

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 21, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) י"ח סיון שבת פרשת שלח

## ערב שבת פרשת שלח

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 8:14 PM  
שקיעה 8:32 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 שלח

היום 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:11 AM

## Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 8:20 PM

פרקי אבות 6:30 PM  
גמרא שיעור 7:20 PM  
מנחה 8:05 PM  
שקיעה 8:33 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 9:15 PM

## ערב שבת קרח

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM  
Regular Candle Lighting 8:15 PM  
שקיעה 8:33 PM

\* Early Mincha for the Summer

\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## 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  
היום I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman  
היום II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
היום III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer  
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - 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 is being co-sponsored by Bruno, Manny and Abe Frankel.

Order your tickets now for Shakespeare's hilarious comedy, "Twelfth Night," to be performed at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival at Boscobel Mansion on Sunday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Bais Torah has purchased a limited number of discount tickets for what is certain to be another sold out performance. If you're interested in attending, contact Marilyn Sapir asap at 369-3631 or email her at [mshs1@aol.com](mailto:mshs1@aol.com).

A Yachad group will be joining us this weekend. Welcome to you all.

The summer newsletter deadline is June 23rd. If you would like to submit an ad, article or letter for publication, send an email by that date to Ruth Lehmann at [haberuthfive@aol.com](mailto:haberuthfive@aol.com).

Everyone is invited to attend a Mostly Mozart concert at Avery Fisher Hall, August 19th at 8 p.m. Osmo Vanska will be conducting the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra in a performance of Mozart's Serenade for Winds in C minor, his Symphony No. 39 in E-flat major and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor. Tickets are \$45 each prepaid and may be obtained by contacting Sandra Thurm at 368-3418 or e-mailing her at [sfthurm@optonline.net](mailto:sfthurm@optonline.net). Only a limited number of seats are available; they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

An entertaining and informative day awaits those who sign up for Bais Torah's "Memories of the Lower East Side" on Sunday, September 14th. Participants will visit the landmark Lower East Side Eldridge Street Synagogue and go on a Tenement Museum walking tour. Round trip transportation from Bais Torah is included in the cost, which is only \$40 per person. Lunch at a local restaurant of your choice is additional. Since only a limited group can be accommodated on this special trip, be sure to contact Doris Newman promptly at 352-2816 or email [dorison0805@aol.com](mailto:dorison0805@aol.com) to reserve your place.

The new Ultimate Kosher Discount Card is here and ready for you. There are wonderful discounts for Ruthie's Unique Boutique, Dunkin' Donuts, The Purple Pear, Wesley Kosher, and much more! They are available with Aviva in our shul office (352-1343) or Leslie Goldress (352-3257). Each card is \$18 (made payable to Jewish Family Service--Bais Torah makes \$5/card). The card is good for one year.

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 [rherm@aol.com](mailto:rherm@aol.com).

The shul has acquired new seforim that are available for sponsorship. See our web site, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) and click on resources and then seforim for the list or contact Jack Gross.

## Mazel Tov

Bob and Rita Landa on the birth of a granddaughter, Malka, born to Avi and Ruchama Landa.

Teddy and Malkie Katzenstein on the engagement of their daughter, Shoshana to Avromi Bin-Nun of Woodmere.

Manny and Chana Mayerfeld on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to Meir Simcha and Miriam Mayerfeld of Riverdale.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Simcha Friedman on the p'tira of his mother, Gladys Friedman. He will be sitting at home, 72 Carlton Rd. until Tues. morning.

Ruth Zwickler, Chavi Tilson and Donny Zwickler on the p'tira of their son/brother, Joel Zwickler.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson, Eitan Witkin - איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Joel Rosenwasser's father, Seymour Rosenwasser - שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Bob Schore - חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

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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 Shelach, 5768 - "Send for Yourself Men..." (BaMidbar 13:2)

It was about eleven years ago that I was listening to Radio Station WLIR, which was then the "all-Jewish" radio station, a brain-child of Zev Brenner, serving Rockland County and beyond. The program was the Torah Therapy Hour (an interesting title in itself, because one doesn't usually think of Torah as a therapeutic tool, which it most definitely is), presented by Rabbi Reuven Bulka.

Rabbi Bulka cited a "Kli Yakar," literally, "The Precious Vessel," one of the classic commentaries on the Bible. In one of his several comments on the word "men" in the expression "Send for yourself men," the Kli Yakar cites Chaza"l, "The men hated the Land, for they said 'Let us turn around and return to Egypt,' (BaMidbar 14:4) whereas, the women loved the Land, for they said 'Give us an inheritance in it.' " (BaMidbar 27:4) In this vein, the Kli Yakar continues, "Therefore, the Holy One said, 'From my perspective, for I know the future, it would have been better to send the women, who love the Land, and would not speak ill of it.' "

Rabbi Bulka adds, in explanation of the Kli Yakar, "The L-rd would not have minded so much the sending of spies, and the results of the expedition would have been far less catastrophic, if the spies had indeed been women! He was referring to the likes of the wives in Egypt who refused to lose faith. They beautified themselves with their copper mirrors, later accepted as donations to the Mishkan because of their holiness, who had used those mirrors to arouse their husbands to have children, despite what appeared to be a terrible future which awaited those babies. And to the likes of the daughters of Tzelafchad, who had no brothers, and who complained in the words cited above, 'Give us an inheritance!' about the apparent inequity in the Laws of Inheritance of Land in Israel, until they were assured by the L-rd that their claim was indeed correct!"

For the men who went on the expedition to Eretz Yisrael, their mission ultimately turned on the question of "whether" to go to the promised Land. Would they be able to conquer the ferocious armies of the Canaanites or, by simple human calculation, would they not? And, as we know, they came to a terribly wrong, even treasonous against Hashem, conclusion, for which we are still paying.

Had women been sent, they would likely have seen their mission as determining "how" to implement the command of the Almighty to conquer the Land, without having had any doubt as to the ability of the People of Israel, which translates immediately into doubt about the ability or intention of the G-d of Israel, to carry out His promise to the Fathers and Mothers of the Jewish People.

The Haftorah of the Parashah, which is from the second chapter of the Book of Yehoshua, in which two spies are sent secretly by Yehoshua to spy out Yericho, indicates, somewhat indirectly, something about the attitude of women in this area. The spies arrive at the home of "Rachav HaZonah," who dwelt in the formidably thick walls of Yericho. Now Rachav was one of the more improbable heroines of Jewish History, especially if her profession was not "innkeeper," but the more literal translation of her trade.

In any case, Rachav was of invaluable aid to Pinchas and Calev, who were the spies on that occasion. She saved their lives by hiding them from the king's soldiers on her rooftop and misleading the soldiers as to their departure and destination. She further said to the Jewish spies, *"I know that Hashem has given you the Land, and that fear of you has fallen upon us, and all the inhabitants of the land have melted in fear before you. For we have heard that Hashem dried up the waters of the Sea of Reeds before you when you left Egypt, and of what you did to the two Emorite Kings who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, to Sichon and Og, that you destroyed them. And we heard and our hearts melted - and no spirit remained in any man before you - for Hashem your G-d is the G-d of the Heavens above and the Earth beneath."* (Yehoshua 2:9-11)

Rachav began on the "other side," the side of the enemies of Israel. Yet, because of her sensitivity and insight, according to Jewish tradition a particular gift of women, leading to her ability to correctly interpret the same facts that were before the twelve spies sent by Moshe, ten of whom, a corrupt "minyan," or quorum, who were tragically unable to interpret and act appropriately on them, she "came over" to join the Jewish People. PF