

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

December 20, 2008 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ט'ז כסלו שבת פרשת וישב

## ערב שבת פרשת וישב

הדלקת נרות 4:12 PM  
מנחה 4:15 PM  
שקיעה 4:30 PM  
הלכות שבת שיעור 8:00 PM

## שבת פרשת וישב

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:36 AM  
מברכים החודש טבת  
גמרא שיעור 3:15 PM  
מנחה 4:00 PM  
שקיעה 4:30 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 5:12 PM

Sunday שחרית 7:45 AM

## שחרית Weekday

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.: 4:20 PM  
Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת מקץ

הדלקת נרות 4:16 PM  
מנחה 4:25 PM  
שקיעה 4:34 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.  
שבת שיעור הלכות 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  
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - גמרא ברכות - ירושלמי - Mordechai Rudman  
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - שחרית שיעור - Rabbi Yosef Fischer  
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick  
Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם לז'נ פייגל meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

## Shul Announcements

**סעודה שלישית**, this week is sponsored by the Katzes in honor of the Children of Sanhedria Children's Home in Jerusalem, Israel and Avi and Moshe Rosenbaum in honor of their birthday.

**Avos U'Banim** meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:15 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by The Scheinsons.. 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.

Our **Carlebach Shabbos** is rescheduled to January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein will join us Friday night for an evening of joyous zemiros, divrei hisorerus and a delicious seudas Shabbos. For seuda reservations, contact Rachel Gross at 357-4121.

Sisterhood's **Zumba Dancing Ladies Night Out** was a super success. We thank Sandra Thurm for opening her home to us and the following wonderful women for their gracious and cheerful assistance: Fayege Deutsch, Leslie Goldress, Hinda Kimmel, Sharon Kronenberg, Marilyn Sapir. Great appreciation go to the following establishments for generously providing prizes for our raffle: Tuvia's, Stardust Gift Boutique, Le Chocolat, Destiny Foundation, Purple Pear, Bagel D'Lox, and Oh Nuts.

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.

Photos of the **Wine & Cheese** Tasting event can be seen on our website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org).

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

Laurence and Gloria Gordon on the engagement of their son, Aaron, to Yaffa Bennett of North Miami Beach, Florida.

Chatz and Libby Lazarus on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Nikki and Moshe Lazarus.

## Refuah Shelaimah

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

Joel Rosenwasser's parents- שמעון בן בלומא רבקה  
פשה לאה בת שפרינצא  
Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה-  
Lenny Wulwick - לייב יוסף בן חיה  
Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה  
Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל  
Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה

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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.

## VAYESHEV

Yaakov settles in the Land of Israel, the Land of Canaan, the land of his forefathers. In that first sentence of this week's parsha lies the hope of Yaakov and of all his descendants. Rashi, quoting the Midrash, states that Yaakov wanted to rest from his earlier troubles and remain serene and at peace for the balance of his life. This is a natural human wish and desire. But the troubles of Yaakov are not over by any means.

The incident of the dispute and resultant tragedy of Yosef and his brothers will erase any hope of Yaakov being able to remain serene and at peace with himself. The truth of Jewish history indicates that the years of serenity of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel were relatively few and far between. We always thought that the creation of our national home in the Land of Israel would be the ultimate panacea for Jewish life.

Herzl promised that anti-Semitism would disappear with the creation of an independent Jewish state. Tragically, history has shown the case certainly to be otherwise. In fact, the Jewish state has in many respects exacerbated the campaign of anti-Semitism in today's world. The longing for serenity oftentimes blinds people to unpleasant realities and forthcoming dangers.

Yaakov is aware of the problem between Yosef and his brothers but he is not proactive in preventing the violence that lies below the surface of this dispute. His desire to rest and settle in peace in the Land of Israel – simply to be left alone by all of his neighbors and potential enemies – essentially prevents him from attempting to prevent the civil war brewing in his house.

The Lord is therefore critical, so to speak, of Yaakov's desire for serenity at all costs. Serenity is in the World to Come and not in this world of problems and challenges.

The Jewish community here in Israel desires peace and serenity at almost all cost. The desire is so strong that it has led to a great dispute between different sections of Israeli society. The desire for peace overwhelms all other issues and creates great rivers of division and even violence amongst us. So, there is really little effort to heal these divisions and concentrate somehow on our own homes and families.

The desire for peace and serenity has sucked all of the oxygen out of all of the other issues of Israeli life. In pursuing a goal that may currently be beyond our abilities we abandon the opportunity to truly achieve success with the more mundane challenges that face us.

Ben Gurion, not noted for his great piety, nevertheless said that there are certain issues that will have to be left to messianic times for permanent solution. Undoubtedly he meant that certain problems do not lend themselves to resolve currently. We are entitled to aspire for serenity and peace, but not at the expense of the realities and dangers that face us. Yaakov's example remains an important lesson for us as well in our present challenges and difficulties.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein