

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 2, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ח' אייר שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

## ערב שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:35 PM  
שקיעה 7:53 PM

## שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:23 AM

פרקי אבות 5:50 PM  
Contemporary Halachac Issues 6:40 PM  
מנחה 7:25 PM  
שקיעה 7:54 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 8:36 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

Sun.thru Thurs.: 7:45 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת אמור

מנחה 7:00 PM \*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular Candle Lighting 7:43 PM  
שקיעה 8:01 PM

\* Early Mincha for summer

\*\* Shul Accepts Shabbos

## 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 8:30 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- Megilas Rus  
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 - 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 The Shabbos Afternoon Gemorah Shiur. A Siyum Will take place and all are invited!  
The **Rockland Kosher Food Pantry** is counting on your participation!! New collection date for canned fruit is May 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Experience **Ellis Island** on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Just \$36 per person includes round trip bus transportation, ferry, tour and movie. We will leave Bais Torah at 9:15 AM. sharp and since only a limited number of seats are available, please reserve now before the bus fills up. Call Doris at 352-2816 or Marilyn at 369-3631 to reserve your space.  
The **Adult Education** Committee has planned several special events for the upcoming weeks. Please save Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for a trip to Gomez Mill House and Kedem Wineries in Marlboro, New York. On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, view a special movie in our Simcha Room entitled "My Father, My Lord." A visit to the Holocaust Center in Spring Valley is planned for July 19<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Yom Iyun and light breakfast in shul. Stay tuned for further details.

## Mazel Tov

Arthur and Shirley Landau on the birth of a granddaughter, Shifra Leora, born to Dena and Kenny Landau.  
Ed and Helen Furman on the birth of a grandson, born to Joel and Jessica Furman.  
Moe and Bayla Tilson on the birth of a granddaughter, Leora Chava, born to Aviva and Moishe Brandsdorfer.

## 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  
Manny Frankel - אלימלך בן רבקה חוה

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 - הלני בת רחל  
Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה

## **How to Reach Us**

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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.

## **ACHREI MOS– K'DOSHIM**

Among the many commandments and values that are represented in this week's double parsha special attention seems to be paid to the intimate and marital relationships between people. The Torah lists for us those relationships which are considered to be incestuous, immoral and forbidden. There is perhaps no area of human behavior so sensitive and yet so dissolute and dangerously self-destructive as these liaisons and relationships.

According to the popularization of Freudian psychology it is the sexual drive more than anything else that is the energy source for human behavior. The Torah looks not to deny this basic drive, it never preaches celibacy, but rather it looks to channel and control this activity, turning it from something potentially illicit and harmful to something that is holy and creative.

In order to accomplish this, the Torah imposes a set of limitations, inhibitions and rules to govern and sanctify such human behavior. In effect, the Torah teaches us that our sexual drive is a neutral commodity. It is rather the circumstances and structure that surround the use of this drive that determine its probity, correctness and holiness. That is the key idea that lies behind all of the commandments that appear in these parshiyot – discipline, sensitivity, correctness of behavior and a sense of positive purpose.

Be holy and sanctified the Torah tells us – that is our goal. How to arrive there is what the commandments, individually and collectively, come to teach us. And the road is paved with self-discipline, self-control and a devotion to duty and responsibility.

The parshiyot also emphasize to us the Torah's view regarding the treatment of other human beings. The Torah bids us to love others, to respect others, to tolerate others, and to therefore become a holier person. Piety in matters that are so to speak between man and God are of prime importance in Jewish life.

But of equal importance is the correct relationship between humans and their fellow human beings. One cannot be a holy person through ritual piety and scholarship alone. Ramban advances the idea that the possibility of being obnoxious and disgusting even within the confines of the Torah, so to speak, exists. How we deal with other human beings is a crucial part of being a holy person.

It is far easier to deal with an unseen and inscrutable Divinity than to have to deal with a real human being standing face to face before us. When people differ with us, oftentimes they are not cognizant of our needs and desires, and can prove to be annoying and difficult. How are we to deal with such people? The Torah prescribes the same formula for dealing with others as it did for dealing with our innate drives as described above – patience, sensitivity, self-discipline and retention of the goal of being holy.

An awareness of circumstances and situations that govern all of the commandments of the Torah also relate to our interpersonal behavior one with another. The Torah is always to be viewed as a unity, as something whole and inseparable. That is the way to embark on the road to holiness.

Shabat shalom.

Rabbi Berel Wein