

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

October 11, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org יב תשרי שבת פרשת האזינו

ערב שבת פרשת האזינו

הדלקת נרות 6:05 PM

מנחה 6:10 PM

שקיעה 6:23 PM

שבת פרשת האזינו

דף היומי 8:00 AM

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:53 AM

שיעור גמרא 5:05 PM

מנחה 5:50 PM

שקיעה 6:21 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 7:03 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מעריב

Sun.: 6:00 PM

Schedule for Succos on Separate Page

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 – New Class – Will resume Tues., Oct. 28**

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb – Will resume after Succos.

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

סעודה שלישית is being sponsored by Michael Shiffer.

Save the Date: On November 7th and 8th, we will be hosting our **Scholar in residence**, Rabbi Dr. Shnayer Leiman. For reservations and further details, please see Moshe Kranzler.

We are currently in the process of arranging our schedule of **Ongai Shabbas** for the upcoming season. If you re interested in hosting an Oneg in your home please contact Aviva at the shul 352-1343 / Aviva@baistorah.org or Sandra Thurm 368-3418 / sfthurm@optonline.net by October 10th.

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.

Please **clean your cubbies** in the coat room by Sunday morning. Any extraneous items will be discarded.

Mazel Tov

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a grandson, Azriel Zvi Aryeh, born to Shaul and Malky Mayerfeld.

Laurence and Gloria Gordon on the birth of a granddaughter, Shoshana Perel, born to Dina and Moshe Gelbein of Kiryat Sefer.

Elliot and Roberta Shapiro on the birth of a grandson, born to Josh and Rachel Shapiro of Yerushalayim.

Hamakom Yenachem

Jerrold Schwartz on the p'tira of his father, Shimon Schwartz.

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

Suzie Kirshenbaum's father- יוסף בן שרה

Bella Helprin's mother- פיגע בת חיה רבקה

רבקה עודל בת אהובה לאה

Joel Rosenwasser's parents-

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Murray Selzer - משה אהרן בן גיטל

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

How to Reach Us

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Simcha Room Reservations/Kiddushim Jack Gross, 357-4121

Bikur Cholim Eveline Kranzler, 352-8410 and

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Chosh Levy, 425-6827

Mikvah 425-6101

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Youth Michael Kronenberg 368-1064

Sisterhood Liaison Betty Schloss, 369 – 1833

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

Lost and Found Michael Loebenstein, 425-8895

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

Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

Bais Torah Bulletins Email baistorah@taxprof.net, Fax (845) 368-4172, or call (845) 368-2222. To receive e-mail updates, write to baistorah@gmail.com. This bulletin is downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

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.

YOM KIPPUR

The “one day in the year” has arrived and is upon us. The day to “afflict our souls” and pause and contemplate our humanity and mortality is the day of Yom Kippur. Afflicting our souls applies not just to the fasting and other deprivations of normal comforts that the Torah prescribes for us on this holiest of days. The true affliction of our souls occurs in our own self contemplation, in our thoughts, regrets and hopes. People very rarely have an opportunity to talk to themselves. In fact people that do so on a regular basis are thought to be weird if not even disturbed. A wag once remarked that he enjoyed talking to himself since it was probably the most intelligent conversation that he would have all day. Jewish tradition is replete with great men of saintly character, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditechev and the Chafetz Chayim, two of many for example, who would discuss the day’s events and their behavior that day with themselves before retiring for the night. If such behavior is beyond the usual norm for most of us, at least on Yom Kippur we can afford the luxury of such a conversation. More than that, the holiness of the day demands of us that we conduct such a conversation with our souls and selves. Because we are not in the habit of creating such conversations on a regular basis we oftentimes find such a conversation to be painful, awkward, troubling and difficult. No wonder the Torah calls it a method of “afflicting one’s soul.”

