

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

October 10, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org כ"ב תשרי שבת שמיני עצרת

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שחרית Weekday

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM
Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Mon. thru Thurs.: 6:05 PM

ערב שבת בראשית

הדלקת נרות: 5:56 PM
מנחה: 6:05 PM
שקיעה: 6:14

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- **Resumes this week.**

Wednesdays at 8:30 PM – מלכים ב' - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.- **Will resume October 21st.**

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 - 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 בת מנחם ליו' 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 eiivintova@optonline.net or at 845-352-0122

After 13 years, your very favorite editor of this excellent 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. **I have not been overwhelmed with applicants but I am still hoping.**

Mazel Tov

Mel and Betty Sinowitz on the birth of a grandson, born to Daniel and Shoshana Sinowitz of Israel.

Yossie and Aviva Schmutter (our shul secretary) on the birth of a grandson, born to Mordechai and Sara Schmutter of Passaic.

Shira Steinberg on the engagement of her daughter, Syma of Har Nof, to Noach Davidovitch of Efrat.

Jackie and Diane Schuster on the birth of triplet grandchildren, (1 girl and 2 boys) born to Basheva and Shloimie Dickman.

Refuah Shelaimah

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה - Henry Shapiro

מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא - Manny London

שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייל - Tova Eizik's grandson

אסתר מלכה בת קילה - Esther Lutwak

חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית - Bob Schore

יוסף בן שרה - Suzie Kirshenbaum's father

יצחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא - Eddie Tager

בנימין בן בילה - Ben Zauderer

מנחם בן קילה - Manny Mayerfeld

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson

הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein

חיים יונה בן חנה - Eileen Frommer's father

יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה - Irwin Citron

חנה בת תמרה - Helen Furman

פיגע בת חיה רבקה - Bella Helprin's mother

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Eiruv 362-4302

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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

Chevre 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.

ZOS HABRACHA

The completion of the reading of the Torah on Simchas Torah is always a time of great happiness and rejoicing. The beautiful poetry and rhythm of Moshe's blessings to his beloved people resound in our ears throughout the ages. His blessings overshadow the sadness in the parsha that records the death of the greatest spiritual leader the world has ever known. And thus even the loss of Moshe is somehow sublimated in the celebration of the day and in the completeness and perfection of the Torah that is called on his name that Simchas Torah symbolizes.

Human frailty and mortality is a given factor in all of our lives. How to achieve blessing and eternity in spite of that frailty and mortality is the challenge that Jewish life and observance thrusts before us. At one and the same time we realize our mortality and we strive to achieve immortality.

This seeming paradox lies at the heart of all Jewish life and strivings. The solemnity and even foreboding that Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur engender within us is replaced by the joy of Succot and Simchas Torah. The gravity has not disappeared; it simply has been transformed by the observances of the commandments of the Succot holiday into meaningful optimism and confidence that mortal beings can truly achieve immortality and be influential and remembered long after their physical departure from this world.

Perhaps that is the main lesson of the parsha of Zos Habracha itself – Moshe the mortal human being is no longer but Moshe the immortal leader and inspiration of Israel lives on eternally in the hearts and minds of his people.

The food and drink of Simchas Torah are meant to be only aids to enhance our spirit of accomplishment and inner delight. Like Purim, Simchas Torah allows our bodies to partake freely of food and drink. But also like Purim, Simchas Torah is predicated upon an inner feeling of joy, of uplifted spirit and renewed dedication that create within us the sense of commitment and tenacity that characterizes Jewish life, individually and nationally.

Alcoholic intoxication is unnecessary and even counter productive to creating this sense of inner joy and dedication. The rabbis characterized the service of God as being able to be realized through "simcha shel mitzvah" – the inner joy that our soul experiences when doing a good deed and fulfilling one of God's commandments. It is this attitude towards the service of God that makes Simchas Torah the joyous holiday that it is.

We are aware of all of the positive things in life that we have accomplished and all of the myriad opportunities to continue to do so in the future. We sense that in these acts of goodness and Torah observances we are punching our ticket to immortality, to being remembered and appreciated.

There can be no greater joy in a person's life than to experience this feeling of holy importance and positive achievement. And it is this very idea that Simchas Torah and Zos Habracha represent to the fullest.

Shabat shalom.

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 א' דסוכות 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 ב' דסוכות 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 א' דחול המועד 10/5/09 –
Monday

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

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

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

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

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

4th Day of Chol Hamoed ד' דחול המועד 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-נרות הדלקות 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