

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 24, 2007 89 W. Carlton Road, Suffern, NY 10901 (845)352-1343 www.baistorah.org ה' ניסן שבת פרשת ויקרא

Bar Mitzvah of Ephraim Steinberg

ויקרא **ערב שבת פרשת**
הדלקת נרות: 6:53 PM
מנחה: 7:00 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

ויקרא **שבת פרשת**
דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:58 AM
גמרא שיעור 6:00 PM
מנחה 6:45 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 7:55 PM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב
Sun. through Thurs.: 7:05 PM

ערב שבת פרשת צו
מנחה: 7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות: 7:01 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 8:00 PM – פסח – 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 one hour before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

The entire congregation is invited to a **Kiddush** sponsored by the Steinberg family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Ephraim.
Shalosh seudos is being sponsored by The Kurz family in memory of Daniel Kurz, z"l בן ישראל ו"ל. Pinky Frankel will speak upon the occasion of the yearzeit of Danny Kurz.
Please **CLEAN** out your cubbies for Pesach, THIS WEEK, otherwise the contents will be discarded.
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 Sunday, March 25.
Rabbi Gottlieb's series of **shiurim on Pesach** will continue this Wednesday, March 28th at 8:00 PM. The topic is: The Seder and Haggadah. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Rabbi Gottlieb will be available for **mechiras chometz** each morning after the second minyan and every evening after maariv. 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 by 3/25/07. The cost of the meals is \$34 per person for two gourmet meals
Please reserve Sunday, May 13th for the **Bais Torah Annual Dinner** which be held at the Crossroads Sheraton Hotel in Mahwah, New Jersey. This year's honorees are: Guests of Honor - David and Ruthie Lehmann, Gabbai Service Award – Yaakov Colman, Eishes Chayal Award – Ruth Malinowitz, Avodas HaKodesh Award – Irwin Goldress.

Mazel Tov

Zvi and Minca Szachtel on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Yossi and Shana Szachtel.
Zvi and Minca Szachtel on the birth of a grandson, born to Josh and Rachel Goldberg.
Fishel and Pessie Strenger on the marriage of their children, Aidy and Eliyahu Salomon
Shira Steinberg on the bar mitzvah of her son, Ephraim.
Aron and Susan Schiller on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Bezalel Apfel, son of Naomi and Howie Apfel.
Chatz and Libby Lazarus on the engagement of their daughter, Bracha, to Yosef Pieprz of Silver Spring.

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 -

Rachel Gross' sister - לאה בת חנה -

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 VaYikra - 5767 - "Va-Yikra el Moshe...", The Little Aleph

The first word in Sefer VaYikra is written with a little "Aleph" at the end of the word. The Baal HaTurim, one of the Masters of Halachah, Jewish Law, the major component of the Oral Torah, and also a Master Commentator on the Written Torah, suggests that this was another occasion of a dialogue between HaShem, the Great "Metzaveh," the Law Giver, and Moshe, the humble "Metzaveh," Receiver of the Law. HaShem addresses Moshe in a manner suggesting closeness and love, "VaYikra" with an "Aleph," but Moshe wants to write the word without an "Aleph" in the same manner as HaShem addresses Bilaam, the evil Prophet of Midian, "VaYikar," in a manner suggesting coldness and randomness. They compromised on a little "Aleph."

Perhaps it is possible to say that the Book of Shemot, preceding VaYikra, is the Book of the Large "Aleph," of the Great "Anochi," the "I" of the Universe, HaShem. For that Sefer contains the account of the signs and wonders that HaShem performed in "Mitzrayim" in behalf of the Jewish People. And it also contains the account of the "Maamad Har Sinai," the "Stand at Sinai," where HaShem "Revealed Himself," so to speak, as the One Who choreographed the events of the Exodus. "**Anochi** HaShem Elo-hecha asher ho'tzeticah me'Eretz Mitzrayim, mi'Bet Avadim." "**I am the L-rd your G-d Who took you out of the Land of Egypt, from the House of Bondage.**" (Shemot 20:2)

The Book of Shemot continues the role of the Creator of the Universe, and of the "Avot," begun in the Book of Bereshit, into the history of nations. There and here, HaShem shows that there Exists an Omnipotent Divine Supreme Being Who defines morality, and Who is interested and insistent that Man be moral.

The Book of VaYikra is the Book of the Little "Aleph," the Little "Anochi," the humble creature, weak and frail, but possessed of a potentially infinite and eternal soul. This Book defines the relationship of the two "Anochi's," the two important identities in the world.

But where that importance lies not, G-d Forbid, in the abuse of power but rather, in the withdrawal from that abuse:

"Rabbi Yochanan said, 'Wherever you find the greatness of the Holy One, Blessed is He, there you find His humility. This phenomenon is written in the Torah, repeated in the Prophets and stated a third time in the Sacred Writings: It is written in the Torah: 'For HaShem, your G-d, He is the G-d of heavenly forces and the Master of masters, the great, mighty and awesome G-d, Who shows no favoritism and accepts no bribe.' Afterwards it is written: 'He performs justice for orphan and widow, and loves the stranger, to give him food and clothing,'

It is repeated in the Prophets, as it is written: 'For so says the exalted and uplifted One, Who abides forever, and Whose Name is Holy, 'I abide in exaltedness and holiness - but am with the contrite and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.'

And it is stated a third time in the Sacred Writings, as it is written" 'Sing to G-d, make music for His Name, extol Him Who rides in the highest heaven, with His Name, G-d, and exult before Him.' And it is written afterwards, 'Father of orphans and Judge of widows, G-d in the habitation of His holiness.' "

The Little "Anochi," the human being, brings sacrifices to the Great "Anochi." These sacrifices are brought, using other living creatures from the animal "kingdom" and from the vegetable "kingdom" that were, to some extent, created for that purpose, to secure Atonement (the "Chatat" Sacrifice), to express gratitude (the "Todah" Sacrifice), to express the idea that HaShem maintains harmony in the world between opposing physical and spiritual forces (the "Shelamim" Sacrifice) and to express the absolute and continuing dependence of all existence on HaShem (the "Tamid" Sacrifices).

The Little "Anochi" is commanded to emulate the Great "Anochi." "...Be thou holy, for I your G-d Am Holy" (VaYikra 19:2). Given that attempt to emulate HaShem, the following and many other Torah commands become meaningful: "**And you shall not glean your vineyard, neither shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger; I am the L-rd your G-d. You shall not steal; neither shall you deal falsely, nor lie one to another... I am the L-rd. You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him; the wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night till the morning. You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your G-d; I am the L-rd. You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor favor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. Do not be a gossip among your people, nor shall you stand idly by the blood of your neighbor; I am the L-rd. You shall not hate your brother in your heart;... You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the L-rd.**" (Vayikra 19:10-18) PF