

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 2, 2007 · 89 West Carlton Road · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org · ת"ז סיון שבת פרשת בהעלותך

Aufruf of Avi Landa

ערב שבת פרשת בהעלותך

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:04 PM

שבת פרשת בהעלותך

8:00 AM - דף היומי - Rabbi Gottlieb
8:45 AM שחרית
9:10 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
6:20 PM פרקי אבות
7:10 PM גמרא שיעור
7:55 PM מנחה
שלישית סעודה
9:05 PM מעריב

Shiurim

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
Wednesdays at 8:00 PM - קהלת - Rabbi Gottlieb
I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM - Mordechai Rudman
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - גמרא מסכת ברכות - Mordechai Rudman
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
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

Bob and Rita Landa invite the entire congregation to a **Kiddush** after davening in honor of the aufruf of their son, Avi.
Seudas Shlishis this week is being co-sponsored by Bob and Rita Landa in honor of Avi's aufruf, Abe, Bruno and Manny Frankel commemorating their father's 36th yahrtzeit, and Neil and Chavi Tilson in honor of their son's Yair's bar mitzvah parsha.
Bais Torah will be honoring this year's graduates at its **Annual Graduation Shabbos** on June 16th. Anyone who would like to be included in the celebration and listed in the scroll of honor should contact Felise Katz at felisek@gmail.com. A share in the graduation kiddush costs only \$50.
Our Sisterhood's Bais Torah Players are hard at work practicing for the **Annual Simcha Tea on June 16th**. But to make the Simcha Tea a success, we need your help. If you have a kallah or bas mitzvah in your family, we would like to honor her. Please send her bio in writing to Sharon Kronenberg at 2 Misty Lane, Suffern, NY 10901, e-mail her at mkron1950@gmail.com or fax to 845-368-1074.
We're pleased to announce that the **Sefer Torah written in memory of Rebbetzin Jackie Wein a"h** is nearly complete. The Hachnosas Sefer Torah is planned for October 14th. If you would like to dedicate either the Atzei Chaim or Mantel, please contact Michael Kronenberg at mkron@optonline.net.
Are you aware that Bais Torah has a fully stocked **Torah Cassette Library**? This Torah Audio Library, which is located in the back of the main hallway, is open to the entire Monsey community. You can borrow cassettes by visiting the shul and speaking with Rabbi Gottlieb, Yis Helprin, Doniel Cohen, or Jonathan Rosenstock.

Mazel Tov

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Eitan, son of Lawrence and Laura Ben David of Israel
Kate Tannenbaum on the birth of a great-grandson, Yishai Naftali, born to Jeremy and Tili Tannenbaum of Jerusalem.
Kate Tannenbaum on the engagement of her granddaughter, Elianna, daughter of Elliot and Debbie Tannenbaum to Yitzchok Rappoport, son of Rabbi Shabti and Rivka Rappoport and grandson of Rabbi Moshe and Sifra Tendler.
Kate Tannenbaum on the marriage of her granddaughter, Daniella, daughter of Elliot and Debbie Tannenbaum to Natan Rickman.
Doris Newman on the birth of a grandson, Chaim Yitzchak, named for Howie, born to Cheryl and Josh Ernst of Woodmere.
Bob and Rita Landa on the aufruf of their son, Avi.

Refuah Shelaimah

Michael Rossman's mother, Ilse Rossman
יעטע בת שרה
Mr. Shapiro
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה
Ben Zauderer בנימין בן בילה
Manny London מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא
Rachel Gross' sister לאה בת חנה

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.: 8:15 PM

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* Early mincha for the summer
** Shul Accepts Shabbos

זאב דוד בן מרים Zev Kessin
Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin
איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה
Yoel Adler בן מירל לאה
Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York
רחמה פייגל בת רבקה

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Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

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In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

Parashat Beha'alotecha – 5767 – “Enlightenment” According to the Torah and According to Zen

This week's parashah, “Beha'alotecha,” begins with a discussion of the “Menorah,” the Lamp, in the “Mishkan.” The “Menorah” symbolized enlightenment; in particular, spiritual enlightenment. The Lamp consisted of seven branches; three on each side and a central branch. The six surrounding lights were inclined towards the central light, symbolizing that HaShem, the Light of the World, did not need the Lamp to illuminate the “Mishkan.” The “Menorah” was hammered out of a single block of gold, to demonstrate that Wisdom came from One Source; namely, HaShem. We find in *Mishlei* (20:27), “*The soul of Man is the Lamp of G-d, searching out all of one's innards*” illustrating the necessary connection between morality and Wisdom. And upon arising each morning, one recites, “*The beginning of Wisdom is Fear of HaShem*” (*Tehilim* 111:10).

Tragically, many hundreds, perhaps thousands of Jews in Eretz Yisrael, particularly, and the West, in general have sought enlightenment, and spirituality, in Zen Buddhism. In this context a book appeared recently, “Letters to a Buddhist Jew,” documenting the correspondence between an American Jew, David Gottlieb, who had been drawn to Buddhism, and had become expert in its beliefs, and Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz, South African born physician, author and lecturer internationally on Jewish philosophy and medical ethics. This essay will barely “scratch the surface” of that correspondence.

On the subject of God, the following comments were made by each party to the correspondence:

David Gottlieb: “Although Zen Buddhism does not deny the existence of a Divine force at work in the Universe, it does not focus on a God who must be obeyed or, more importantly, believed in. Buddhism focuses on what can be experienced, and although many believe they can experience God... can they, really? The whole concept of building a worship system around a Supreme Being who cares at all about what we do and don't do, and all the ‘myths’ attendant on that belief, is like building a castle to live in and expecting it to float in mid-air.”

Rabbi Tatz: “...There cannot conceivably be anything more important than the existence of God. In the light of God's existence literally everything takes on vastly greater proportions; not only do moral obligations, for example, take on meaning in the deepest sense, but the very notion of meaning itself comes to life. In a godless universe, does anything really matter? Surely this is the first point to clarify; nothing could possibly change the shape of all issues more. This is not a matter for simply ‘not denying.’ If one comes to the conclusion that the Universe has a conscious Creator and Master, all one's investigations and subsequent conclusions will be radically different in the deepest way. And if one comes to the opposite conclusion, then quite frankly, for me on a personal level the discussion loses much of its flavor...”

In the Introduction to the book, Rabbi Tatz relates the following personal incident of an Israeli friend:

“In February 2001, I was invited to attend teachings of the Dalai Lama on suffering and compassion in Bodh Gaya – the place where Gautama was enlightened under the Bodhi Tree some 2,500 years ago. There, a close friend of mine... arranged for me to have an audience with the Dalai Lama.

I entered his room at sunset following nine hours of intensive teaching. He was sitting cross-legged on a pillow and signaled me to sit beside him. He greeted me with his warm, loving smile and asked me if I was Israeli.

‘Yes,’ I immediately answered.

‘Are you Jewish?’ he continued.

‘Indeed,’ I replied.

He was silent for a couple of minutes and then said: ‘You come from the most ancient wisdom...the source...You do not need to travel all the way here to seek the truth...You should return to your country and learn your religion well. Return here if you feel the need, but only after you have done so...’ ”