The main topics of the conversation are to determine what we really want out of life and what we are willing to demand of ourselves to achieve our goals. The current worldwide economic crisis, bringing with it so many lost jobs, shrunken assets and portfolios, has perhaps concentrated our minds wonderfully to attempt to answer these existential questions. Many of the certainties in our lives that were rock hard just a few short months ago now wobble in the winds that suddenly buffet us. A good friend of mine made a certain commitment to a very worthwhile Torah educational institution last year. He delayed payment of his pledge because he wished to pay it to the institution in shares of stock that he was holding. He wanted to wait till the stock traded at a certain high price before transferring the stock to the institution. As the stock approached that high trading price the institution pressed him to pay the pledge even if the stock was still a point or two below his target goal. His business acumen betrayed him and he was determined to hold on till the last possible dollar could be wrung out from the transaction. The stock since then has declined by seventy percent. He moaned to me that he not only lost the money but he is now unable to redeem his pledge and attain the reward of the mitzvah potentially involved. I think that the problem was that he never had that conversation with himself three months ago. Had he done so things might have turned out differently for him.

Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzatto in his immortal work, Mesilas Yesharim, begins the book with the question “What is the obligation and purpose of a person in his life in this world?” This deceptively appearing simple question begs no easy answer. In Jewish tradition, the general answer has always been service to God and to man, to Jewish tradition and continuity, to creating a personal and national sense of holiness and morality. The details to this answer lie in observance of Torah commandments and in a sense of spiritual soulfulness in our everyday mundane activities. But the answer only comes alive and becomes meaningful to us if we are able to internalize its message and make it a part of our being and personality. A great mentor of mine would always comment regarding certain situations and problematic decisions that one should always ask one’s self “What does God think about this matter?” Having the conversation with one’s self before acting or implementing one’s thoughts many times avoids having to have the conversation with others when it will be more embarrassing and painful to do so. Yom Kippur allows us to ask ourselves “What does God think of me, my behavior, my goals and my relations with others?” Yom Kippur strips us of all pretenses and slick answers. It forces us to look at ourselves honestly and deeply, to the very recesses of our soul and personality. That is why Yom Kippur is in reality “the one and only day of the year.”

Gmar chasima tova.

Rabbi Berel Wein

Succos Schedule

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Erev Succos סוכות ערב 10/13/08 – Monday

Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות	6:00 PM
Mincha מנחה	6:05 PM
Sunset שקיעה	6:18 PM

1st Day of Yom Tov יום טוב א' 10/14/08 – Tuesday

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי	7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית	8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema	
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:54 AM
Mincha מנחה	6:05 PM
Sunset שקיעה	6:16 PM
Hadlokos Neiros- הדלקות נרות	Not before 6:59 PM

2nd Day of Yom Tov יום טוב ב' 10/15/08 – Wednesday

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי	7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית	8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema	
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:55 AM
Mincha מנחה	6:05 PM
Sunset שקיעה	6:15 PM

1st Day of Chol Hamoed חול המועד א' 10/16/08 – Thursday

Shacharis שחרית	1: 6:00 AM	2: 7:45 AM
Mincha מנחה		6:00 PM

2nd Day of Chol Hamoed חול המועד ב' 10/17/08 – Friday

Shacharis שחרית	1: 6:00 AM	2: 7:45 AM
Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות		5:54 PM
Mincha מנחה		6:00 PM

3rd Day of Chol Hamoed חול המועד ג' 10/18/08 – Shabbos

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי	7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית	8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema	
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:56 AM
Eat before coming to shul	
Gemora Shiur שיעור	4:55 PM
Mincha מנחה	5:40 PM
Sunset שקיעה	6:10 PM
Maariv מעריב	6:52 PM

4th Day of Chol Hamoed חול המועד ד' 10/19/08 – Sunday

Shacharis שחרית	7:45 AM
Mincha מנחה	5:55 PM
Reading Sefer Devorim ספר דברים	9:00 PM

Hoshana Rabah הושענא רבה 10/20/08 - Monday

Shacharis שחרית	1: 6:00 AM	2: 7:45 AM
Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות		5:49 PM
Mincha מנחה		5:55 PM
Sunset שקיעה		6:07 PM

Shimini Atzeres שמיני עצרת 10/21/08 – Tuesday

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי	7:45 AM	
Shacharis שחרית	8:30 AM	
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema		
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:57 AM	
Yizkor יזכור	Not Before	10:15 AM
Mincha מנחה		5:55 PM
Sunset שקיעה		6:06 PM
Hadlokos Neiros- הדלקות נרות		Not Before 6:48 PM

Simchas Torah שמחת תורה 10/22/07 – Wednesday

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי	7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית	8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema	
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:58 AM
Mincha מנחה	5:55 PM
Sunset שקיעה	6:04 PM