

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

January 13, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org כ"ג טבת שבת פרשת שמות

ערב שבת פרשת שמות

הדלקת נרות 4:31 PM

מנחה 4:40 PM

הלכות שבת 8:15 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb – See oneg info below

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

שבת פרשת שמות

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

זמן קריאת שמע 9:43 AM

מברכים החודש שבט

גמרא שיעור 3:35 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:32 PM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Mon. through Thurs.: 4:45 PM

Second מעריב Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וארא ראש החודש שבט

הדלקת נרות 4:39 PM

מנחה 4:45 PM

Shiurim

שבת at 8:00 AM – דף היומי - Rabbi Gottlieb

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Mondays at 7:30 PM – מסכת ברכות - Rabbi Chaim Wein

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM - מנהר"ל - Dr. Murray Kuhr

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – קהלת - Rabbi Gottlieb

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

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - שחרית גמרא - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

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

II, Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

Shul Announcements

There will be an **Oneg Shabbos** this Friday night, 8:15 p.m., at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Horowitz, 3 Clay Court.

Rabbi Gottlieb will be continuing his hilchos Shabbos shiur. Please join us.

Max and Beverly Rubinstein are sponsoring **kiddush** this coming shabbos as a "Kiddush Hodo'ah", an expression of gratitude to Hashem, for Max's recovery and continued ability to daven in shul with the Bais Torah family.

Shalosh seudos is being sponsored by Jossi Lieder.

Please join us this Motzoei Shabbos, at 8:30 PM for a delightful evening with Velvel Pasternak, who will speak on "**Chassidic Music, a Joyous Celebration!**" The Lutwaks will be sponsoring a collation in celebration of their 30 years of wedded bliss. Don't miss the fun!

Our weekly **Avos U'Banim** learning program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, January 6th at 6:30 PM and is being sponsored by the Scheinsons. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring the kids and enjoy a pizza Melave Malka each week. Contact Michael or Sharon Kronenberg at 845-368-1064 or mkron@optonline.net for information.

Mark your calendar: February 25th - **Annual Siyum Mishnayos** featuring Rabbi Jonathan Rietti, guest speaker; March 9th and 10th - **End the Madness weekend** and melave malka. To host, please contact Allen Nussbaum, 357-7284 or write to anussbaum@aol.com; March 18th - **A Breakfast with Rabbi Berel Wein**. Details, as they become available, are always available on our website, www.baistorah.org.

Mazel Tov

Philip and Marcia Holzer on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Avi Reich, son of Daniel and Tovah Reich of Bergenfield.

Shlomie and Chaya Pollak on the birth of a granddaughter, Sima, born to Shmuel and Esti Pollak.

Ari and Adina Halpert on the birth of twin grandchildren, one of each, born to Ari and ZC Sytner of South Carolina.

Moshe and Bayla Tilson on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Aviva and Moshe Bransdorfer.

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the marriage of their children, Elisheva and Shmuel Erlanger.

Seymour and Raizie Lutwak on their 30th wedding anniversary.

Hamakom Yenachem

Abe Fogel on the p'tira of his brother.

Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman - יעטע בת שרה -

Mr. Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה -

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה -

Shirlee Aaronson - שרה חנה בת בלומא -

Miriam Schiffer's son, Zev Kessin - זאב דוד בן מרים -

Ed Furman's sister, Marjorie Schwartz - מאשע בת שימה -

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin - איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה -

Yoel Adler - יואל בן מירלא -

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל -

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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.

Parashat Shemot – 5767 – A Grandfather’s Bar Mitzvah Speech Moshe Rabbeinu’s Bar Mitzvah

A grandfather in my shul asked for some help in preparing a speech for his grandson’s Bar-Mitzvah. I wrote the following piece and thought it might be useful to other grandfathers, or other Bar-Mitzvah boys or a variety of other people. So, with the permission of the original recipient, here is this somewhat tongue-in-cheek speech:

Did Moshe Rabbeinu have a Bar Mitzvah while living in the Palace of Pharaoh?

We know that Yaakov Aveinu lived with the wicked Lavan for a long time and yet was able to say at the end of that period, “Im Lavan garti, v’taryag Mitzvot shamarti,” “I have dwelt with Lavan, but I observed the 613 Commandments.” The Pesach Haggadah also tells us that Lavan was much worse than Pharaoh, for Pharaoh, when he decreed that all the baby boys born to the Jewish People be drowned, only decreed the destruction of half the Jewish People. But Lavan told Yaakov that if not for the intervention of HaShem, he would have taken everything from Yaakov; all of his **sons and daughters**, thereby wishing to uproot the Jewish People entirely. Now if Yaakov, who lived hundreds of years before the Giving of the Torah, was able to observe all the commandments of the Torah while living with an individual of absolute wickedness, as Lavan was, surely Moshe, **who was chosen by G-d to receive the Torah**, and who lived with Pharaoh, an individual of only moderate wickedness, must have been able to observe it in some manner. Therefore, when he came of age, he **became a Bar Mitzvah**, one obligated to observe the “Mitzvot,” the “Commands” of the Torah, and therefore **must have celebrated a Bar Mitzvah!**

We don’t have direct evidence of this, but there are many Midrashim which tell us that Moshe identified to a great extent with his fellow-Jews. There are three in VaYikra Rabbah that I will mention. They all focus on the verse “VaYetze el echav vayar b’sivlotam,” “He went out to his brothers and he **saw** their suffering.” The first Midrash asks, “What was it that Moshe saw?” And it answers that he saw their bitter slavery, and he would weep and say to them, “I feel terrible over your situation...and he would lend a helping hand to everyone that he could!”

In the second Midrash, we find the statement of Rabbi Elazar the son of Rabbi Yehudah the Galilean, “The Egyptians would put a grown-up’s load on a child and a child’s load on a grown up, a man’s load on a woman and a woman’s load on a man, over-burdening the first and embarrassing the second in each case... he took off his royal cloak and re-adjusted the loads properly, and it looked like he was one of the slaves of Pharaoh. The Holy One, Blessed is He, said, “You took leave of your royal duties, and went to see the suffering of Israel, and acted towards them in a brotherly fashion, I will leave the administration of Heaven and Earth to speak with you” at the Burning Bush, where HaShem appointed Moshe His Messenger to take the People of Israel out of Egypt.

A third Midrash focuses on the expression, “...and he saw their suffering.” “He saw that they had no rest, and he said to Pharaoh, ‘If someone has a slave, and doesn’t give him a day off, the slave will die of exhaustion. This will happen to your slaves as well; who do back-breaking work all the time without rest.’ Pharaoh said, ‘Go and change their schedule.’ Moshe went and established for them the Day of Shabbos as a Day of Rest.”

Now Moshe Rabbeinu may not have had a formal Bar Mitzvah while growing up in the palace of Pharaoh. But we see from these Midrashim that he identified himself with the Jewish People and did all he could to help them.

_____, (Your grandson’s name) This is really the **most important part** of a Bar Mitzvah; that you should feel that you are a part of the Jewish People, and that you share their fate. If that is true, it will automatically follow that you will feel obligated as an adult in the Commands of the Torah, that precious document that makes the wisdom of our People apparent to all the nations, and makes us shine brighter than gold and silver.