

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת נח

הדלקת נרות: 5:45 PM
מנחה 5:50 PM *
שקיעה 6:03 PM

שבת פרשת נח

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:59 AM
Contemporary Halachic Issues 4:45 PM
מנחה 5:30 PM
שקיעה 6:02 PM
סעודה שלישית
מעריב 6:44 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 מנחה

Sun. thru Thurs.: 5:45 PM
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

הדלקת נרות: 5:36 PM
מנחה: 5:45 PM
שקיעה: 5:54 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
Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים ב' – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.
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 עם רשי – Rabbi Yosef Fischer
Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick
Women's תהלים group מנדל מנחם בת 45 minutes before שבת meets on

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישית this week is currently not sponsored.

Ladies Zumba exercise class continues. The class schedule is 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).

All those who registered for **Sunday's trip to New York** are reminded that the bus leaves promptly at 9:15 AM. Please bring lunch.

We're pleased to announce that **Rabbi Shalom Hammer** will address us on Sunday evening, November 1st at 8 p.m. His topic is "Faith in Hashem: From Recession to Rockets." Everyone is invited to attend.

New date for **Kosher Food Pantry**: November 9th. Please bring your cans of fruit by that day and drop it into the bin in shul.

The entire community is invited to our **Scholar in Residence** weekend November 13th and 14th featuring Rabbi Mordechai Becher. For further information on program sponsorship, please contact Dr. Moshe Kranzler. For Shabbos luncheon reservation, please call Ruth Malinowitz at (845) 598-1977 or (561) 338-0015.

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 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. We are offering double the salary and stock options.** The line is starting to get too long. Make sure you have a place on it or you will miss out on this great opportunity.

Mazel Tov

Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the birth of a grandson, born to Akiva and Natalie Horowitz.

Steve and Noga Romer on the birth of a grandson, born to Akiva and Natalie Horowitz.

Yisroel & Ruthie Safrin on the birth of a granddaughter, Sora Liba, born to Mutty & Shira Safrin of Yerushalayim.

Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann on the birth of a grandson, born to Simcha and Karen Herrmann.

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
Eddie Tager - יצחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא
Ben Zauderer - בננימן 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 - חנה 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 Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

Parshas Noach – 5770 – “Sheva Mitzvos Bnei Noach” (based loosely on the “Encyclopedia Talmudis”)

Humanity is composed of the seventy nations directly descended from Noach and his sons. It is no accident that the number of souls who came down to Mitzrayim with Yaakov at the beginning of Sefer Shemos was also seventy. The definition of a “Ben Noach” is any member of humanity, except a member of the People of Israel, from the time of the Giving of the Torah, since all of humanity descended from Noach. According to the above definition, even the Founding Fathers of the Jewish People, Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, the Tribal Heads, Yoseph HaTzaddik, and even Moshe Rabbeinu, before “Matan Torah,” was a “Ben Noach.”

There is a category of Mitzvos called the “Sheva Mitzvos Bnei Noach,” the Seven Commandments of the Descendants of Noach. They are comprised of “Avodah Zarah,” Worship of False Gods, “Birchas HaShem,” Cursing (G-d Forbid) HaShem, “Shefichus Damim,” Spilling Blood, or Murder, “Giluiy Arayos,” Sexual Immorality, “Gezel,” Theft, “Eiver min HaChai,” Detaching a Limb from a Living Creature, and “Dinim,” Establishing a System of Courts. They are derived from a verse in which HaShem commands “Adam HaRishon” (Bereshis 2:47); it follows from this that First Man was obligated in them. Some dispute the fact that Adam was obligated in “Eiver min HaChai,” since he was not yet permitted to eat meat. Noach was permitted to eat meat; all agree that from him on, humanity was forbidden in “Eiver min HaChai.”

“Avodah Zarah” – With regard to this prohibition, there is a dispute as to whether B”N are culpable for the death penalty, already at the time of fashioning an idol, even before worshipping it, although Jewish People are only put to death upon actual worship. There is a dispute among Rishonim as to whether a B”N is warned against “Shituf;” that is, combination of the Divine Name with non-Divine entities. This has a large impact on the way various Rishonim view Christianity.

“Blessing of HaShem” – Clearly, this specification of the offense is a euphemism. For a Jew, the death penalty applies only if he used the Divine Name. There is a dispute regarding a B”N, but the Halachic conclusion is that he is culpable even if he did not use the Divine Name.

“Spilling of Blood” – With regard to murder, destruction of the Divine Image, there are occasions, such as when the victim is a fetus in its mother’s womb, when a B”N is culpable for the death penalty, even though a Jew is not, although this has complex implications regarding abortion, each such case requiring rabbinic consultation.

“Sexual Immorality” – In antediluvian (before the “Mabul”) times, the total loss of a sense of sexual morality had led to individuals cohabiting not only with one another’s spouses, but also with individuals of the same sex (sounds reminiscent of our time), and even with animals. There is a principle that for a B”N, there does not exist the Sanctification of Sexual Relations called “Kiddushin,” but a relationship called “Nissuin” can be created between a male and a female by their having sexual relations. As long as this relationship exists (it is not clear how this relationship can be terminated because, just as “Kiddushin” does not exist for a B”N, neither does “Gerushin,” the formal process of Divorce, exist) one’s spouse is forbidden to others.

“Gezel” - Theft – This was the final straw against humanity in the pre-“Mabul” period. Whereas even sexual immorality can be excused, because of the strength of that desire, there was no justification at all for the total breakdown of the moral conscience that had been built into humanity. Thievery or Robbery of another person’s property, or rape, constituted this most basic violation.

“Eiver min HaChai” – “A limb taken from a living animal” – Noach was given permission to eat meat, but only under certain conditions; basically, that the animal be dead before it is consumed. This principle underlies the practice of “Shechitah,” Ritual Slaughter, which is the most humane method of taking the life of an animal, whether for one’s own consumption, or for the “Consumption” by the Altar, in the Sacrifice of an animal.

“Dinim” – Establishment of Courts – Just as the Jewish People is obligated to establish courts in their places of residence, so are B”N obligated to establish courts to enforce the other Six Laws, and to warn the people against their violation. And that is why all the inhabitants of Shechem were liable to the death penalty, because they didn’t enforce the Law against Rape against their Prince (under the rubric of “Gezel,” as mentioned above).

Any B”N who observes these Laws out of the conviction that HaShem commanded them is considered among the “Righteous of the Nations of the World,” and has a share in the World-to-Come. But if he observes them because of his own logic, he is only considered among their wise.

L’Iluy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem