

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

December 6, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ט' כסלו שבת פרשת ויצא

ערב שבת פרשת ויצא

הדלקת נרות 4:09 PM
מנחה 4:15 PM
שקיעה 4:27 PM
הלכות שבת שיעור 8:00 PM

שבת פרשת ויצא

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:27 AM
גמרא שיעור 3:10 PM
מנחה 3:55 PM
שקיעה 4:27 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 5:09 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.: 4:15 PM
Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות 4:10 PM
מנחה 4:15 PM
שקיעה 4:28 PM

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah
Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Ladies Mishnayos Class- Rabbi Avromy Fein
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים א – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.
שיעור הלכות שבת 8:00 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
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
גמרא מסכת ברכות - ירושלמי - Monday through Friday at 7 AM – Mordechai Rudman
פרשת השבוע עם רשי - שחרית Monday through Friday after the second
גמרא שיעור - Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
מנחה 45 minutes before שבת meets on שבת group תהלים Women's

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is being sponsored by Kate Tannenbaum.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:15 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by David & Rita Gross. Bring your children and grandchildren for hot pizza and a chance to win prizes. Weekly sponsorships are invited at \$50 per session and all information is listed on our website. For details, contact Jonathan Rosenstock at (845)369-6349.

Reminder: Next week **Oneg Shabbos**, at the home of Ruth and Edwin Levi, 7 Wendover Lane, at 8:00 PM

Now through Dec. 4th: Get an early bird discount on our **Carlebach Shabbos** December 19th and 20th. Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein will join us Friday night for an evening of joyous zemiros, divrei hisorerus and a delicious Seudas Shabbos. Prepaid reservations through December 4th are \$36 per person and can be made by contacting Aviva in shul at 352-1343. Discounted sponsorships starting at \$100 are available before December 4th by calling Rachel Gross at 357-4121.

Sisterhood's Ladies Night Out will feature dinner and Zumba dancing and great prizes! Lovely hats will also be sold and those proceeds will go for tzedakah in Israel. Let Hinda Kimmel (357-9571) know you'll be there (6:30 p.m. on December 15, 2008 at Max and Sandra Thurm's home).

The narrative of the memorable events in the life of **Henry Shapiro**-as detailed by him at his 91st birthday seudah- is now available on loan to our members. See Jack Gross for details.

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.

Mazel Tov

Shira Steinberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Rivka Ettl, born to Avi and Surie Steinberg of Yerushalayim.
Shira Steinberg on the birth of a great grandson, Aharon Simcha, born to Hillel and Sara Sasha Well of Baltimore.
Aron and Susan Schiller on the marriage of their grandchildren, Avigail and Boruch Tzvi Teller, Children of Naomi and Howie Abfel.
Leiby and Devorah Pomerantz on the birth of a daughter.

Refuah Shelaimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro
מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London
שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל - Tova Eizik's grandson
אסתר מלכה בת קילה - Esther Lutwak
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית - Bob Schore
יוסף בן שרה - Suzie Kirshenbaum's father
פיגע בת חיה רבקה - Bella Helprin's mother

Joel Rosenwasser's parents-
שמעון בן בלומא רבקה
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא
בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer
לייב יוסף בן חיה - Lenny Wulwick
אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson
הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein

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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

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In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

VAYETZEI

The main character in this week's parsha, aside from our father Yaakov, is Lavan of Aram, who becomes the father-in-law of Yaakov and the grandfather of the twelve tribes of Israel. Lavan is portrayed as a devious, scheming and duplicitous person. He is narcissistic in the extreme, only interested in his own selfish wants, even sacrificing his daughters to fulfill his scheming goals.

In the famous statement of the rabbis, the Hagada of Pesach teaches us that Lavan was a greater and even more dangerous enemy of Jewish survival than was the Pharaoh that enslaved Israel in Egyptian bondage! Lavan is portrayed as wishing to uproot all Jewish existence for all time.

Pharaoh threatened Jewish physical existence by drowning the Jewish male infants in the Nile. But even then the Jewish people could have survived and limped along through the female line of Israel (which is often even a stronger bond than the male line.) However Lavan intended to destroy Yaakov and his descendants spiritually.

He tells Yaakov that the "sons of Yaakov are my sons and the daughters of Yaakov are my daughters and all that Yaakov possesses, physically and spiritually all belong to me." In Lavan's eyes the Jewish people and their faith and vision and goals are to be non-existent. Only Lavan is entitled to life and success. Everyone else, especially a conscience laden family such as that of Yaakov, is only entitled to become part of Lavan's world or they are to be eliminated.

The selfishness of Lavan knows no bounds. The rule of the rabbis that one is jealous of the success of all others except that one is never jealous of one's own children and students ironically finds its own exception in the case of Lavan, who remains jealous and inimical even of the success of his own children and grandchildren.

It is interesting to note that after his role as it appears in this week's parsha, Lavan disappears from the biblical scene. In attempting to destroy Yaakov and the Jewish people, Lavan in essence destroys himself and is not granted any positive mention of eternity in the Torah. Such is always the fate of the attempted destroyers of Israel.

History is littered with the bones of those who came to eradicate Jews and Judaism from the world. Some used the devious tactics of Lavan (such as Napoleon and his sham Sanhedrin which was intended to "modernize" and assimilate the Jews of Europe and the attempt of the Marxists to create a Marxist Jew who no longer would be a Jew or a believer, among other such examples) while others used the more direct methods of Pharaoh to physically enslave, terrorize and eliminate the Jewish people.

All have failed in these nefarious endeavors. Lavan's selfishness is his own undoing. Much of the hatred directed towards the Jewish people and the State of Israel is still based on jealousy and selfishness. It dooms the hater to eventual extinction and disappearance. Thus the lesson of Lavan's eventual fate, of his being erased from the eternal book, is part of the great morality play which is the narrative of this week's parsha.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein