

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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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.**
היום I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman
היום II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb
היום 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 עם רשי – 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 שלישיית this week should be eaten at home before Mincha, preferably before 4:20 PM.
Bais Torah will once again be **auctioning kibudim** on Shmini Atzeres between Mincha and Maariv. Jack Gross is accepting pre-bids prior to the auction, so you can buy kibudim for yourself or others, even if you are not in shul on Shmini Atzeres. Jack can be reached at jack2act@yahoo.com or at 845-357-4121 (please leave a message).
At this time of year, we take inventory of our spirits - the alcoholic type - and find that our **shul's liquor cabinet** appears rather bare. The shul is therefore seeking liquor sponsors of \$100 for the year, which will ensure that Bais Torah is able to serve more liquor, better liquor, or both. Please let Jack Gross or Allen Nussbaum know you will contribute to the cause - and thank you very much for your generosity!
Ladies, just when those post-yom tov calories won't leave, Sisterhood has the perfect antidote—a fat-burning, metabolism-boosting, figure-enhancing, 8-session Zumba exercise class for your healthy pleasure for only \$80. The class schedule is: 10/12, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, and 12/7—8:15 PM in the Multipurpose Room. Call 357-9571 or 369-1833 for reservations (class size is limited).
On October 25th, you are invited to join our very **special tour** of two New York historic sites. First we'll visit Shearith Israel (The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue), which is the first Jewish congregation to be established in North America. Its Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Marc Angel, has graciously agreed to give us an insider's tour of the shul, its archives and its history. Then we'll head downtown to Tribute WTC 9/11, where we'll get a private tour around the perimeter of the World Trade Center site and visit the Tribute Center's five galleries. The cost of \$40 per person pre-paid includes admission and transportation; the bus leaves Bais Torah at 9:15 AM. We urge you to make your reservations promptly; there are a limited number of tickets and they will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis. To reserve, call Aviva in our shul office at 352-1343 or email aviva@baistorah.org.
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 favorite 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 and capable. Notice this bulletin came very late because I was busy. **Please form an orderly line.**

Mazel Tov

Yisroel and Ruthie Safrin on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Esty and AM Fine.
Manny and Chana Mayerfeld on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Yossie and Basya Zimmerman, children of Uri and Esther Mayerfeld.

Hamakom Yenachem

Menachem Srulowitz on the p'tira of his father, David Srulowitz.

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 -
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
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.

SUCCOS

The inner beauty of the Torah and its commandments is expressed to us physically through the rituals of the holiday of Succos. As perhaps no other holiday on the Jewish calendar does, Succos represents the beauty of God's world, the awesomeness of nature and the delight that the senses of sight and smell bring to the human soul.

The four species with their different colors and fragrances, the succah with its gentle covering roof of nature, unsullied by human substitutions and ersatz materials, the sense of connection to God's world and to the goodness that is inherent in us, all combine to give Succos its special quality of contentment and happiness.

Here in Israel the weather on Succos does not usually afford us any special challenges. However I remember the Succos of my youth in frigid Chicago where as a child I complained to my father about being cold sitting in the succah. He gently answered me that as I grew older I would realize how warm and comfortable I would truly feel sitting in a succah no matter what the reading on the outside thermometer was.

Well I am now certainly old enough, thank God, to realize what he meant and to experience the inner warmth and glow that sitting in a succah brings. And again, if one is privileged to have members of one's generations sitting in the succah also, then the cycle of joy and contentment is blissfully completed. The flimsiness of the succah itself contributes to the sense of solidity and eternity that the presence of family and the performance of God's commandments on Succos create within us.

The Talmud tells us that the mother of the great tanna Shamai – scholar of the Mishna and compatriot of Hillel, brought her son into a Succah while still an infant. Aside from the obvious meaning that the rabbis teach us that there is no better time to train Jews in observance of God's commandments than in their youth, I think that there is something deeper that is taught here in this seemingly ordinary anecdote.

Shamai's mother wanted him to experience that whiff of immortality that the succah brings with it. In the succah there are the unseen but omnipresent guests of the founders of our people – the ushpizin. Hovering over the succah are the unseen clouds of glory that enveloped us in the desert of Sinai and the memories of generations upon generations of Succos constructed all over the world in our past and present.

Infants yet see the unseen; they are still close to the source of eternity from whence they have newly arrived. The infant Shammai is at home in the succah because all that is unseen to those who are older and more mature is till real and present to the infant.

Studies show that the infant dreams while sleeping. What are those dreams about? Are they not the recollection of its soul as to whence it sprang and was ushered into this world? Shammai the infant is at home in the succah for it is also a place of eternity and beauty, a harbinger and reminder of the eternal world itself.

One of the great revivals in the Jewish world over the past number of decades is the availability and purchase of very large amounts of etrogim, lulavim, hadasim and aravot in honor of the holiday of Succos. Again I remember that as a child worshipping in the synagogue where my father served as a rabbi there were only three sets of the four species present in the synagogue for the seven hundred fifty worshippers who attended the services!

Among the many accomplishments of the State of Israel in the field of the spiritual rejuvenation of Jewish practice and study, the popularization of this mitzvah of the four species is surely one of them. The growing and merchandising of the four species has become an industry of note on its own. There is a certain thrill in holding in one's hand the fruits of the rejuvenated Land of Israel which yields its bounty to its children who have returned to it from near and afar.

In rabbinic responsa there are countless recitations of the difficulties that Jews living in the Diaspora had in obtaining the four species and the lengths and costs that they went to obtain these species for Succos. And lo and behold look how easy and simple it has become in our time with the existence of the State of Israel in our holy land to fulfill this joyous commandment. This alone makes our commemoration of Succos the time of our happiness.

Chag sameach

Rabbi Berel Wein

Succos Schedule

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Erev Succos סוכות ערב 10/2/09 – Friday

Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות 6:18 PM
Mincha מנחה 6:25 PM

1st Day of Yom Tov יום טוב א' 10/3/09 – Shabbos

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי 7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:50 AM

Shalosh Seudos should be eaten at home preferably
before 4:20 PM

Mincha מנחה 6:05 PM
Shiur on Koheles
Hadlokos Neiros-נרות הדלקות Not before 7:16 PM

2nd Day of Yom Tov יום טוב ב' 10/4/09 – Sunday

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי 7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:50 AM
Mincha מנחה 6:20 PM
Maariv מעריב 7:15 PM

1st Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד א' 10/5/09 –
Monday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:45 AM
Mincha מנחה 6:15 PM

2nd Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד ב' 10/6/09 –
Tuesday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:45 AM
Mincha מנחה 6:15 PM

3rd Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד ג' 10/7/09 –
Wednesday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:45 AM
Mincha מנחה 6:15 PM

4th Day of Chol Hamoed יום חול המועד ד' 10/8/09–
Thursday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:45 AM
Mincha מנחה 6:15 PM

Reading Sefer Devorim ספר דברים 9:00 PM

Hoshana Rabah הושענא רבה 10/9/09 - Friday

Shacharis שחרית 1: 6:00 AM 2: 7:45 AM
Hadlokos Neiros הדלקות נרות 6:07 PM
Mincha מנחה 6:15 PM

Shimini Atzeres שמיני עצרת 10/10/09 – Shabbos

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי 7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM

Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:52 AM
Yizkor יזכור Not Before 10:15 AM

Shalosh Seudos should be eaten at home preferably
before 4:20 PM

Mincha מנחה 5:55 PM

Hadlokos Neiros- הדלקות נרות Not Before 7:06 PM

Simchas Torah שמחת תורה 10/11/09 – Sunday

Daf Hayomi - דף היומי 7:45 AM
Shacharis שחרית 8:30 AM

Sof Z'man Kriyas Shema
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:52 AM
Mincha מנחה 6:10 PM
Maariv מעריב 7:03 PM