

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

February 14, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ' שבט שבת פרשת יתרו

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו
הדלקת נרות 5:10 PM
מנחה 5:15 PM
שקיעה 5:28 PM
הלכות שבת שיעור 8:30 PM.

שבת פרשת יתרו
דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:31 AM
גמרא שיעור 4:15 PM
מנחה 5:00 PM
שקיעה 5:29 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 6:11 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 מעריב מנחה
Sun. through Thurs.: 5:20 PM
Mon. through Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת משפטים
הדלקת נרות 5:19 PM
מנחה 5:25 PM
שקיעה 5:37 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 I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
דף II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
דף III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - 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 לז' פייגל meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

Make your reservations today for our 34th Annual Dinner honoring Jack and Rachel Gross. This year, our annual gathering will be a Melave Malka with international flair, held at Shaarei Torah on February 21st. In addition to some special "world-class" touches, we will be hearing from guest speaker Rabbi Yaakov Salomon. The deadline for reservations is February 15th, so please send us your response right away! Invitations have been mailed out and details and reservation forms can also be found on our website.

סעודה שלישית this week is co-sponsored by the Rosenrauchs in honor of their new grandson and the Lieders in honor of their new grandson.

Avos U'Banim meets this Motzoei Shabbos at 7:15 PM in the Library and is being sponsored by The Lehmanns in memory of the yahrzeit of Ruth's father. 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 Sunday morning, February 15th at 9:30 AM, join us for a breakfast and seminar with Martin Sherkman on **Estate Planning**. There will be an introduction on halachic perspectives by our Rav. This seminar is sponsored by Safrin and Associates.

Matzo Baking will be taking place this Sunday. We would like to receive your orders before we go to bake. You can order by either filling in your request on the list outside the simcha room, calling the Lieders at 845-352-0122 or emailing your order to: eiointova@optonline.net. Please put matzo order in the subject line. If you'd like to come bake please join us this Sunday at the Shatzer Matzo Bakery Sunday afternoon 210 Cortelyou Road, Brooklyn at 2:00 PM

Purim is on its way! Please complete the Bais Torah Sisterhood **Mishloach Manot** list and return it with your check before February 19th. Thank you for your support. Any questions, call Hinda Kimmel at 357-9571.

Motzoei Shabbos, February 28th at 8:30 PM., we will have the privilege of hearing **Rabbi Dr. Moshe D. Tendler** speak in our shul on Organ Transplantation: A Matter of Life and Death. Everyone is urged to attend.

The **Annual Siyum Mishnayos** will take place on Sunday evening, March 8th. The featured speaker will be Rabbi Edward Davis. Please save the date and be current in your learning. For further information or reservations, please call David Lehmann at 426-6499 or write to baberuthfive@aol.com.

Calling All Women: If you're interested in an 8-session Zumba class on Monday nights, please call Betty (369-1833) or Hinda (357-9571).

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 Feb. 20th.

Mazel Tov

Yussie and Faye Deutsch on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Aron and Tammy Deutsch of Alon Shvut, Israel.

Simcha and Ruth Friedman on the birth of a grandson, born to Sarah and Zvi Tischler.

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson, born to Basya and Menachem Brickman.

Alan and Malkie Zamore on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Mordechai and Sheryl Rosenberg of Englewood, NJ.

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 - דיחל בת שפרינצא

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 - חנה בן יונה

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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.

YISRO

The Torah teaches us important lessons about wealth and money in this week's parsha. In fact, many of the Ten Commandments deal directly or indirectly with money and wealth. The commandment about the observance of the Sabbath teaches us that money is not nearly everything in life.

The drive for wealth and the necessity of making a living in difficult times drove the immigrant generation in the United States, which was overwhelmingly traditional, to work on the Sabbath. This has inevitably led to the great and tragic assimilation of a great many of Americans of Jewish descent and to a wave of crippling intermarriages. There are exceptions to this rule, but generally it is true. Those who discarded the Sabbath in favor of wealth and seeming physical comfort are the unfortunate and unintentional progenitors of a generation of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are no longer Jewish in any sense of the word.

Wealth and money are necessary parts of everyone's life. But the Sabbath trumps them – it is the most important element of Jewish life and the one guarantee of Jewish success and survival. A more direct view on the problem of money and wealth lies in the commandment not to covet. Coveting the belongings, the possessions, or the spouse of another is one of the prohibitions of the Ten Commandments. One could say it lies at the root of many of the other commandments. One cannot understand the commandment not to kill others and not to steal from them only through the prism of the commandment not to covet what belongs to someone else. It is as simple as that.

Stealing comes in many forms and shapes and circumstances. From misleading advertising to Bernard Madoff, stealing is pretty much rife in the world. The rabbis of the Talmud stated that most people eventually are found guilty of having stolen something in their lives. The drive to acquire more for one's own self, to be richer and apparently more financially secure, drives the person to steal in a myriad ways. The drive for wealth forces moral and eventually legal compromises with the pure conscience that the Torah wished us to possess. The halacha even possesses within it the concept of stealing someone else's mind and intent. One is not allowed to mislead other people in order to obtain financial reward for one's self. I knew a good person who, while selling his home, nevertheless informed the potential buyer of all of the hidden defects that existed in the house. Kosher money is harder to come by than is kosher food.

The drive for wealth, if left unchecked and untamed, can also eventually lead to murder. Many a murder has occurred in human life because of money. King Solomon stated that money can answer all problems, but nevertheless he was forced to admit in his own life that he was not exactly accurate in that assessment. It can answer many problems, but it is not all powerful. All money is fungible and impermanent. Don't take my word for it; just look around at our current world.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein