

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת וארא

הדלקת נרות: 4:44 PM

מנחה: 4:50 PM

שקיעה: 5:02 PM

שיעור הלכות שבת שיעור Preempted by the Shalom Zochor.

שבת פרשת וארא

היומי דף 8:00 AM

שחרית: 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע: 9:41 AM

מברכים החודש שבט

גמרא שיעור: 3:50 PM

מנחה: 4:35 PM

שקיעה: 5:03 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב: 5:45 PM

שחרית: 7:45 AM

Weekday שחרית

Mon.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM (ראש חודש)

Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun. through Thurs.: 4:55 PM

Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בא

הדלקת נרות: 4:53 PM

מנחה: 5:00 PM

שקיעה: 5:11 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 שיעור – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

היומי דף I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

היומי דף II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

היומי דף III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - גמרא מסכת ברכות – 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 מנדל בת מנחם meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית, this week is sponsored by Peter and Felise Katz in honor of Jack Gross's birthday.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:45 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by The Rosenstocks. 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.

This Saturday night, January 24th, at 8:00 p.m., **Dr. Murray Kuhr** will sign his new book and speak on "The Maharal: Lion of Prague." Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next week January 30th and 31st: our annual **Carlebach Shabbaton**, featuring Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein. Make your reservation today: Call Aviva in the office at 352-1343 or email aviva@baistorah.org, or call David at 426-6499.

Be sure to save Sunday morning February 15th for a seminar given by Martin Shenkman on **Estate Planning**. There will be an introduction on halachic perspectives by our Rav. This seminar is sponsored by Safrin and Associates.

The shul's **matza baking** will be on Sunday, February 15 at 2:00 PM. Stay tuned for details.

The **shul dinner** is coming on February 21st and Jack and Rachel Gross are this year's honorees. Watch 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.

Please be sure to drop off your cans of fruit for the **Kosher Food Pantry**. There are receptacles by the dedication wall in the main lobby and by Aviva's office. Our current deadline is Jan.29th.

Mazel Tov

Ralph and Esther Gable on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Achiezer and Aviva Gable.

Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb on the birth of a son.

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the birth of a grandson, born to Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb.

Fred and Esther Gottlieb on the birth of a grandson, born to Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb.

Manny and Chana Mayerfeld on the bar mitzva of their grandson, Shimon, son of Uri and Esther Mayerfeld.

Hamakom Yenachem

Ed and Helen Furman on the p'tira of their son-in-law, Barry Stern.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Tova Eizik's grandson - שלמה 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

David Lehmann's mother - שפריינצע בת דיחל

Joel Rosenwasser's parents -

שמעון בן בלומא רבקה

פסע 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 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.

VAEIRA

The process of the redemption of Israel from Egyptian bondage is long and slow. The Jews suffer eighty years of bondage and persecution, humiliation and murder before the redemption takes place. Many Jews waver, understandably so, under the impact of the bad times. Some become informers (Datan and Aviram), others lack courage (the seventy elders of Israel who drifted away from accompanying Moshe to warn Pharaoh) and still others castigate Moshe for the apparent lack of progress in their redemption (the Jewish overseers employed by the Egyptians.)

Then there will be large sections of the Jewish people who simply give up on the entire enterprise of freedom and redemption. They will not merit to live to see and be part of the actual redemption and exodus from Egypt when it occurs. Even Moshe himself is ruefully criticized by God at the beginning of this week's parsha for his complaints to Heaven about the apparent lack of progress on the redemption and freedom front.

It is obvious that staying power and almost infinite patience are requirements for Jews hoping to see better times. The story of the plagues and the events of the parsha illustrate for us the necessity of a long range view in dealing with events in Jewish life. Great things take time to develop and unfold. Sudden and immediate proposed solutions to longstanding problems and challenges rarely are effective or beneficial. The Lord, so to speak, counts infinite patience as one of His attributes. Our task is to somehow emulate Him in this characteristic.

Pharaoh, the enemy of Israel, is the prototype of all later enemies of the Jewish people. No logic or facts can persuade him to abandon his irrational hatred and self-destructive behavior towards the Jews. Even when his closest advisers exclaim to him: "Are you not aware that Egypt is doomed because of your intransigence?" Pharaoh remains unmoved. He is willing to soldier on till the last Egyptian is destroyed in the series of plagues that are visited upon him and them.

The hatred of Jews is unreasoning and totally irrational. Yet it remains the constant in world history for millennia on end. Let Gaza be totally destroyed but no one will step back and ask why did we allow this to happen? The spirit and unreasoning stubbornness of Pharaoh lives on in all later haters and murderers of Jews. Moshe engages in negotiations with Pharaoh but Pharaoh never honors the agreements achieved by these negotiations.

Pharaoh is already preparing for the next round as soon as the physical pressure of the plague is relaxed. And God tells Moshe in advance that this will be the scenario until the final blow is delivered. Pharaoh will remain Pharaoh until the end, even after the exodus from Egypt takes place.

Even though this is completely illogical, the Lord realizes, so to speak, that evil people behave this way and oftentimes cover their evil in the cloak of piety. In any event this week's parsha illustrates for us once more that the parshiyot of the Torah deal not only with the past but illuminate for us our present situation and our future hopes and triumphs.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein