

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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Schedule for Rosh Hashanah

and Tzom Gedaliah on

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Weekday סליחות and שחרית

Thurs.: 5:50 and 7:15 AM

Tues. Wed. and Fri.: 6:00 and 7:15 AM

Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Tues.. thru Thurs.: 6:40 PM

ערב שבת פרשת האזינו

הדלקת נרות: 6:33 PM

מנחה: 6:35 PM

שקיעה: 6:48 PM

Shiurim

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Ladies Mishnayos Class- Rabbi Avromy Fein- **Will resume October 13th.**

Wednesdays at 8:30 PM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- **Will resume in the fall.**

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 - סוכה - 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 מנחם בת מנגל meets on שבת 45 minutes before פרקי אבות

Shul Announcements

This coming Tuesday, September 22nd at 8:00 PM, Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter will be giving a special lecture at Bais Torah.

The topic is "On the Suffering of the Righteous: Reflections on Yom Hadin." Rabbi Schacter is a world-renowned speaker and author, and his Aseres Y'mai Teshuva lecture commemorates the shloshim of Dr. Baruch Frankel a"h. All are invited to attend.

New date for **Kosher Food Pantry**: October 13th. Please bring your cans of fruit by that day and drop it into the bin in shul.

Women's Ahavas **chesed chaburas** are being formed to bring an aliya for the neshama of Baruch Frankel, a"h. For further information, please contact Sandy Lieder at eiyintova@optonline.net or at 845-352-0122

After 13 years, your editor of this bulletin wants to **retire** from this job. We are still looking for someone to take over the reins.

Please email Marty Ginsberg at baistorah@taxprof.net if you are interested.

Bais torah would like to **thank** the following people for helping to polish the silver: Rachel, Akiva and Mindy Gottlieb, KC, Ettie and Leah Rosenberg, and Bryna Kahana who got drafted because she was visiting the Gottliebs.

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Bais Torah would like to **thank** the following individuals for their help as gabboim: Steve Fessel, Simcha Friedman, Yis Helprin, and Bob Landa.

Mazel Tov

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Motti and Shani Belsky of Woodmere.

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

Ed Tager - יצחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Manny Mayerfeld - מנחם בן קילה

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשה 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

Helen Furman - חנה בת תמרה

Bella Helprin's mother - פיגע בת חיה רבקה

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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.

ROSH HASHANAH

On Rosh Hashanah we stand in judgment before our Creator. But we are not mere passive defendants standing in the dock awaiting a verdict in our trial. Instead we take the liberty of submitting requests, suggestions and sometimes even demands to our Heavenly Judge. We pray for life and health, prosperity and wisdom, family and national stability, as well as for redemption, peace, serenity and meaningful success.

That is quite a long and impressive list of requests that we submit to the Almighty. It is part of the ethos of Judaism that such requests are allowed if not even encouraged by the Lord. It illustrates our dependence upon God and our inability to have hope, direction and planning in our lives without Heavenly aid and grace.

The doors of Heaven, the gates of prayer are thrust wide open for us on the High Holy days and the Ten Days of Repentance and we are bidden to take advantage of that situation with our prayers, requests and improved social and religious behavior. It would be foolish in the extreme to ignore and not take advantage of such an opportunity to ask for what we need in our personal and national life.

Though the results of the judgments of Rosh Hashanah are not immediately clear and present, we are nevertheless in an optimistic mood and the day is celebrated in a holiday mode with feasting, family and friends. It is the connection with eternity and Heaven that Rosh Hashanah affords that transforms an otherwise day of tension and awe into one of holy serenity and satisfaction.

But Rosh Hashanah is a two way street. It is not only our turn to ask God for what we wish, but it is also a day when God, so to speak, also informs us what He wishes and requires from us. Judaism is a faith of mutually binding covenants between God and the Jewish people, collectively and individually. The rabbis taught us that first and foremost God wants our hearts. He wants sincerity and faith, belief and discipline, strength of character and good will. He abhors falsehood and hypocrisy, mendacity and venality.

The prophet taught us that the Lord desires that we act justly, love kindness, show mercy to others and to walk humbly in God's ways. He demands that we live up to our end of the covenant, that we observe His commandments and sanctify His Holy Days and the Sabbath by our behavior and demeanor. He wishes us to have an appreciation and knowledge of our past and a vision for our future. He wishes that we share His view, so to speak, of the Jewish people as being a kingdom of priests and a holy nation – a unique treasure amongst all of the peoples of the world.

He also wishes that each and every one of us realizes that he or she is a special unique individual and not just a faceless number in a world of billions. People who feel special are special. Our self judgment in our hearts influences our Heavenly judgment on Rosh Hashanah as well. To a great extent, God invites us, so to speak, to judge ourselves in conjunction with the Heavenly court. Therefore we state in our prayers that every person's signature appears on the verdict of the Heavenly court. We are equal partners in our judgment and in the outcome

The national hopes of the Jewish people also find expression on Rosh Hashanah. No Jew is exempt from the destiny of the Jewish people as a whole. Our past century of sad and tragic experience clearly indicates the futility of attempting to somehow think that the Jewish covenant allows individuals to opt out of it at will. Solidarity with the Jewish faith and people, with the state of Israel and with the eternal Torah is the guarantee of individual Jewish survival and meaning.

Joshua upon encountering the angel in his tent asked only question: "Are you with us or are you against us and with our enemies?" Unfortunately many Jews, deluded by "humanitarian" sloganeering, wittingly or unwittingly cannot answer Joshua's question correctly. Rosh Hashanah allows us to look within ourselves and to declare to the God of Israel that we are truly with Him and with our people.

We wish to be inscribed in the book of eternal life and Jewish glory and not, God forbid, on the pages of Jewish perfidy and shame. Rosh Hashanah provides us with a wide range of important choices that have eternal consequences. May we always choose wisely and correctly.

Shana tova
Shabat shalom
Rabbi Berel Wein

Schedule for Rosh Hashanah And Tzom Gedaliah

Erev Rosh Hashanah - ערב ראש השנה - Friday - (9/18/09)

Candle Lighting - הדלקות נרות 6:42 PM
Mincha - מנחה 6:50 PM

First Day Rosh Hashanah - א' ראש השנה - Shabbos - (9/19/09)

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי 7:15 AM
Shacharis - שחרית 8:00 AM
Shema by - סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:45 AM
Shalosh Seudos should be eaten at home preferably before 4:00 PM
Mincha - מנחה 6:30 PM
Rabbi's Shiur
Candle Lighting - הדלקות נרות Not before 7:41 PM

Second Day Rosh Hashanah - ב' ראש שנה - Sunday - (9/20/09)

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי 7:15 AM
Shacharis - שחרית 8:00 AM
Shema by - סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:45 AM
T'Kias Shofar - תקיעת שופר Not before 10:30 AM
Mincha - מנחה 5:30 PM
Tashlich - תשל"ך after Mincha
Rabbi's Shiur 6:45 PM
Maariv - מעריב 7:39 PM

Tzom Gedaliah- צום גדליה - Monday - (9/21/09)

Fast Begins 5:31 AM
Selichos & Shacharis - שחרית & סליחות 5:50 and 7:15 AM
Mincha - מנחה 6:25 PM
Maariv - מעריב 7:20 PM
Fast Ends 7:35 PM