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה**

Ben Zauderer - **בנימין בן בילה**

Shirlee Aaronson - **שרה חנה בת בלומא**

Jerry and Roz Seigel's son, Yoni - **יהונתן בן שושנה**

Sara Markowitz's father, Eli Muller - **חיים אליעזר בן בתיה**

Avi Becker - **אברהם אייבוש בן עימקא**

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Simcha Room Reservations/Kiddushim Jack Gross, 357-4121

Eiruv 362-4302

Mikvah 425-6101

Youth Felise Katz 357-0129

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

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 Beha'alotecha – 5766 – A Possible Contributor to the Departure of Yitro

When Moshe rescued Yitro's daughters from the shepherds, they politely said, "Thank you" and returned to their home. But Yitro revealed his "mentchlichkeit" and his tremendous insight into character when, sight unseen, he determined that Moshe was a very special individual, and dispatched his daughters to race back to the well, and invite the young "Egyptian" to be their guest. This resulted in Moshe's marrying Tziporah, and together they began a family consisting of two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, those names serving to remind Moshe both of his personal exile and of HaShem's watching over him. After Moshe's fateful encounter with HaShem at the Burning Bush, where he was charged with the meta-historic mission of taking the Jewish People out of Egypt, and preparing them to receive the Torah at Har Sinai, he went to his father-in-law to obtain his permission to leave. Unlike Lavan, who attempted to thwart Yaakov when the latter wished to return to his father's house, Yitro, sensing the importance of the mission, said "Go in peace." (*Shemot 4:18*)

When the Jewish people prepared themselves to stand in the presence of G-d at Mt. Sinai, part of their preparation involved observing the command of "Do not approach a woman;" normal marital relations were to be suspended for three days. Afterwards, they were told, "You may return to your tents" (*Devarim 5:27*) meaning, according to Chazal, that marital relations could be resumed. But Moshe was commanded, "as for you, stand here with Me" (*ibid.* 28) Moshe, the Master of the Prophets, was to remain always in G-d's Presence, and for him and his wife, Tziporah, marital relations could never be resumed. It was this aspect of Moshe's unique holiness that Miriam and Aharon questioned, and for which Miriam alone, because she had initiated the criticism of Moshe, was punished. **Perhaps it was because of this "abandonment" of his daughter that Yitro refused to accompany the Jewish People**, although Moshe, his son-in-law, sensing the coming disaster, pleaded with him to stay, saying "...Do not leave us, I beg of you; for you understand our encampment in the desert, and you will be our eyes." (*Bamidbar 10:31*) And RASHI explains what Moshe meant when he said "You understand our encampment in the desert" as referring to the fact that Yitro, with his great insight, had witnessed the miracles with which Hashem was conducting the Jewish People through the desert, and would realize that Hashem would not abandon them when they entered the Land of Israel.

And Yitro, the wise man of Midian, was an expert at this kind of "seeing and understanding," as he demonstrated when he saw how Moshe was trying to dispense justice single-handedly, as the verse says in *Shemot 18:14*, "And the father-in-law of Moshe **saw all that Moshe was doing for the People.**" Yitro understood that this was an impossible task; he devised a system of appeals courts, and Moshe accepted his good advice. And he was also an expert in properly understanding events, as the Torah tells us about him, when he re-appears escorting his daughter, hopefully to be re-united with her husband, "And Yitro (*heard*), or understood." (*Shemot 18:1*) There RASHI asks, "What did Yitro hear that made him leave his people and his position, to join the Jewish People?" And he answers, with the Mechilta "the Splitting of the Red Sea and the War with Amalek." These great miracles, even without hearing the other details of the Exodus, which Moshe would yet relate to him, made him realize and understand that Israel had a special destiny.

Moshe feared that despite all that the Jewish People had been shown, the Miracles of the Exodus, as the verse said "And you have seen that which I did to Mitzrayim" (*Shemot 19:4*) and also "...You have seen that from Heaven I spoke with you" (*Shemot 20:19*), they would not yet have developed the sophistication and insight to realize the implication of these events, that Hashem would never abandon them to the mercy of the Canaanite giants. And he was proved, tragically, correct in that assessment.

Yitro came to join the Jewish People, out of a recognition of the greatness of G-d over all so-called gods, but also with the human hope that G-d would now permit a reconciliation and reunion of his daughter's family, now that Moshe had completed the first part of his great mission, the Liberation, as G-d's messenger, of the Jewish People from Egypt. But when he learned that this was not to be, he could not bear to see, with great insight but also with great empathy, the continuing living widowhood of his daughter and resolved to part company with the Jewish People, physically, though not spiritually. PF