

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת תזריע
הדלקת נרות 7:07 PM
מנחה 7:00 PM *
שקיעה 7:25 PM

שחרית (ראש חודש) 7:45 AM
שחרית
Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

שבת פרשת תזריע
דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:46 AM
מברכים החודש ניסן
הגדה שיעור 6:10 PM
מנחה 6:55 PM
שקיעה 7:26 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 8:08 PM

מנחה-מעריב
Sun. through Thurs.: 7:15 PM

ערב שבת מצורע
הדלקת נרות 7:15 PM
מנחה 7:00 PM *
שקיעה 7:33 PM

* Early Mincha for the Summer

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah
Wednesdays at 8:00 PM – Pesach 2008 Shiurim – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb - **See shul web site for the topics.**
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 - 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
Women's תהלים group meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is being sponsored by Max Thurm.
Miriam Frankel is now taking **wine orders** for Pesach. The deadline is April 6th. For a complete list and order form, go to our website, www.baistorah.org.
All members are requested to **clean** out their cubbies and shtenders for Pesach.
This Wednesday, April 9th, at 8:00 PM, Rabbi Gottlieb will be giving the last of his **Pesach shiurim** entitled, "When Erev Pesach Falls on Shabbos." Men and women are invited.
Next **general membership meeting** on May 4th at 10:30 AM. The agenda is: 1. Update on progress of items approved, 2. Increase in Kiddush sponsorships, 3. Railing for Bimah, 4. More alternatives in kitchen and simcha room, 5. Finances, and 6. Nominating committee.
Save the Date - Sunday, May 18th 2008 - **Annual Bais Torah Dinner** honoring Yis and Bella Helprin at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. Moische and Eveline Kranzler will be getting the Keser Shem Tov award and Peter Katz will be receiving the Presidential award.
Bais Torah has been able to obtain additional burial plots in Eretz Hachaim in Beit Shemesh, Israel. If you are interested, contact Ronnie Herrmann at 356-9583 or email him at rherrm@aol.com.
The shul has acquired **new seforim** that are available for sponsorship. See our web site, www.baistorah.org and click on resources and then seforim for the list.

Mazel Tov

Moische and Eileen Frommer on the engagement of their son, Eli, to Aviva Rosenblum of Flatbush.
David and Judy Rhine on the birth of a granddaughter, Bracha, born to Mordechai and Yittie Rhine.
Irwin and Leslie Goldress on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Jennie and Andrew Eisenberger of Riverdale.
Irwin and Anny Citron on the birth of a grandson, born to Libby and Steven Citron.

Hamakom Yenachem

Yehuda Eliezri on the p'tira of his mother, Sylvia Eliezri. Shiva is at 11 Carlton Lane until Monday morning.

Refuah Shelaimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro
בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer
מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London
Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin -
אינתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה
Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל
Joel Rosenwasser's father, Seymour Rosenwasser -

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה
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
Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

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Chevra Kadisha Steve Fessel, 425-1713, Ephraim Pessin, 914-420-6714 or Gloria Gordon, 425-1276

Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

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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 Tazria – 5768 - “Nes Nistar,” the Hidden Miracle and “Nes Nigleh,” the Revealed Miracle

At Rosh Chodesh Nisan, we are midway between Purim, the joyous Holiday that celebrates the “Nes Nistar” by which HaShem, with the aid of Mordechai and Esther, saved the Jews from the genocidal plot of the wicked Haman, a descendant of Amalek and Pesach, the transcendental Holiday that celebrates the Acts of the Holy One Who, with the aid of Moshe, delivered the Children of Israel by a “Nes Nigleh” from their bondage in Egypt.

Today’s Parashah begins with a reference to a great “Nes Nistar,” “*When a woman conceives*”(Va Yikra 12:2) – the act which results in the production of a child – male or female. The only reason I identify this process, where the Creator of the Universe has bestowed His Creative Power upon His creatures, as a “Nes Nistar” rather than as a “Nes Nigleh” is, paradoxically, its non-hiddenness; that is, the ability to reproduce is granted universally, to all species which inhabit the earth.

By identifying the process of reproduction as a Miracle, I don’t mean to imply that it represents the manifestation of a super-natural process. It is, rather, its surprise, its wondrous quality, which has been built into Nature, so to speak, by the Creator of Natural Law. In fact, science is almost daily gaining insight upon insight into the wondrous genetic mechanism which enables the appearance of generation after generation.

However, there is still some mystery which may be left for humanity to uncover, as a part of its fulfillment, albeit most often unconsciously, of the Command, “*Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and conquer it*” (Bereshis 1:28), the most profound meaning of which is to conquer it intellectually; that is, “Use your minds to penetrate its deepest secrets.” That is, how an undifferentiated combination of cells can develop into a fully differentiated organism, where a nose cell knows that it belongs to the nose, a tooth cell that it belongs to a tooth, and an eye cell that it belongs to an eye.

Scientific American in a fascinating article in its April, 2008 edition features an article entitled, “Regrowing Human Limbs,” by Ken Muneoka, Manjong Han and David M. Gardiner. The article contrasts the activity of humans and salamanders (yes – salamanders! – The Creator seems to enjoy packaging important lessons for human beings in small packages, in the manner of, “*Examine the behavior of the ant, O lazy one; see how it functions in an incredibly organized fashion, and derive wisdom from it.*” (Mishlei 6:6)) In the article, we find the process of regeneration of a limb as performed by a salamander summarized as follows:

‘Wound Closure – Within hours of a leg amputation, epidermal skin cells migrate across the wound to seal it, forming a ‘wound epidermis.’

Healing Signals – Epidermal cells form a ridge known as an apical epithelial cap, which generates critical signals that guide the behavior of other cells...

Return to the Womb – Cells that migrated to the wound revert to a less specialized embryonic state and begin dividing to populate the bud of a new limb, called a blastema.

Taking Shape – As the blastema grows, it begins to form the outline of the new limb, including the tip that will become the foot. The embryonic cells give rise to new tissues by proliferating and differentiating into bone, muscle...”

“Although a large number of genes are involved during embryonic development in educating cells about their position in the limb, the activity of a gene family called ‘Hox’ is critical. In most animals, cells in the developing limb bud use the positional code provided by ‘Hox’ genes to form a limb, but then they ‘forget’ where they came from as they differentiate into more specialized tissues later on. In contrast, fibroblasts in the adult salamander limb **maintain a memory of this information** and can re-access the positional ‘Hox’ code...”

“Indeed, when we consider all that we have learned about wound healing and regeneration from studies in various animal models, the surprising conclusion is that we may be only a decade or two away from a day when we can regenerate human body parts...Now, as we watch a salamander grow back an arm, we are no longer quite as mystified by how it happens. Soon humans might be able to harness this truly awesome ability ourselves, replacing damaged and diseased body parts at will, perhaps indefinitely.”

After years of observing soldiers returning from battle without some of their limbs, and being able to do nothing for them except provide artificial, albeit ingenious, substitutes, we may be able to do better. And medical patients who undergo the agony of amputation may have a brighter future.

We refer to HaShem in Birchas “Asher Yatzar” as “Healer of all flesh, Who does wonders!” Little did we realize how wondrously He does indeed work – in the realm of the “Nes Nigleh,” the Revealed Miracle. PF