

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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Welcome to Our Way Members

ערב שבת פרשת משפטים

הדלקת נרות 4:55 PM

מנחה 5:00 PM

שקיעה 5:13 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb's שיעור שבת הלכות 8:15 PM.

שבת פרשת משפטים

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:39 AM

מברכים החודש אדר א'

גמרא שיעור 4:00 PM

מנחה 4:45 PM

שקיעה 5:14 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 5:56 PM

שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Tues. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Wed. and Thurs.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 5:05 PM

Second מעריב 8:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs.)

ערב שבת תרומה

הדלקת נרות 5:03 PM

מנחה 5:10 PM

שקיעה 5:21 PM

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

דף היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

דף היומי II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

דף היומי III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - גמרא מסכת ברכות - ירושלמי - Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - פרשת השבוע עם רשי - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Women's תהלים group meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

This Shabbos, Bais Torah will be hosting a **Shabbaton for Our Way**, an NCSY-affiliated organization for the hearing impaired.

סעודה שלישית is being sponsored by Simcha Friedman in memory of his father Avraham Eliezer ben HaRav Zvi Hirsch.

Bais Torah's **Avos U'Banim** program continues this Motzoei Shabbos, January 26th, 6:45 PM in the Library. Bring your children and grandchildren for hot pizza and a chance to win prizes. This week's Avos U'Banim sponsors are **The Katzensteins**. For further details on this program, please contact Michael Kronenberg at mkron1950@gmail.com or call 368-1064.

This weekend, Bais Torah will be holding two special events, "**Remembering the Rav**." On Saturday night, we will show a new documentary film entitled, "Lonely Man of Faith, The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik." Admission to the film is free to Bais Torah members and \$7 for non-members. On Sunday morning, Rabbi Dr. Aaron Rakeffet, a noted author, lecturer and former student of the Rav, will speak at a breakfast on the topic of, "**The Uniqueness of the Lonely Man of Faith**." Everyone is invited to attend.

"**Israel Update: Politics Behind the Scenes**" will be the subject of a February 9th talk given by Michael Tuchfeld, political analyst and editor for the Knesset Channel. A parliamentary correspondent for Kol Israel, Mr. Tuchfeld will share his in-depth knowledge about the forces and personalities that shape Israel's political policies. The program will begin at 8:30 PM and all are invited.

There will be a general membership meeting of the shul on February 10, at 10:15 AM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

JEP breakfast on February 17th at 9:00 AM. The honorees are Murray and Phyllis Kuhr.

Matzah baking on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM.

Mondays at 8:15 PM on March 3rd, 10th and 17th, everyone is invited to a series of lectures on the topic of, "**Leadership Defined: Reuvain, Yehuda and Yosef**." The lecturer, Elana Flaumenhaft, is an award-winning Tanach instructor who gives shiurim and is featured at yemei iyun throughout the New York area. The event is being sponsored by Bracha and Moshe Ollech and family in memory of their father and grandfather, Marvin Hochbaum, Menachem Mendl ben Eliezer a"h.

The annual **Siyum Mishnayos** will take place on March 9th at 6:00 PM. The speaker will be Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro of N. Miami Beach.

Save the Date - Sunday, May 18th 2008 - **Annual Bais Torah Dinner** honoring Yis and Bella Helprin.

Get great discounts with the **Ultimate Kosher Discount Card** for \$18. Available from Aviva at our shul office (352-1343) or Leslie Goldress (352-3257).

The DVD of the **Hachnosas Sefer Torah** is available upon request. Suggested donation is \$10. Email mkron@optonline.net or call 368-1064 to place your order.

Mazel Tov

Irwin and Anny Citron on the marriage of their children, Linda and Reuvain Segall.

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Elisheva and Shmuel Erlanger of Monsey.

Hamakom Yenachem

Suri Katz on the p'tira of her brother, Moshe Liebowitz.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro -

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -

איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Sam Colman - שמואל בן שרה רחל

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Renee Rosenbaum's mother, Fanny York -

רחמה פייגל בת רבקה

Yossie Stern's granddaughter -

ציפורה יהודית בת דינה רבקה

Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה

Kathy Resnick - אביה בת שרה

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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.

