

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

August 16, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ט'ו אב שבת פרשת ואתחנן

ערב שבת פרשת ואתחנן

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting 7:36 PM
שקיעה 7:54 PM

שבת פרשת ואתחנן

דף היומי 8:00 AM - Rabbi Gottlieb
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:34 AM

פרקי אבות 5:50 PM
גמרא שיעור 6:40 PM
מנחה 7:25 PM
שקיעה 7:53 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 8:35 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

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 7:35 PM

ערב שבת פרשת עקב

מנחה: 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM
Regular Candle Lighting 7:26 PM
שקיעה 7:44 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

Tuesdays at 8:00 PM – Ladies Mishnayos Class- **Rabbi Avromy Fein - Beginning September 2 – New**

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – Will resume in the fall.

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 - ירושלמי - מסכת ברכות – Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - פרשת השבוע – 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

The entire congregation is invited to a Kiddush sponsored by Abe and Phyllis Frankel celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary, **סעודה שלישית** is sponsored by.

Our **Mostly Mozart concert** at Avery Fisher Hall on August 19th has been **sold out**. For standby tickets, contact Sandra Thurm at 368-3418 or e-mail her at sfthurm@optonline.net.

Tickets for Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at Boscobel August 31st have been **sold out**. For standby tickets to that event, contact Marilyn Sapir.

Please reserve Sunday morning, September 7th, 10:00 a.m. for a Breakfast Lecture and Book Signing with Rabbi Berel Wein, who will be speaking on "The Story of the Mishna: Its Relevance to Our Times." Rabbi Wein will also autograph his new book, "The Oral Law of Sinai." The book retails for \$39.99 but will be available at the breakfast for a special book signing price of \$25. All are welcome to attend.

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 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.

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.

Thank you to Yosef Gottlieb, Jack Gross, Eli Katz, Peter Katz, David Lehmann and Ruthie Lehmann for their help in running a most successful Tisha B'Av program. Special thanks to Sandra Thurm, who works throughout the year screening and selecting films that enhance the meaning and experience of Tisha B'Av.

Mazel Tov

Shlomie and Chaya Pollak on the engagement of their son, Asher, to Tziporah Tepler.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Ken and Judy Gribetz's grandson-

איתן אפרים בן נחמה יטה

Tova Eizik's grandson - יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה

Bob Schore - חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

Yis and Bella Helprin's grandson-

עקיבא ברוך בן שרית חיה

Suzie Kirshenbaum's father- יוסף בן שרה

Bella Helprin's mother- פיגע בת חיה רבקה

Joel Rosenwasser's parents-

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Lenny Wolwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

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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 Va'Eschanan – 5768- "Va'Eschanan el HaShem" - "And I entreated the L-rd"

At the beginning of this week's Parshah, Moshe pleads with G-d for the right to enter Eretz Yisrael and uses the unusual word, "Va'Eschanan," a word that does not appear elsewhere in the Tanach. This word appears to be derived from, or related to, the word "chen," meaning grace or favor. Moshe is basing his plea on the fact that he has found favor in the eyes of G-d, as the Torah tells us in the verse, "For you have found favor in My eyes, and I have made My Name known to you." There may also be in the use of this word an echo of a time when Moshe abused his relationship of "chen," and wishes here to make amends.

Moshe also refers to the mighty Hand of G-d, the power of which has begun to be revealed to him in the miraculous defeat of Sichon and Og. He begs HaShem to use its power to be "maavir al midosav" - to act, as it were, "out of Character," and rescind His decree. There seems to be in this also a hint that Moshe once doubted the power of the "Yad HaShem," and is here engaged in an act of Teshuvah for his past breach of faith.

When and where did such things occur? Perhaps we can see them in the events that took place at Kivros HaTa'avah, recorded in Parashas Beha'alosecha, when the Jewish People were complaining about the absence of meat from their diet. Moshe is extremely frustrated; seemingly, he is not interested in the job of leading the Jews if all they are interested in are food and drink and are not so much interested in spirituality as in the satisfaction of their materialistic needs.

And here Moshe makes a fateful and, as it turns out, according to this interpretation, also a fatal, error. He complains to G-d with these words: "If this is what you will do to me, **then kill me**, I beg of you, **if I have found 'chen'** in Your eyes." (BaMidbar 11:15) Moshe is here **asking to be killed (!)** by G-d, if he has found favor in His eyes.

At Kivros HaTa'avah, the issue of the power of the "Yad HaShem" also came up, when Moshe questioned the logistical possibility of providing meat in the desert for a nation of 600,000 men, to which G-d responded sharply, "**HaYad HaShem Tiktzar?**" "Is the Hand of G-d too short to accomplish this or any task?"

When Moshe asked to be killed, might this not be an instance of "Tzadik gozer, v'HaKadosh Baruch Hu M'Kayem," "The righteous one decrees, and the Holy One Blessed be He fulfills the decree?" The rationale for this principle in a case such as this would be that the Tzadik, the Righteous Person, knows himself or herself very well, both their strengths and weaknesses.

Moshe may have recognized subconsciously that his unique mission was to uplift his People, indeed the entire world, to higher spiritual levels, and at this task he was a great success. But when it would come to the grinding, mundane, daily trials and tribulations of entering, conquering, especially the massively administrative job of dividing (even if this thankless task was supposed to be aided by a Divine lottery (Yehoshua, Chapters 14-17), and settling the Land of Israel, he was perhaps not the best man available for the job. PF