

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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CARLEBACH SHABBOS

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.: 4:15 PM
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וישב- שבת חנוכה1

הדלקת נרות 4:09 PM
Early מנחה: 3:00 PM
מנחה 4:10 PM
שקיעה 4:27 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות 4:10 PM
מנחה 4:15 PM
שקיעה 4:28 PM

שבת פרשת וישלח

8:00 AM דף היומי
8:45 AM שחרית
9:26 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע
3:10 PM Shiur גמרא
3:55 PM מנחה
4:27 PM שקיעה
סעודה שלישית
5:09 PM-Begin מעריב ותן טל ומטר לברכה

Shiurim

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

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel 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 - סוכה - 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

Welcome to Bais Torah's **Carlebach Shabbos**: Kabbolas Shabbos will be led by Elli Kranzler and at 8:00 p.m., join us for a dessert tisch with zemiros and divrei hisorerus. On Shabbos morning, Elli Kranzler will lead Mussaf, and there will be a Kiddush following davening.

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Yussi Deutsch in honor of Shvut Ami; and by Michael Loebenstein, in honor of the Yahrzeit of his mother, Yehudis bas Yosef Michael Hacoheh.

Avos U'Banim: Meets Motzoei Shabbos at **6:15 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 Scheinsons. If you would like to sponsor an evening of Avos U'Banim learning, please contact Jonathan Rosenstock at Jonathan.Rosenstock@ge.com More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

Ladies Zumba exercise class **ONLY ONE CLASS LEFT!!!** 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 7th.

Sisterhood members, save the date for the evening of December 21st for our upcoming **Membership Tea**. We will be having a fabulous craft project and presentation from "The Place To Bead". More details to follow...

If you would like to add a d'var torah, or sponsor the **Bais Torah Youth Newsletter, Toras Habayis**, please send all submissions to: torashabayis.baistorah@gmail.com

Mazel Tov

Teddy and Malkie Katzenstein on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Chana Miriam and Yehuda Gross
Shlomie and Chaya Pollak on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Sara and Teve Kagan Kagan

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 אייזיק שמחה בן פייגא בילא
Ben Zauderer - בנימין 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 - 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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Eiruv 362-4302

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baistorah@gmail.com. This bulletin is downloadable from the web at www.baistorah.org.

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 Vayishlach– 5770 “A Rose by Any Other Name”

The early parashios of Sefer Bereshis deal to a large extent with names, and their significance. Indeed, the identification and classification of all living things is one of the major tasks that the Creator gave Man: *“Now, HaShem, the Almighty, had formed out of the ground every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and He brought them to Adam, to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called each living creature, that remained its name.”* (Bereshis 2:19)

Many of the major Biblical characters are given names that bear particular significance. The name “Avraham” means *“Father of many nations”* (Bereshis 17:5). The name “Yitzchak” is clearly based on the root “Tzechok,” meaning “laughing,” as both of his elderly parents reacted in that manner when HaShem revealed to them His intention to bless them with a son. And Yaakov’s alter-ego, Yisrael, is able to *“struggle with heavenly and with earthly beings, and prevail.”* (Bereshis 32:29) The name of Leah’s fourth son, “Yehudah,” introduces the element of gratitude to HaShem, as Rabbi Gottlieb explained, for receiving more than one’s share, *“This time let me gratefully praise HaShem.”* (Bereshis 29:35)

Not only individuals, but institutions and places as well, receive names. “Yerushalayim” is the “City of Peace,” for that is the purpose of worship of HaShem, and Yerushalayim is the center of that activity. The “Mishkan,” is the Dwelling Place of the “Shechina,” the Divine Presence. With a slight drop in Holiness, “Kahal Adas Yeshurun,” “The Community and the Congregation of the Upright” is the beautiful name of the Breuer Community in Washington Heights. And our synagogue, Congregation “Bais Torah,” “House of Torah,” which dedicates itself, beyond its basic function of Prayer, to the teaching of Torah. Our “shul” features a multiplicity of shiurim, in Tanach, Mishnah, and four “Daf Yomi” Shiurim, including Talmud Yerushalmi. The Adult Education Committee presents a well-rounded program of Torah Education, including trips and prominent speakers. “Avos U’Banim,” “Fathers and Sons,” represents the coming together of generations, for the purpose of the enhancement of Torah. We have a library of Seforim and Tapes that is remarkable in its richness. Once, I was perusing the stacks of the “shul” library, and came across a “Sefer” called “Dorash Moshe,” by Rav Moshe Feinstein, ZT”L, the greatest “posek” of the last generation. I was curious to see what unique light this Torah giant would cast on the Parashas HaShavua, and I was not disappointed. Let the following mini-essay be representative:

“And Ya’akov sent Angels” (Bereshis 32:4) – There are two views in the Midrash (“Bereshis Rabbah” 75:4); one is that Ya’akov actually sent Angels to meet Eisav; the other view is that he sent ordinary messengers. Rav Moshe asks that at first glance, it is difficult to accept that he sent Angels when he could have sent ordinary human beings, for by sending Angels, he must have diminished his stockpile of merit! The basic answer is that for someone who is more complete spiritually, there is no difference between something miraculous and something ordinary. Because there is no such thing as “ordinary!” Even the natural world was created “Yesh Me’Ayin” – Ex Nihilo (Something from Nothing). Therefore, such a person believes that HaShem can do anything, even if he never sees a so-called “miracle.” Thus, the Truth is the opposite – one who is impressed by a “miracle” reveals “katnus emunaso,” a defect in his Faith in HaShem, as Chaza”l say in a number of places (such as Bava Basra 75a) “If you hadn’t seen it, you would not have believed it.”

With the above idea, it is possible to explain the account in Sanhedrin 94a, where we find that Chizkiyahu would have been made the Mashiach, were it not for a criticism leveled against him, that he did not sing songs of gratitude and praise to HaShem for performing miracles for him (curing him from a near-fatal disease and destroying the forces of Sancheriv), until the earth rose up and declared, “I will sing the songs that Chizkiyahu should have sung.” At first glance, it is hard to understand how the songs of the earth helped; after all, Chizkiyahu did not sing when he should have! But the intention of the Talmud is, as has been explained, that Chizkiyahu did not sing because he was indeed not impressed by the “miracles,” because from his perspective, all of nature was miraculous! And if he had sung, that would have indicated a defect in his Faith. Therefore, the earth, representing all of Nature, rose up and sang, to represent the viewpoint of Chizkiyahu, that the Universe sings to HaShem at all times!

Thus, there is indeed no distinction between so-called “miraculous” events and the ordinary “Laws of Nature,” which are themselves equally miraculous. Therefore, for the benefit of one with ordinary spiritual insight, who is impressed by so-called “miraculous” events, HaShem does not perform them frequently, lest they come to be viewed as ordinary. But for those few with great spiritual insight, HaShem will perform “miracles” with greater frequency. As in the case of Chanina ben Dosa (Ta’anis 25a), who ignited vinegar, saying that the One Who commanded oil to ignite, can also cause vinegar to be ignited. So it was with Ya’akov who appreciated all of Nature as miraculous, it was not unusual for him to send Angels as his messengers.

Harking back to the first task of Man, which was to assign names to G-d’s creatures, we will expand that task upward, so that it applies to the Creator Himself. One hundred times a day we call our Creator “Baruch,” Blessed, for He is the Source of all Blessing. Two human beings in my life were showered by HaShem with a multitude of blessings, except the blessing of long life; my father, Baruch Mordechai, Zichrono Livrocho, and my beloved son, Aharon Baruch Mordechai, Zichrono Livrocho.