Parashas Mishpatim – 5768 – Parents – Biological and Spiritual

Rav Herschel Schachter, Shlit" a, spoke last "layl Shabbos" on the "Aseres HaDibros." In the course of his remarks, he assured us that "Kibbud Av V'Em," the Command to honor one's parents, still applies in our time. One Aspect of this Command that seems to have gone somewhat out of vogue is the prohibition against calling one's parents or in-laws by their first names. This week's Parashah, Mishpatim, also carries a number of indications of the special-ness of parents. Shemos (21:15) tells us point-blank that any child who strikes his parents, drawing blood, is liable to the death penalty. This has implications that bar children who are surgeons or dentists from treating their parents.

The "Daf Yomi" is now studying Maseches Nedarim. One type of Neder, not recommended, as most vows are not recommended, is that in which a person prohibits another from having benefit from anything that he owns. An unusual example of this is when a father prohibits his son from serving him, so that he can concentrate his efforts on Torah study. In that case, Rav Yaakov, the "Amora," states that the son is still permitted to fill up a pitcher of water and light a lamp for his father. The "Maggid Shiur" of the OU Daf Yomi cited the opinion of Rav Yaakov Kaminetzki, a "gado" of the last century, that in a case not involving a Neder of any kind, but as a clarification of his own perspective, that if the father of a student who is studying Torah in a yeshiva, has to go somewhere but cannot drive, that the student is **obligated to drive the father**, even if he will lose time from his Torah study. That is because, in his opinion, the **"Mitzvah" of honoring one's parents overrides all other Positive Commands of the Torah**, including "Talmud Torah," the study of Torah, itself.

The Gemara, in a tangential discussion, lists the required characteristics for one to become a Prophet: "Gevurah," Physical Strength, "Ashirus," Wealth, "Chochmah," Wisdom, and "Anivus," Humility. It derives these from "p'sukim" regarding Moshe Rabbeinu, the "Adon HaNevi'im," the Master of the Prophets. Yehoshua bin Nun became a devoted disciple, like a son, of Moshe, *"never moving from his tent;"* (Shemos 33:11) "Moshe's face shone like the sun; Yehoshua's like the moon." (Bava Batra 85a)

"Is Shaul Also Among the Prophets?" (Shmuel Alef 10:11)

In Shmuel Alef, we find the account of Shmuel HaNavi's early relationship with Shaul, the first King of Israel. Shaul is sent on a mission to find his father's lost donkeys. Unable to find them, he turns for assistance to Shmuel the "Seer." Shmuel informs him that the donkeys have been found and that HaShem has far greater missions in Mind for him. Shmuel anoints Shaul and informs him that he will encounter a band of prophets, prophesying behind a group of musicians. *"The Spirit of HaShem will then pass over you, and you will prophesy with them, and you will be transformed into another person."* (Shmuel Alef 10:6) In ushering him into Prophecy, as he was ushered into Prophecy by Eli the Priest, Shmuel became the spiritual father of Shaul.

A similar transformation occurs to Elisha when Eliyahu casts his mantle over him. Elisha's career in Prophecy will be very much like that of his spiritual mentor. When the time comes for Elisha to replace Eliyahu, we find, *"As they were walking and conversing, behold! – a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated between the two of them, and Eliyahu ascended to Heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha was watching and shouting, 'Father! Father! Israel's chariot and horsemen!' And then he saw him no more. He took hold of his garments and rent them into two pieces."* Elisha performs a gesture of mourning for Eliyahu, as for his own father.

"Ba'al Teshuvah," One who performs and undergoes Repentance – Another case when an individual undergoes a change of identity is described by the Rambam in Hilchos Teshuvah 2:4. "It is among the pathways of Repentance that the one who returns cries out continually before HaShem with tears and supplications, and engages in acts of Charity to the extent of his ability. And he distances himself far away from that which caused him to sin and he changes his name, as if to say, 'I am another, and I am no longer that individual who performed those ignoble acts;' and he changes all his behaviors to the good..." He has succeeded in uniting himself with his Father in Heaven.

"Gerus," Conversion to Judaism - The quintessential account of conversion in the Bible is the story of Ruth, read in "her Megilah" on the Holiday that commemorates the Giving and the Receiving of the Torah by the People of Israel, a nation of converts. In a courageous leap of faith, Ruth attached herself to her Father in Heaven; in her loving relationship with Naomi, she shot down the myth concerning the negative relationship between Jewish daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law; and in becoming the modest wife of Boaz, she became the Matriarch of the family from which will one day come the "Melech HaMashiach," the Messianic King. PF