

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Noivember 7, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) כ' מרחשון שבת פרשת וירא

ערב שבת פרשת וירא  
הדלקת נרות 4:28 PM  
מנחה 4:35 PM  
שקיעה 4:46 PM  
Oneg at Deutsch 8:15 PM

שבת פרשת וירא  
דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:07 AM  
Gemorah Shiur 3:30 PM  
מנחה 4:15 PM  
שקיעה 4:45 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 5:27 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 מנחה-מעריב  
Sun. thru Thurs.: 4:30 PM  
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה  
הדלקת נרות 4:21 PM  
מנחה 4:30 PM  
שקיעה 4:39 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 I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman  
דף II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
דף III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer  
Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - Mordechai Rudman  
פרשת השבוע עם רשי - שחרית סוכה - 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

Bais Torah's first **Oneg Shabbos** of the season is scheduled for Friday evening, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 PM. The Oneg will be hosted by Fayge and Yussie Deutsch at their home, 93 Highview Road. We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Gottlieb will join us and enlighten us with *divrei Torah*. His topic this week will be "House Guests from Heaven: An In-depth Look at Avrohom and the Three Malachim." Everyone is invited to attend.

This week's **Kiddush** is being sponsored in honor of a special sporting event that took place this week in our beloved city. Mazal tov and may we enjoy many happy events together in good health.

**סעודה שלישית** this week is available for sponsorship.

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

New date for **Kosher Food Pantry**: November 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NOTE: There are new contacts for the Bais Torah Bulletin. Email [baistorahbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:baistorahbulletin@gmail.com), or call (845) 371-5337.**

## Mazel Tov

Murray and Mona Selzer on the engagement of their son Michael, to Tamara Goldblatt of Monsey.  
Allen and Miriam Nussbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, Kara Lilli, born to Jamie and Elana Nussbaum.  
Chatz and Libby Lazarus on the birth and bris of a grandson, Yisrael Avraham, born to Abigail and Betzalel Lazarus.

## 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 - בנימין בן בילה  
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  
Sandy Rosenwasser - שולמית חנה בת מעטיל  
Manny Mayerfeld - מנחם בן קילה  
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.

## Vayera - 5770 – “Toras HaBayis” – Thank You to the Rossman’s

Recently, a new publication appeared on the “bimah” of “Bais Torah” on Friday evenings. It is called “Toras HaBayis” (playing on the name of the “sefer” by the Rashba and our shul’s name), and consists mainly of “Divrei Torah” produced by the youth of our congregation. This week, it was sponsored by the Rossman Family, in honor of our late son, Aharon Baruch Mordechai, Z”L. This “Dvar Torah” is in appreciation for this kind gesture by a family which is really a class act, from the grandparents, thru the parents and all the Rossman children, whether they are in “Tzahal,” or learning in a top-flight Israeli or American Yeshiva.

“Sefer Bereshis” is full of stories of sibling rivalry, beginning with Kayin and Hevel, sons of “Adam HaRishon” and “Chava.” Kayin actually has the idea first to bring a sacrifice to HaShem. He is a farmer, but instead of offering the best of his crops to HaShem, he brings an inferior sacrifice. Hevel is a shepherd, but he has the insight that if one is bringing a sacrifice to one’s Creator, he should bring it from the best that he has. The text describes the gathering storm, *“After a period of time, Kayin brought an offering to HaShem of the fruit of the ground; as for Hevel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and from their choicest. HaShem turned to Hevel and his offering, but to Kayin and his offering, he did not turn. This annoyed Kayin exceedingly and his countenance fell.”* (Bereshis 3:8) HaShem warns Kayin, *“Surely if you improve yourself, you will be forgiven. But if you do not improve yourself, sin crouches at the door. Its desire is towards you, but you can conquer it.”* (Bereshis 4:7) Unfortunately, this warning of the Creator is not heeded, and the text continues, *“Kayin spoke with his brother, Hevel; and it happened that when they were in the field, that Kayin rose up against his brother, Hevel, and he killed him.”* (Bereshis 4:8)

The pattern having been established, the Torah proceeds to other examples. Avram/Avraham has two sons – the first, Yishmael, with Hagar; the second, Yitzchak, with Sarah. Avraham, the epitome of “Chesed,” pure and unadulterated Kindness, ignores the description of Yishmael provided by the Angel of HaShem, *“And he shall be a wild man, his hand against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him...”* (Bereshis 16:12) Now Avraham, who has been promised by HaShem that he will be the father of many nations, although he has heard the bitterness in Sarah’s voice in her demand that he eject Hagar and Yishmael from his house, and perhaps because he has some difficulty in believing HaShem’s promise that Sarah will give birth to Yitzchak, responds to HaShem’s great promise, *“Would that Yishmael might live before you!”* (Bereshis 17:18) In this case, HaShem will not ignore the plea of his righteous servant, and he says, *“But regarding Yishmael I have heard you; I have blessed him, will make him fruitful, and will increase him most exceedingly; he will beget twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.”* In this case, Avraham’s mercy when he should have been cruel did not do a great favor to his descendants.

Yitzchak and Rivkah have twin sons, Yaakov and Esav. Yaakov is a studious, spiritual type, who observes the entire Torah, while Esav is a hunter, who has one redeeming quality; he is expert and sincere in the Mitzvah of honoring his father. But Rivkah understands that the “one-Mitzvah” observance of the Torah will over time deteriorate into a “no-Mitzvah” type of observance. Esav is Edom, who is Rome, and Christianity persecutes the Jewish People for 2,000 years.

Yaakov flees before Esav to the House of Lavan, where he meets and falls in love with Rachel and asks for her hand in marriage. Lavan deceives him and gives him Leah first, instead. Yaakov’s beloved Rachel gives birth to Yoseph, who dreams of greatness and kingship. His dreams arouse envy and hatred among his older brothers, who conspire against him and sell him into slavery in Egypt. But all is not lost! It is possible to have siblings whose natural rivalry does not poison their relationship. Amram and Yocheved have 2 children, Aharon and Miriam, with lovely characteristics. And when the “Savior of Israel” is born into their family, they feel nothing but love for him and pride in his greatness.

The Rossman family follows the model of the Amram and Yocheved family of the House of Levi. The grandmother, Z”L, taught at SAR for many years with great love of her students, the grandfather provides a model of good “midos.” Michael and Rena present a wonderful example of generosity and self-sacrifice. And the children are, Baruch HaShem, following in their great example.

L’Illuy Nishmas Beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem