

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 13, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"א סיון שבת פרשת בהעלותך

ערב שבת פרשת בהעלותך

מנחה 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting 8:11 PM
שקיעה 8:29 PM

שבת פרשת בהעלותך

היומי דף 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:10 AM

פרקי אבות 6:25 PM
Contemporary Halachac Issues 7:15 PM
מנחה 8:00 PM
שקיעה 8:30 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 9:12 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 מנחה-מעריב

Sun. thru Thurs.: 8:20 PM

ערב שבת פרשת שלח

מנחה: 7:00 PM *
הדלקת נרות: 7:20 PM **
Regular Candle Lighting 8:14 PM
שקיעה 8:32 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- **Will resume in the fall.**
Wednesdays at 8:30 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- **Will resume in the fall.**
Friday at 6:25 PM - Rabbi Yosef Fischer - Parshas Hashavua. **Will resume in July.**
היומי I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
היומי II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
היומי III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - חלה – Mordechai Rudman
Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - פרשת השבוע 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 פרקי אבות.

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is sponsored by Saul Siegel.

The scheduled membership meeting has been rescheduled for June 13th at 10:00 PM.

New date for **Kosher Food Pantry**: Friday, July 3rd. Please bring your cans of fruit by that day and drop it into the bin in shul.

Bais Torah is pleased to announce a double-header for **Father's Day**, June 21st. It begins with a visit to the oldest standing Jewish dwelling in North America, The Gomez Mill House, which is five miles north of Newburgh, NY and about 50 minutes from Monsey. We've arranged for a special 11:30 a.m. Bais Torah tour of the historic house and grounds. Fathers will be admitted free. Afterwards, we'll head 3 miles down the road to sample another taste of history - at Kedem Winery. Further information, maps and directions are on our website and in the mail. To reserve for the tours, please call Aviva at 352-1343 or e-mail aviva@baistorah.org. More information about The Mill House can be found at www.gomez.org.

Bais Torah Adult Education Committee has obtained a limited number of orchestra seats for the **New York Philharmonic** Summertime Classics Russian Fest. Program: Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and Khachaturian. Guest pianist Vladimir Feltsman. Conducted and hosted by Bramwell Tovy. Tuesday June 30th at 7:30 p.m. at Avery Fisher Hall. Tickets are \$54.00 each. For more information and reservations contact Sandra Thurm 368-3418 or sfthurm@optonline.net.

The **Adult Education** Committee has planned several special events for the upcoming weeks. On Sunday, July 12th, 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 19th and on Sunday, July 26th, there will be a Yom Iyun and light breakfast in shul. Stay tuned for further details.

New **Kosher Discount Card** is now available. Cost is \$18.00. It benefits Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. Contact Aviva at 352-1343 or Leslie at 352-3257.

Mazel Tov

Henry and Anne Shapiro on the marriage their grandchildren, Sarah and David Levy, Children of Mildred and Lawrence Levy.
Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Gila and Zev Prince.

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

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה
Joel Rosenwasser's mother - פשע לאה בת שפרינצא
Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה
Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל
Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה
Irwin Citron - יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה

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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.

Parshas Beha'alosecha – 5769 The “Menorah,” “Levi'im,” “Pesach Sheni” and Reunion

At the beginning of Parshas Beha'alosecha, we find HaShem's Command, *“When you kindle the lamps, towards the face of the Menorah shall the seven lamps cast light.”* (Bamidbar 8:2) Since *“The Lamp of HaShem is the Soul of Man...”* (Mishlei 20:27), the “Neshamah” of a person has infinite capabilities, bestowed upon it by its Creator.

The Parshah continues to discuss the Levi'im, *“From the age of twenty-five years and up, he shall join the legion of Service of the ‘Ohel Moed.’ From fifty years of age, he shall withdraw from the legion of work and no longer perform that type of work. Rather, he shall serve his brothers in the ‘Ohel Moed’ to safeguard the charge, but he shall not perform his original type of work.”* (Bamidbar 8:24-26) The period of active Service of the Levi seems to have a fixed limit; it is not possible to hold back time, and retirement occurs at the age of fifty.

On the other hand, we find in this Parshah the Law of “Pesach Sheni.” Those who were ritually unclean at the time of the first Pesach, were excluded from participation at that time. But those unfortunate souls came to complain to Moshe, *“...Why should we be excluded from sacrificing the Sacrifice of HaShem, at its proper time, among our fellow Jews?”* (BaMidbar 9:7) Moshe said, *“Wait, while I find out what HaShem will command concerning your case.”* (BaMidbar 9:8) And Moshe returned with the Law of the “Pesach Sheni,” for those individuals to bring the Pesach Sacrifice exactly one month later. Here the Torah is flexible, so to speak; even though these individuals were ritually unclean at the time of the First Pesach, and there is no way to hold back time, here the Torah gives them a “Second Chance.”

Now of course, this question is really no question. Each person goes through life, passing through various life cycle events. On the other hand, those individuals who were unclean were in that state, according to Tradition, for one of two reasons: Either they were the bearers of the coffin of Yoseph, who had asked his brothers to promise that they would bring his remains to Eretz Yisrael for burial. Or they had come upon an unburied corpse, and had buried it, in either case fulfilling a Mitzvah, and their complaint was legitimate. One might have thought that one is given one chance at a Mitzvah and if he misses it, he has missed it forever. But the Law of “Pesach Sheni” demonstrates that the Torah and its Holy Author do not in general operate in that way.

However, although it is impossible to hold back time, one may revisit one's youth. One can hear from his friends sweet words similar to those heard in one's youth, fifty years after the original words were uttered, and although the speaker and the hearer look quite different now, those words arouse similar feelings and emotions as they did in the past. Encountering beloved teachers one hasn't seen for fifty years or more, arouse in the student feelings of gratitude and affection one might have thought were lost forever. But in truth, positive feelings and memories can always be retrieved.

The “Menorah” is described as a single entity, fashioned of gold. *“From its base to its flower it is hammered out; according to the vision that HaShem showed Moshe.”* (BaMidbar 8:4) Similarly, there are no boundaries in memory. Old feelings are not lost. They may be brought back, given the proper context and setting; such as a 50th Reunion with one's fellow elementary school graduates. PF