

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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Bar Mitzvah of Akiva Gottlieb

לך לך ערב שבת פרשת
הדלקת נרות 5:36 PM

מנחה 5:45 PM *
שקיעה 5:54 PM

לך לך שבת פרשת

לך לך 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM

סוף זמן קריאת שמע 10:03 AM
Gemorah Shiur 4:40 PM

מנחה 5:25 PM

שקיעה 5:53 PM

סעודה שלישית

מעריב 6:35 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.: 4:35 PM

Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וירא

הדלקת נרות 4:28 PM

מנחה 4:35 PM

שקיעה 4:46 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.

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 - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם מנדל meets on שבת 45 minutes before מנחה.

Shul Announcements

Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb invite the entire congregation to a **kiddush** after davening, in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son, Akiva.

סעודה שלישית this week is sponsored by Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son, Akiva.

Turn your clock back one hour at 2:00 AM Sunday morning.

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

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.

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

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Maya Esther, born to Laura and Lawrence Ben David of Israel.

David and Ruth Lehmann on the birth of a granddaughter, Ahuva Sarah, born to Dovid and Hadassah Feinberg of Israel.

Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb on the bar mitzvah of their son, Akiva.

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Akiva, son of Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb.

Fred and Esther Gottlieb on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Akiva, son of Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb.

Yosi and Debbi Rosenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Meira Zissel, born to Gershon and Surie Barkany of Far Rockaway.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - מנחם מנוש 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 - בנימין בן בילה

Manny Mayerfeld - מנחם בן קילה

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הלני 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.

Parshas Lech-Lecha – 5770 – A Tribute to Sarai

Yiscah and Sarai are one and the same. The Torah refers to her as Yiscah in *Bereshis* (11:29), “*And Avram and Nachor took wives for themselves; the name of Avram’s wife was Sarai, and the name of Nachor’s wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Yiscah.*” Avram and Nachor married their nieces, daughters of their late brother, Haran.

As to the meaning of Yiscah, Rashi cites Megilah 14a, which states that it derives from the root “sachoh,” meaning “to see” or “to look,” and refers to the fact that she had the ability to see the future by means of the “Ruach HaKodesh,” the Holy Spirit that rested upon her. Another reason was that people would gaze at her great beauty, in accordance with the Midrash that the four most beautiful women were Sarah, Rachav, Avigail and Esther (Megilah 15a). Rashi adds that the name also has the connotation of aristocracy, as does Sarah (and Sarai), where “Sarai” means “my princess.”

Maharal explains these two names as reflecting the two missions of a woman, before and after marriage. Yiscah refers to her greatness from her birth and Sarai/Sarah refers to her joint mission with her husband and indeed, the latter names were used only after her marriage to Avram/Avraham. Their joint mission is alluded to in *Bereshis* (12:5), “*Avram took his wife Sarai and Lot, his brother’s son... and all the souls they made in Charan...*” where Rashi comments on the expression “*the souls they made*” – “He brought them under the wings of the Shechinah. Avram would convert the men and Sarai, the women, and Scripture considers this as if they had created them.”

The end of Parshas Lech-Lecha is the scene of the spiritual ascent of Avram and Sarai. In *Bereshis* 17:1, we find “*And Avram was ninety nine years old and HaShem appeared to Avram, and He said to him, ‘I am E-L Sh-addai, go before Me, and be perfect.’*” In *Bereshis* 17:4, HaShem continues, “*Your name shall no longer be called Avram, but your name shall be Avraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.*” After introducing the Covenant of Circumcision to Avram, HaShem says, (*Bereshis* 17:15-16), “*As far as Sarai your wife – do not call her name Sarai, for Sarah is her name. I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son through her; I will bless her and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples will rise from her.*”

At the beginning of Parshas Vayera, when an Angel of HaShem says to Avraham, “*I will surely return to you next year and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son.*” Scripture says, “*Now Avraham and Sarah were old, well on in years; the manner of women had ceased to be with Sarah – And Sarah laughed at herself, saying, ‘After I have withered, shall I again have delicate skin?...’ Then HaShem said to Avraham, ‘Why is it that Sarah laughed, saying, ‘Shall I in truth bear a child, though I have aged?...’ Sarah denied it, saying, ‘I did not laugh,’ for she was frightened, but He said, ‘No, you laughed indeed.’*” (*Bereshis* 18: 10, 13, 15) And the words of HaShem were spoken not in rebuke, but rather, tenderly, for indeed, Sarah had every reason to believe that, despite her anguished prayers, she would never have a son.

And indeed, Sarah has a son, Yitzchak. He is circumcised at eight days, and a few years later, weaned. At the Seudah, Sarah sees Yishmael mocking and, looking far into the future, when Yishmael’s descendants will persecute the Jewish People, she demands that Avraham eject this child, whom Scripture will call a “wild man,” from his house. *Bereshis* 21:11 tells us, “*The matter greatly distressed Avraham regarding his son. So G-d said to Avraham, ‘Be not distressed over the youth...Whatever Sarah tells you, heed her voice, since through Yitzchak will offspring be considered yours.’*” Rashi, citing *Shemos Rabbah* 1:1, comments, “This teaches us that Avraham was inferior to Sarah in prophecy.” Megilah 14a teaches that, indeed, Sarah was one of the seven prophetesses: herself, Miriam, Devorah, Chanah, Avigail, Chuldah and Esther.

Le-Iluy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem