

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 28, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ה סיון שבת פרשת קרח

ערב שבת פרשת קרח

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

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
Tues. and Wed.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM
Thurs. and Fri.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 8:20 PM

שבת פרשת קרח

היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:13 AM
מברכים החודש תמוז
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 פרשת חקת

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

* Early Mincha for the Summer

** Shul Accepts Shabbos

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
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 sponsored by Yussie and Fayge Deutsch in honor of sheva brochos for Devora and Shachar.. The entire membership is invited to a meeting on July 20th, at 10:30 AM for elections of officers and general membership information.

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. Only a limited number of seats are available; they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

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 31st. 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.

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 dorisn0805@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 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 or contact Jack Gross.

The shul would like to **thank** the following families for hosting the Yachad Reim members last shabbos: Gordon, Gottlieb, Helprin, Katz, Lieder, Lutwak and Thurm.

Mazel Tov

Steve and Barbara Marburger on the marriage of their children, Shira and Aaron Gruenebaum.

Yussie and Fayge Deutsch on the marriage of their children, Devora and Shachar Kehati.

Irving and Ruth Malinowitz on the marriage of their grandchildren, Miriam Yehudis and Yaakov Levi Rubin, children of Yanky and Chavy Horowitz.

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 -

אינתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Tova Eizik's grandson - חנה רייזל - 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 Korach – 5768

Two explanations which appear in “Ma’ayan Beis HaSho’evah,” by Rav Shimon Schwab, ZT”L, late rabbi of K’Hal Adas Yeshurun, relating to this week’s parashah, are as follows:

In his first comment, Rav Schwab cites the verse, “*And Korach took, son of Yitzhar, son of Kehas, son of Levi, together with Dasan and Aviram...*” (BaMidbar 16:1) Rashi, citing Midrash Tanchuma, comments, “‘VaYikach Korach’ – He **took himself** to one side, to become separated from the congregation, to protest the assignment of the Priesthood.” The question is, “In Scripture there is no mention of ‘taking oneself’ There is only mention of ‘taking,’ in general. The matter requires explanation.” Rabbi Schwab explains, “It seems that Midrash Tanchuma wanted to hint by the insertion of the word ‘himself’ that until the jealousy that is described in this parashah entered his heart, Korach did not have a ‘private domain’ of ‘himself’ in his soul, for he was wise and possessed of the Holy Spirit. He belonged to the group who carried the Holy Ark which, in truth, carried its carriers, and he was totally dedicated to Service of HaShem. When, at the time of the Construction of the Golden Calf, Moshe cried out, ‘Whoever is for HaShem, come to me!’ he had also run to Moshe’s side. But this is the nature of the jealousy and desire for honor which can remove a human being from his world (Avos, Chapter 4), as Korach turned into another person, and then, for the first time, encountered ‘himself.’ The Torah said ‘And Korach **took**’ and Rashi explained, ‘took **himself**,’ an entity that hitherto did not exist.”

Indeed, **how far** Korach was from his initial personality is indicated by permuting the letters of his name, “Kuf,” “Resh,” “Ches” – **Korach** - to “Resh,” “Ches,” “Kuf” – “**Rachok**” – **Far**.

Another comment of Rav Schwab begins with the citation of the verse, “*Is it insignificant for you that the G-d of Israel separated you from the Congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, and to stand before the Congregation, to serve them?*” (BaMidbar 16:9) Rav Schwab again cites Rashi, who says, “‘to stand before the Congregation’ refers to their singing upon the sacred platform.” But this requires explanation. For in what way was it a service to the congregation that the Levites sang upon the sacred platform songs and praises to the Holy One, Blessed is He, at the time of the pouring of the wine?”

“But we may explain that in truth **all of Israel** should have been singing as they did at the time of the Splitting of the Sea of Reeds, when all of Israel answered and sang; and it was only because of the Sin of the Calf that the majority of the Children of Israel became disqualified from singing, leaving only the descendants of Levi, who hadn’t participated in the Sin of the Calf, to utter song. Thus, we find that when the descendants of Levi stood before the congregation to sing on the sacred platform, they were in fact serving the congregation and acting as the messengers of all of Israel, singing in their place.”

Interestingly, the Daf Yomi just studied a page of Gemara that describes how the People of Israel engaged in the “Shiras HaYam,” the Song of Celebration when HaShem split the Sea of Reeds (Sotah 30b): “...Rabbi Akiva taught that when Israel ascended from the Sea, they thought it fit to sing a song of gratitude to HaShem for their Salvation. And how did they sing it? Moshe said, ‘I will sing to HaShem’ (Shemos 15:1) and they answered, ‘I will sing to HaShem.’ Moshe said, ‘For He has triumphed magnificently...’ and they responded, ‘I will sing to HaShem.’ Another opinion is that the People repeated what Moshe said. Yet another is that the Holy Spirit rested on all of them and they pronounced the Song together. There is also an opinion that infants also participated in the great song, as it says, (Tehilim 8:3), “From the mouths of babes and sucklings did You establish Your Strength.”

Back to the good genes of Korach. Every Monday, at the end of Shacharis, we conclude the Service with the Song that the Levites would recite in the Holy Temple (Tehilim 48), “A song, a psalm by the **sons of Korach**. Great is HaShem and much praised, in the City of our G-d, Mount of His Holiness...” PF