

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

January 27, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org ח' שבט שבת פרשת בא

ערב שבת פרשת בא

הדלקת נרות 4:47 PM
מנחה 4:55 PM
שבת הלכות 8:15 PM – Rabbi Gottlieb

שבת פרשת בא

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
זמן קריאת שמע 9:41 AM
שיעור גמרא 3:45 PM
מנחה 4:35 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 5:49 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.: 4:55 PM
Second מעריב: Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בשלח

הדלקת נרות 4:56 PM
מנחה 5:05 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 - מהר"ל - Dr. Murray Kuhr
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – קהלת – Rabbi Gottlieb
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רש"י - Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא shiur - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
דף היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
דף היומי 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

Shalosh seudos is being co-sponsored by Avi Becker to commemorate the yahrzeit of his father, יעקב יצחק, his father-in-law, מאיר בן מאיר יהושע בן מנחם יהושע בן מאיר, and by Yossie Stern to commemorate the yahrzeit of his mother, מלכה פרידל בת מאיר יחיאל יהודה

Yossi and Faygie Deutsch invite the entire congregation to a Kiddush in honor of the birth of a granddaughter, Meirav Ana'el born to Tammy and Aaron Deutsch, a grandson, Aryeh, born to Miriam and Meir Deutsch, and the yahrzeit of Yossi's mother, דבורה בת זלמן פנחס הכהן

Our weekly **Avos U'Banim** learning program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, January 27th, 6:45 and is being sponsored by the Markowitzes. 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.

Purim is on its way! Please complete the Bais Torah Sisterhood **Mishloach Manot** list and return it with your check before February 13. Thank you for your support. Any questions, call Hinda Kimmel at 357-9571.

Mark your calendar:

Monday, February 12th – "The Lighter Side of Aliyah" Laura (Ginsberg) Ben-David, guest speaker
Sunday, February 18th, - The annual **Bais Torah Matzoh Baking** trip with Jossie Lieder, Jay Kimmel and Akiva Gottlieb.
A sign-up sheet is hanging on the main bulletin board and matzoh requests (your name, # of pounds, regular or whole wheat) should be filled in by Friday, Feb 16, 2007.
Sunday, February 25th - Annual **Siyum Mishnayos** featuring Rabbi Jonathan Rietti, guest speaker
Shabbos, March 9th and 10th - **End the Madness weekend** and melave malka. To host young singles, please contact Allen Nussbaum, 357-7284 or write to anussbaum@aol.com.
Sunday, March 18th - Breakfast with **Rabbi Berel Wein**
Sunday, May 13th, for the **Bais Torah Annual Dinner** which is held at the Crossroads Sheraton Hotel in Mahwah, New Jersey. This year's Guests of Honor are David and Ruthie Lehmann..
Details on all events are available on our website, www.baistorah.org

Mazel Tov

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg and Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a grandson, born to Rena and Nissan Lifschitz.

Hamakom Yenachem

Belle Rosenbaum on the p'tira of her husband, Cantor Jack Rosenbaum. She and her family will be sitting shiva at 15 Highview Road through Friday.

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 -
Mel and Betty Sinowitz's granddaughter, Rivka Sinowitz - רבקה בת מינה שטיסא -
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 Bo – 5767 – “It came to pass at Midnight...” (Shemot 12:29)

In Parashat Bo, the Children of Israel are commanded to slaughter the first Pesach Sacrifice on the 14th day of Nissan. And afterwards, “They shall take some of its blood, and place it on the two doorposts, and on the lintel of the houses in which they will eat it.” (Shemot 12:7) On the stroke of Midnight, “I shall go through the Land of Egypt **on this night**, and I shall strike every firstborn in the Land of Egypt, from man to beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I shall mete out punishment – I am HaShem. The blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; I shall see the blood and I shall pass over you; and there shall not be a plague of destruction upon you when I strike in the Land of Egypt.” (Shemot 12:12-13) The miraculous protection provided for the Jewish People that night is why it is known as “Layl Shimurim,” “The Night of Safekeeping.” Over the course of Jewish History, there have been many occasions when “Layl Shimurim,” was invoked for the salvation of Israel, and many miracles were performed for our ancestors on that night. Many of these incidents are recounted in the song “And it came to pass at Midnight,” sung after the Seder.

The first hero mentioned is “Avraham Avinu,” who was called the “Ger Tzedek,” the “Righteous Convert,” who defeated Nimrod in the spiritual conflict between idol worship and monotheism by allowing himself to be cast into a flaming furnace at Ur Kasdim at Midnight on what would later be called the first night of Pesach, and who emerged safely, due to the miraculous protection of HaShem. Avraham was also protected in his Battle against the Four Kings, which was fought **at night**, at which time the Holy One, Blessed is He, said, “Avraham went out of his way for My Sake at Midnight, so too will I go out of My Way for his descendants **at Midnight**,” and when was that? In Egypt, where we find, “*And it came to pass at Midnight...*” Afterwards, “You judged the King of Gerar,” identified as Avimelech, who had kidnapped Sarah, about whom it is said, “*And the Almighty appeared to Avimelech in a vision of the night.*” (Bereshit 20:6) When Lavan the Aramean threatened to steal the entire household of “Yaakov Avinu,” thus proving himself to be, according to the Haggadah, far worse an enemy of Israel than Pharaoh, who only attempted genocide against the male Jews, “You terrified the Aramean” by warning him in a dream **of the night** against harming Yaakov. And shortly thereafter, we find, also in connection with Yaakov, that HaShem assisted him in overcoming the Heavenly Representative of Esav, who struggled with him from **Midnight of Pesach** until daybreak.

“You crushed the seed of the firstborn of Pasros,” where Pasros is identified as Egypt. “Their wealth was gone...” because the Jewish People had obeyed the command of HaShem and Moshe to borrow the gold and silver utensils of the Egyptians, and their garments, in partial recompense for the brutal labor imposed upon the Jews for more than two hundred years, somewhat reminiscent of German reparations following the Holocaust.

“The army of the Prince of Charoshet You swept away with **stars of the night**” alludes to an event described in Sefer Shoftim, where the army of Sisera, the “indomitable” general of Yavin, King of Canaan, was terrified by a meteor that approached the earth on **Midnight of Pesach**, as it says, “*From Heaven did the stars fight with Sisera from their paths,*” (Shoftim 5:20) and fled before Israel.

“The blasphemer (Sanchariv) planned to raise his hand against Yerushalayim – but You withered his corpses” – as recounted in *Melachim Beit (19:35)*, “*And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the L-rd went out and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred eighty five thousand soldiers; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.*”

“To the man of Your delights (Daniel) was revealed the mystery of the visions” that Nevuchadnezzar, had **one night**, and the fact that he forgot the dream and its interpretation, had driven him into a murderous rage. Daniel was able to interpret the King’s dream, thereby restoring his peace of mind and calming his rage. At the Feast in which Belshazzar, son of Nevuchadnezzar, became drunk from the holy vessels of the Temple, a hand appeared and wrote a message on the wall which none of the “wise men” could read or interpret. The queen remembered that Daniel had interpreted a dream for the King’s father. Daniel was summoned, read and interpreted the message as meaning that the Babylonian Empire was about to fall to the Persians and the Medes.

“The Agagite (Haman, a descendant of Amalek) nursed hatred and wrote decrees – but – You began Your triumph over him by disturbing Achashverosh’s sleep **one night...**” – Esther and Mordechai did their part and declared the Holiday of Purim.

“Appoint guards for Your City (Yerushalayim), all the day and **all the night**;

Brighten as the light of day the **darkness of night** – It came to pass **at Midnight.**” PF