

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 3, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org י"ד אדר שבת פרשת תצוה

ערב שבת פרשת תצוה

הדלקת נרות: 5:30 PM
מנחה: 5:35 PM

שבת פרשת תצוה פרשת זכור

8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
8:45 AM שחרית
9:18 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
4:35 PM גמרא שיעור
5:20 PM מנחה
שלישית סעודה
6:45 PM מעריב

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM 2nd מגילה at 10:00 AM Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM
Thurs.: 6:10 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun.: (פורים) 3:00 PM
Mon. through Thurs.: 5:40 PM
Second מעריב: Sun. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

הדלקת נרות: 5:38 PM
מנחה: 5:45 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 - 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
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

Shalosh seudos is being sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg and Barry and Emily Lifschitz in honor of the birth of a grandson, Yisroel Meir Lifschitz, born to Rena and Nissan Lifschitz.

מגילה times: Sat. night at 7:00 PM, Sun. morning 8:15 AM and 10:00 AM

Rabbi Yisroel and Rebbetzin Amy Gottlieb invite the entire Congregation to a **Purim Chagigah** at their home on Purim night, Motzoei Shabbos, 3/3/07. For more information email Peter Katz at president@baistorah.org.

Rabbi Gottlieb's series of **shiurim on Pesach** will begin on Wednesday, March 14th at 8:15 PM. The topics are: Cleaning and Kashering for Pesach on March 14th, Products and Shopping for Pesach on March 21st, and The Seder and Haggadah on March 28th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mark your calendar:

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.

Join us for a talk and **book signing** by David Rubin on Thursday, March 15th at 8:15 PM. David is the author of God, Israel and Shiloh and is the former mayor of Shiloh. He established a fund after he and his three-year old were wounded in a terror attack. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In order to enhance your Pesach experience, on March 30 and 31, back by popular request, the shul will be serving full meals on Friday night and shabbos morning on **Shabbos Hagadol**, Parshas Tzav. Please contact Felise Katz at felisek@gmail.com for reservations.

Sunday, May 13th, for the **Bais Torah Annual Dinner** which be 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

Many **thanks** to Dr. Moishe Kranzler and Rabbi Josef Fischer for once again organizing a very successful Annual Siyum Mishnayos this past Sunday night. To see pictures of the event, go to the link on the front page of our website, www.baistorah.org.

Mazel Tov

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to Rivkah and Tuvia Breuer of Woodmere.

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 -

Leni Loebenstein - הלני בת רחל -

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

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -

- איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה -

Yoel Adler - יואל בן מירלא -

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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 Tetzaveh - 5767 - Aharon "HaKohen," the Priest

Parashat Tetzaveh describes the garments that were worn by the "Kohanim," when they performed the "Avodah," the Divine Service. This Service was to be performed first in the Tabernacle, the "Mishkan," and later in the "Beit HaMikdash," the Holy Temple, that stood in Jerusalem until it was destroyed twice by our enemies, and rebuilt once. It is its second rebuilding that we are eagerly awaiting.

Who are the "Kohanim?" The designation "Kohanim," Priests, underwent two transitions - first, from the "bechorim," the first-born, who were supposed to have been both Kings and Priests, to the Tribe of Levi, then from the sons of Moshe to the sons of Aharon, who became the "Kohen Gadol," the High Priest.

Who was Aharon? We are introduced to Aharon by the Torah in the unusual dialogue that took place between Moshe and HaShem at the Burning Bush. HaShem wants Moshe to be His messenger in taking the Jewish People out of Egypt, and he wants Moshe to be their King and High Priest. Moshe repeatedly protests that he is incapable of fulfilling the job as spokesperson for the People of Israel to Pharaoh. So HaShem, according to the Midrash, switches the roles of Moshe and Aharon. Moshe will revert to the status of the Levi, and Aharon will be elevated to the status of "Kohen Gadol." Now Aharon will serve as spokesperson for the People of Israel not only to Pharaoh, but he and his descendants will represent the Jewish People also to HaShem in the "Beit HaMikdash." But that will come later.

Most older brothers would resent the elevation of their younger siblings. So we have seen in the Torah in several cases: Kayin vs. Hevel, Yishmael vs. Yitzchak, Esav vs. Yaakov, Yoseph's brothers vs. Yoseph. But here comes a change - a new creation in the universe of siblings, one who can overcome sibling rivalry and rejoice in the accomplishments of his younger sibling. **There are** such older brothers in the world. HaShem introduces this new creation by the term "And I know him," when He says, "**Do I not know** that he will speak for you, and he will see you (in your glory) and will rejoice in his heart" (Shemot 4:14). Whereas Kayin, who murdered Hevel because HaShem accepted the sacrifice of his younger brother but not his, denied knowledge of his brother, "And he said, **I do not know** (his location); am I my brother's keeper?" (Bereshit 4:9).

"Lover of Peace and Pursuer of Peace" - Aharon's unique talent and capability was his ability to restore peace between human beings, who were "supposed to" have a close, if not loving, relationship, but who had drifted apart: spouses, parents and children, in-laws, next-door neighbors, partners, etc., etc. It was for this ability that Aharon was loved more than was Moshe and for which he was mourned longer than was Moshe (Yalkut).

Aharon and the "Egel HaZahav," the Golden Calf - Aharon played a very enigmatic role in the construction of the Golden Calf. One interpretation of that event is as follows: Moshe was on Mt. Sinai and the Jewish People were gathered at the foot of the mountain. The "Erev Rav," the small minority of Egyptians who had fled Egypt with the Jews in order to "be with a winner," and who had been accepted by Moshe, were agitating for new leadership, since Moshe was "clearly" not coming down. Aharon had gathered gold from the People and thrown it into the fire. By the "kishuf," the "black magic," that they had brought out of Egypt, the "Erev Rav" caused a Golden Calf, that "surprisingly" bore a striking resemblance to the god they had worshipped in Egypt, to emerge from the fire. Seeing this, Aharon had wished to divert the People and had called out, "*Tomorrow will be a holiday unto the L-rd!*" (Shemot 32:5), meaning that by the next day, when Moshe would certainly have returned, the Jewish People would have a legitimate reason to celebrate. Yet for his role in the commission of a sin that was only a sin of "Marit Ayin," an act which only resembled a sin, but which had created a "Chilul HaShem," a Desecration of G-d's Name, Aharon had been found guilty by the "Heavenly Court." As we find Moshe saying to the Jewish People, "*And with Aharon did HaShem become very angry, sufficiently so as to decree that he be destroyed...*" (Devarim, 9:20), which RASHI interprets as the loss of children.

"*VaYidom Aharon,*" "*And Aharon kept silent*" (Vayikra, 10:3) - When the destruction actually took place, and Nadav and Avihu were consumed by a "fire from HaShem" (Vayikra 10:2) during the joyous Dedication of the Mishkan, Aharon's response is "*VaYidom Aharon,*" "*And Aharon kept silent*" - accepting the verdict of the Heavenly Court without audible protest, thus teaching the humility that should be adopted by human beings in the face of unanswerable questions. PF