

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

הדלקת נרות 6:43 PM

מנחה 6:50 PM

שקיעה 7:01 PM

שבת פרשת כי תשא

דף היומי 8:00 AM

שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 10:07 AM

שיעור גמרא 5:45 PM

מנחה 6:30 PM

שקיעה 7:02 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 7:44 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.thru Thurs.: 6:50 PM

ערב שבת פרשת ויקהל-פקודי

הדלקת נרות 6:50 PM

מנחה 6:55 PM

שקיעה 7:08 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

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - פרשת השבוע – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Women's תהלים group מנדל meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is sponsored by Mendy Rosenbaum and Avi Becker.

Please join us for a **video presentation** of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation's latest film *The Inner Meaning of Birchat HaChama* on Sunday March 22nd at 4:50 PM. Presenters are Rabbis Paysach Krohn and Avrohom Feuer.

Congregation meeting at 10 AM on March 29th. All are encouraged to attend.

If you want to purchase **wine** for Pesach from Bais Torah, please place your order with Miriam Frankel. Thursday, March 26th is the last day for Pesach wine orders. If you need information, please call Miriam @ 893-4983.

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).

New deadline for **Kosher Food Pantry** collection is March 20th. Please make sure that all cans donated this month are clearly marked as Kosher for Passover. Jewish Family Service is anticipating an increased need for Pesach and requests that we supply 130 cans of fruit.

Many **thanks** to Dr. Moshe Kranzler and Rabbi Josef Fischer for organizing another successful Siyum Mishnayos this past Sunday. Pictures of the event have been posted to our website, www.baistorah.org.

Mazel Tov

Jack and Betty Schloss on the birth of a grandson, born to Jonathan and Devorah Schloss of Bergenfield.

Michael and Rena Rossman on the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Dovie Rush, They both live in Israel.

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

Elliot Shapiro's mother - מלכה בת טויבא

Bella Helprin's mother - פיגע בת חיה רבקה

Rena Helprin - רינה בת בילה

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

חיים יונה בן חנה - Eileen Frommer's father

How to Reach Us

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Bikur Cholim Eveline Kranzler, 352-8410 and

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Chosh Levy, 425-6827

Mikvah 425-6101

Chesed Committee Charlie Grandovsky, 425-4683

Youth Michael Kronenberg 368-1064

Sisterhood Liaison Betty Schloss, 369 – 1833

Hachnosas Orchim Facility for homeless, Shea Jacobs 425-9617

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 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.

KI SISA

The Talmud teaches us that in every generation a portion of the punishment for the construction of the Golden calf in the desert by the Jewish people is exacted. I think that in a greater measure we can state that the sin of the Golden Calf itself is repeated in every generation.

The obvious problem arising out of the Golden Calf is how could the Jewish people, fresh from the miracles of Egypt, Yam Suf, manna and the revelation at Sinai revert to paganism and to the worship of a man-made deity. What possessed them to be so blind as to their own recent experiences and to their stated destiny?

Of course, this incident is the ultimate proof of the allowance for free will in human affairs, even for the most destructive form of free will. And, yet, it is most troubling to realize how seriously error prone the Jewish people can be.

And, the fact that this weakness constantly asserts itself in every generation is itself part of the punishment. This portion has been meted out to us over the many generations since that Golden Calf was constructed and worshipped in the desert of Sinai. After all, one could hope that after 3321 years something might have been learned.

And yet we are witness to the fact that the Golden Calf in all of its modern and secular manifestations still dances and prances amongst us. Apparently this punishment still exacts its pain and finds its victims even though much time has elapsed since the original sin of the Golden Calf.

There appears to have been multiple causes for the construction of the original Golden Calf. The absence of Moshe, Aharon's vacillation, the presence of a large and vocal non-Jewish section within the Jewish people – the eirev rav, - the always present memories of Egypt and its pagan society and culture, and the uncertain self-worth of a recently emancipated people from slavery, are all contributory factors in the unfolding tragedy of the Golden Calf.

Almost all of these factors exist in our time as well. The absence of inspiring religious leadership, the inability to formulate a positive vision for the people and the state, the influences of a non-Jewish world that has turned all basic human values on its face, the revival of pagan ideas and lifestyles of the ancient world in the guise of new liberal ideas and permissive values, the difficulties of adjusting to national independence after millennia of exile, all combine in our time to allow the Golden Calf to still exist within us.

The failures of assimilation, secularism, and Westernization at all costs, are all visible to all of us. Yet, we are all reluctant to abandon the allure of the shine of the Golden Calf.

Only when we will have our fill of these false hopes and retrograde ideas will we be free to accept Moshe's dramatic act of destroying the Golden Calf to dust and powder. Perhaps then will our bill for the original Golden Calf be finally stamped as being paid in full.

Shabat shalom.
Rabbi Berel Wein