

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 10, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org כ' אדר שבת פרשת כי תשא

ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא
הדלקת נרות: 5:38 PM
מנחה: 5:45 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

שבת פרשת כי תשא פרשה
8:00 AM - דף היומי - Rabbi Gottlieb
8:45 AM שחרית
9:12 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
4:40 PM גמרא שיעור
5:25 PM מנחה
שלישית סעודה
6:39 PM מעריב

Weekday מנחה-מעריב
Mon. through Thurs.: 6:45 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויקהל-פקודי
הדלקת נרות: 6:46 PM
מנחה: 6:55 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, דף היומי, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
II, דף היומי, 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 Mel and Betty Sinowitz as a seudas Ho-Doah for the recovery of Rivka bas Minna Stisha, their granddaughter in Jerusalem.

This Motzoei Shabbos, "See the Stars Appear" at our annual **Melave Malka**, featuring critically acclaimed comedian Yisrael Campbell and our own Rabbi Gottlieb reprising his role as emcee. There will be delicious food, great music, and lots of fun. Don't miss it! The event begins at 8:30 PM at Yeshiva of Spring Valley, 230 Maple Avenue, Monsey. Bring your friends. It promises to be a great evening.

Move your **clocks forward** one hour at 2:00 AM Sunday morning..

Bais Torah is selling **wine for Pesach**. If you do not have the wine information and would like to order, please go to the Bais Torah website or call Miriam Frankel at 356-8558. The last day for Pesach wine orders will be Friday, March 23.

Rabbi Gottlieb's series of **shiurim on Pesach** will begin this 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.

Bruchim habaim to all **End the Madness participants**. We hope you enjoy your stay with us this Shabbos. Many thanks to Allen Nussbaum for coordinating the event for Bais Torah and a special thanks to all the members who have opened their homes to host the participants..

Join us for a talk and **book signing** by David Rubin on Thursday, March 15th at 8:00 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.

Next Shabbos, March 17th, **Rabbi Berel Wein** will be joining us for a special event sponsored by Carl and Sara Markowitz in memory of Zipora and Eli Muller, a"h. Rabbi Wein will deliver the sermon on Shabbos morning and also speak in the afternoon at 5:35 PM in the Simcha Room. At Shalosh Seudos, the shul will present Rabbi Wein with a "Book of Tributes to Rebbetzin Jackie Wein, a"h". Please join us.

In order to enhance your Pesach experience, on March 30th and 31st, 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.

Mazel Tov

Allen and Miriam Nussbaum on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sara Adler, daughter of Aryeh and Keri Adler.
Simcha and Ruth Friedman on the birth of a grandson, born to Ita and Avi Barak. The shalom zocher is at 8:00 PM at the Friedmans, 72 Carlton Rd.

Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman

יעטע בת שרה -

Mr. Shapiro

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה -

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה -

שרה חנה בת בלומא - Shirlee Aaronson

הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein

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

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -

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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 Ki-Tisa – 5767 – A “Cholent” of the Parashah, Purim, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippurim and Pesach

My wife tells me that on the night of “Purim,” she was walking along, and happened to look at the sky, expecting to see a full moon, given the Holiday’s occurrence in the middle of the Month of Adar. She was initially shocked to see a crescent moon. She did a scan of the sky for clouds, and a fast memory check on the date, but the results of those tests were negative. She then came to the fascinating conclusion that on the very night of Purim, the Holiday that celebrates the “hidden miracle,” the moon had itself gone into hiding.

The moon, one of the two “Me’orot HaGedolim,” the “Great Heavenly Lights,” is of course very much a junior partner to the sun. The basic reason is that its light is only the reflected light of its brilliant companion. Another fascinating fact about the moon is that, for various astronomical reasons, its visible shape varies from nearly invisible at the beginning of each month to a full moon at the middle of the month, and back to near invisibility at the end of the month, and consequently its emitted light follows the expected curve given that description of its visibility. When the moon, which executes one revolution around the earth each month passes, in its orbit, into the earth’s shadow, meaning that the earth blocks the light of the sun, the moon goes (fully or partially) dark, that event is called a “lunar eclipse,” and that is what occurred on the night of Purim.

There is a Holiday in the Hebrew Calendar that falls, each year, on a moonless night; namely, “Rosh HaShanah,” the Jewish New Year, that falls on the first of Tishrei. It is the “Day of Judgment” for all individuals and all nations. We say in our prayers, “Blow the Shofar at the beginning of the Month, when the moon is hidden, on the Day of our Celebration, for it is a statute for Israel; Judgment Day for the G-d of Jacob.” The name “**Purim**” more than suggests a connection with “Yom HaKipurim,” the “Day of Atonement,” the Holiest Day on the Hebrew Calendar, associated with Atonement and Divine Mercy. But a moonless “Purim” suggests a connection as well with “Rosh HaShanah.” On that special Day, we say in our prayers, “Angels will be confused, trembling and terror seize them – and they will say, ‘Behold it is the ‘Day of Judgment!’...” How much more should this be true for creatures of flesh and blood! Yet, amazingly, it is at the same time a Day of Optimism, of Hope, and of Joy, for the Jewish People. For we place our trust in a Righteous Judge, Who sees the inward motivations of men, no matter what they say, or how loud they shout.

On “Purim,” we commemorate Haman’s presentation of a plan to Achashverosh that had superficial suggestions of Truth. The Jewish People were indeed spread throughout his Kingdom. Their laws were not identical with those of the other subjects of the King. But in his call for the annihilation of the Jews, Haman preceded Hitler, May his name be erased, but with far less “success.” HaShem intervened from behind the scenes and, with the “help” of Mordechai and Esther, turned Haman’s plot on top of him, and the end result for him was that he was hung from the “gallows that he had prepared for Mordechai.” (Esther 7:10)

The Jewish People and the State of Israel are now under attack from all sides. The Jews were responsible for 9/11 ! The Palestinians, a “non-People” if ever there was one, have no fear of the Jewish People. College campuses from Harvard to Stanford seethe with the hatred and lies of Arab propaganda, and none on the Jewish scene seems strong enough to defend Israel. In Parashat Ki-Tisa, we find elements of the Jewish People committing treachery by worshipping the “Golden Calf” at the foot of Mt. Sinai, soon after they’d received the Torah and witnessed the Revelation of HaShem. In our time, elements of the Jewish People, the “People of the Book,” commit treachery by denying the validity of their Heritage, and tolerating the corruption of their government and of their Supreme Court (sic) not long after being granted entry into the Holy Land!

The situation may be so drastic as to require the subtle balancing of the Divine Judicial Attributes represented by “Rosh HaShanah” and “Yom HaKipurim:” “Din,” Justice, and “Rachamim,” Compassion, respectively. Plus the miraculous interventions represented by “Purim,” namely, the “Nes Nistar,” the Hidden Miracle, and by Pesach, now moving swiftly towards us; namely, the “Nes Nigleh,” the Revealed Miracle, to set the world on course towards the glorious destiny envisioned for Israel and the nations by the Prophets. PF