

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת בא

הדלקת נרות: 4:53 PM
מנחה: 5:00 PM
שקיעה: 5:11 PM
Preempted by Carlbach Shabbos.

שבת פרשת בא

8:00 AM דף היומי
8:45 AM שחרית
9:39 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

3:55 PM גמרא שיעור
4:40 PM מנחה
5:12 PM שקיעה
סעודה שלישית
5:54 PM מעריב

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.: 5:00 PM
Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בשלח

הדלקת נרות: 5:01 PM
מנחה: 5:10 PM
שקיעה: 5:21 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.
8:00 PM הלכות שבת שיעור – 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 - Monday through Friday after the second שחרית – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
גמרא שיעור - Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM – Rabbi Leibel Reznick
Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם לז' פיגל meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

This week January 30th and 31st: our annual **Carlbach Shabbaton**, featuring Yisroel Williger and Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein. **סעודה שלישית**, this week is co-sponsored by Avi Becker for the yahrzeit of his father, יצחק בן יעקב and Yossie Stern for the yahrzeit of his mother, יחיאל יהודה.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 7:00 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Elyu Levi. 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.

Be sure to save Sunday morning February 15th for a seminar given by Martin Sherkman 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 15th 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.

Mazel Tov

Yussie and Faigie Deutsch on the birth of a grandson in Israel.

Yossie and Carol Stern on the birth of a grandson, born to Dena and Daniel Leib Hundert of Montreal.

Hamakom Yenachem

Pessy Strenger and Josh Berger on the p'tira of their father, Yisochor Berish Berger.

David Nulman on the p'tira of his father, Rabbi Dr. Louis Nulman.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה
Manny London - מנחם מנוש 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
Suzie Kirshenbaum's father - יוסף בן שרה
Bella Helprin's mother - פיגע בת חיה רבקה
David Lehmann's mother - דיחל בת שפרינצא

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
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.

BO

The great moment of freedom and redemption has finally arrived. The faith of the people of Israel in Moshe and Aharon has been vindicated. The Lord's plagues have finally brought down the arrogance and stubbornness of Pharaoh. If this was an old-fashioned movie script we would write "and then they lived happily after."

But we are all aware that this parsha only represents the beginning of a long and arduous story plot that has yet to reach its eventual happy conclusion. The new situation of freedom from actual physical slavery, as heady and triumphant as it is, presents only new challenges.

Life itself resembles a series of doors. Upon successfully opening one door, it is discovered that there are now different doors – even a series of doors - behind the original one. The challenges of being a free person are, to a great extent, even more challenging than those of being locked into servitude.

We are witness to the Torah's recording of forty years in the desert until there arises a generation of Jews that is able to meet the challenge of establishing itself as a functioning national entity in its promised land of Israel. The word "bo" which serves as the headline of this week's parsha indicates "coming" – a beginning - not a sense of finality and end.

The Torah wishes to indicate to us that "the arrows are always yet ahead of us" to find and deal with. And there are many miracles involved in being freed from slavery but the road from there to true independence and accomplishment requires hard work, human persistence and unflagging spirit and high morale.

In our world of changing eras and bewildering uncertainties we can only reflect upon the enormous challenges facing us. The Diaspora, as Jewry knew it to be for many centuries on end, is no longer. The tremendous accomplishment of the creation of the State of Israel and its sustenance for its first sixty years is behind us.

This process was fraught with many plagues and concurrent miracles. The faith of Israel has sustained us through these times of ordeal and difficulties. But now there are new and perhaps even more difficult challenges that face us. The task of nation-building is a long and arduous one, not given to easy solutions and pat sloganeering.

It is measured not in years but in decades - if not even in centuries. It requires faith and tenacity and a long view of things. That is what God meant when he told Moshe at the beginning of the redemption process that Israel would accept the Torah at Sinai and that He would eventually bring them to the land that he promised to their forefathers. Why bother Moshe with those promises when the people are under the lash of slavery?

But God informs Moshe that freedom from slavery is only the beginning of the story not its culmination. Our modern story of Israel does not end in 1948 or 1967. The realization of this stark truth can fire us to greater understanding and firmer belief and behavior in the justice of our cause and its eventual triumph.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein