

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

November 20, 2009 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ד' כסלו ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

## ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

הדלקת נרות 4:15 PM  
מנחה 4:20 PM  
שקיעה 4:33 PM  
Parsha/Hilchos Shabbos Shiur 8:15 pm

## שבת פרשת תולדות

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:16 AM  
Gemorah Shiur 3:20 PM  
מנחה 4:05 PM  
שקיעה 4:33 PM  
סעודה שלישית  
מעריב 5:15 PM

## שחרית Weekday

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

## מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun. thru Thurs.: 4:20 PM  
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת ויצא

הדלקת נרות 4:11 PM  
מנחה 4:20 PM  
שקיעה 4:29 PM

## Shiurim

מנחה 45 minutes before meets on שבת לז'נ פיגל בת מנחם מנדל **Women's תהלים group**

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 – גמרא מסכת סוכה - ירושלמי – Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית – נבאים – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

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

## Shul Announcements

**סעודה שלישית** this week is sponsored by Shaul and Kreindy Stern for Sheva Brachos of their children, Moshe Aryeh and Esti Weissman.

Be sure to join us at our joyous annual **Carlebach Shabbos**, December 4th and 5th in shul.

Kabbolas Shabbos will be led by Elli Kranzler and then we'll be treated to a beautiful seudas Shabbos filled with warmth, good spirit, delicious food and lively song. At 8:00 p.m., we'll enjoy a dessert tisch with zemiros and divrei hisorerus. On Shabbos morning, Mussaf will be led by **Elli Kranzler** and there will be a kiddush following davening. The Friday night meal is \$40 per person; sponsorships are \$100 and include two meals. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 30th. Call Aviva in our shul office at 352-1343 or email her at [aviva@baistorah.org](mailto:aviva@baistorah.org) to make your reservation.

**Ladies** Zumba exercise class continues. The remaining class schedule: 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 collection date for **Kosher Food Pantry** is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Avos U'Banim:** Meets Motzoei Shabbos at 6:30 pm. in the Bais HaMedrash. Bring your children and grandchildren for a wonderful evening of Torah learning, hot pizza and prizes for all. This week's learning is sponsored by the Katzensteins. If you would like to sponsor an evening of Avos U'Banim learning, please contact Jonathan Rosenstock at [Jonathan.Rosenstock@ge.com](mailto:Jonathan.Rosenstock@ge.com) More information is also available at the shul website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org).

## Mazel Tov

Josh and Shaindy Berger on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Yaakov and Dvory Berger.

Shaul and Kreindy Stern on the marriage of their children, Esti and Moshe Aryeh Weissman.

## Hamokom Yenachem

Yecheil Rosenrauch on the petirah of his father.

## 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  
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

## How to Reach Us

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**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.

## Parshas Toldos– 5770

Regarding Rivkah, Our Most Mysterious Mother

Parshas Toldos is one of the most mysterious parashios in the Torah in its depiction of the character traits of our Founding Fathers and Mothers. There are three very puzzling aspects of the Parshah:

- 1) What was the level of communication between Yitzchak and Rivkah?
- 2) Why did Yitzchak not recognize the evil of Esav?
- 3) Why was Rivkah's charade acceptable in the eyes of G-d?

To gain insight into the above questions, we must look at the text which describes the first encounter between Rivkah, escorted by Eliezer, the servant of Avraham, and Yitzchak: The "Ha'amek Davar" quoting "Bereshis Rabbah," comments on Rivkah's first sighting of Yitzchak, "*Who is this impressive man who is walking in the field towards us?*" (*Bereshis 24:65*), "Yitzchak was the man about whom she gazed in awe and fear; the Scriptural language implies a man of this stature." The verse continues, "*And she covered herself (with a veil)*" (*Ibid; ibid; ibid*), "from an abundance of fear and embarrassment, expressing the thought that she was unworthy of marrying this man, and from then on, **there was planted in her heart fear, and her relationship with Yitzchak was not as was Sarah's with Avraham, or Rachel with Yaakov**, about whom the Torah makes clear that when they had something critical on their minds, they would not be afraid to express anger towards their spouses, which was unlike the situation with Rivkah. And all this is prelude to the incident in which Yitzchak and Rivkah found themselves differing greatly in perspective, and nevertheless, Rivkah was unable to advise Yitzchak of her opinion in a straightforward manner. For she knew the truth regarding their son, Esav, whose essence was only a hunter who was able to provide Yitzchak with food to eat, and also at the time of the Blessings, and all this was caused by the Holy One, Blessed is He, Who desired that the Blessings reach Yaakov in this manner."

The Ramban comments on Yitzchak's words to Esav, overheard by Rivkah, (*Bereshis 27:4*), "...in order that my soul might bless you before I die". "...It appears that Rivkah never told Yitzchak about the prophecy she had received, (*Bereshis 25:23*), "**And the older one will serve the younger**" – for otherwise, how could Yitzchak transgress against the Word of HaShem? For at first she didn't tell him out of good manners and modesty, "...and she went to seek the Word of HaShem," (*Bereshis 25:22*), that she had gone to seek prophecy regarding her condition **without the permission of Yitzchak...**

"The Written Torah and the Tradition" ("HaK'sav VeHaKabbalah") comments in a similar vein on the Scriptural Expression which Rivkah repeats to Yaakov, that Yitzchak had said to Esav, (*Bereshis 27:7*), "*I will bless you before HaShem before I die*" – that she realized with certainty that Yitzchak's Blessing to Esav would contradict the Will of HaShem, Who had told her in Prophecy, "*And the elder shall serve the younger.*" And she also knew concerning her elder son that his actions were perverted, and he was not fit to receive the Blessing...Therefore, she was absolutely correct in her decision to use trickery in order to prevent her righteous husband from implementing by accident the opposite of the Will of HaShem.

The "Shem Mi'Shmuel" comments specifically on the different spiritual levels on which Yitzchak and Rivkah stood: "...Yitzchak was pure of eyes and could not see evil...and in the eyes of Yitzchak, all hiddenness was like a very thin shell, in such manner that a small amount of light would eliminate the darkness. But Rivkah was not on the same exalted level as Yitzchak, and consequently, she realized the extent of the evil of Esav, that he could not possibly derive any true benefit from the Blessings, and on the contrary, he would become more wicked, and the result would be that the whole world would, G-d Forbid, become subject to the Ancient Serpent. And therefore her good advice was that Yaakov should take the Blessings, and they would be fulfilled at the End of Days, when all the nations would return and become servants to Israel..."

L'Illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem