

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

March 19, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ד' ניסן ערב שבת פרשת ויקרא

Bar Mitzvah of Amitai Cohen

ערב שבת פרשת ויקרא

הדלקת נרות 6:49 PM
מנחה 6:55 PM
שקיעה 7:07 PM

שחרית Weekday

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

שבת פרשת ויקרא

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 10:02 AM
Shiur גמרא 5:55 PM
מנחה 6:40 PM
שקיעה 7:08 PM
מעריב 7:50 PM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday thru Thurs.: 7:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת צו

הדלקת נרות 6:57 PM
מנחה 7:05 PM
שקיעה 7:15 PM

Shiurim

Women's group תהלים מנחה 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 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 - 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

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Deborah Wilen and Itamar Cohen in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son, Amitai
סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by Deborah Wilen and Itamar Cohen in honor of the bar mitzvah of Amitai, and by Max Thurm in honor of the yartzeit of his mother, Sarah bas Mordechai Menachem and by Joyce Kurz in honor of the yartzeit of her husband, Daniel Leib ben Yisrael.

It's almost Pesach, and we may need to start charging rent!!! **MATZAH PICK-UP** is Sunday, 12PM –3PM at the Lieder home 75 College Road, 352-0122. Please come to the front door.

The Shul is selling **WINE FOR PESACH**, if you would like to order please contact Miriam Frankel at (845) 893-4983 or email: frankelm@yahoo.com The complete wine list and order form is on the shul website: www.baistorah.org

Friday night and Shabbos meals are available for Shabbos Hagadol at the Shul. The cost is \$22 per person per meal for members. Associate members: \$25 and non-members: \$30. Reservations with payment must be made by Monday, March 22. Call Aviva in our shul office at 352-1343 or e-mail aviva@baistorah.org to make your reservation. There will be no Kiddush on Shabbos Hagadol, but there will be regular שלישיית

Rabbi Gottlieb will be available for **MECHIRAS CHOMETZ** every day after Shacharis and after Mincha/Maariv through Sunday morning, March 28.

PLEASE CLEAN OUT YOUR CUBBIES AND BOXES FOR PESACH. Please note that all clothing in the coatroom, and assorted odds and ends around the shul will be disposed of before Yom Tov.

THE BAIS TORAH ANNUAL DINNER is April 25 at the Holidome in Suffern. Be sure to put an ad in the journal honoring -Guests of honor –Moe and Bayla Tilson, Keser Shem Tov Award- Ben and Hilde Zauderer and the Aishes Chayil Award – Hinda Kimmel. Dinner Journal Ad Blanks are available on the shul website, www.baistorah.org

Mazal Tov

Deborah Wilen and Itamar Cohen on the bar mitzvah of their son, Amitai
Sam and Rena Wilen on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Amitai Cohen
Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Chaim, son of Steven and Deena Ginsberg
Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the birth of a grandson, Nachshon Uriel, born to Aron and Elisheva Weinraub of Kochav Yaacov
Charlie and Shulamith Grandovsky on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Simcha, son of Yitzzy and Elisheva Braunstein.
Zvi and Minca Szachtel on the marriage of their children, Yaakov and Devora Connor
Shaya and Rechy Hollander on the engagement of their daughter, Gitty to Avromie Schon of Toronto

Refuah Shelaimah

Carl Markowitz's mother- רבקה בת הינה
Katie Tannenbaum's
Grandson משה בן דבורה טובה-
Henry Shapiro- חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה
Manny London- מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא
Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה
Bob Schore - חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית
Suzie Kirshenbaum's father- יוסף בן שרה
Eddie Tager – צחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא
Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

חיה עטיל בת שלימה-
חנה פרומא בת יהודית גיטל- Chana Mayerfeld
מרדכי יהושע בן פרדל- Max Frommer
Joel Rosenwasser's mother -
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא
אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson
הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein
יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה - Irwin Citron
פיגע בת חיה רבקה- Bella Helprin's mother

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Lost and Found Michael Loebenstein, 425-8895

Chevra Kadisha Steve Fessel, 425-1713, Ephraim Pessin, 914-420-6714 or Gloria Gordon, 425-1276

Sisterhood Tribute Cards, Mona Selzer 356-0129

Bais Torah Bulletin Email baistorahbulletin@gmail.com, or call (845) 371-5337. All submissions are subject to review and must be submitted by 9pm Wednesday evening.. 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.

Vayikrah 5770 "Va-Yikra el Moshe...", "The Little Aleph

The first word in Sefer VaYikra is written with a little "Aleph" at the end of the word. The Baal HaTurim, one of the Masters of Halachah, Jewish Law, the major component of the Oral Torah, and also a Master Commentator on the Written Torah, suggests that this was another occasion of a dialogue between HaShem, the Great "Metzaveh," the Law Giver, and Moshe, the humble "Metzaveh," Receiver of the Law. HaShem addresses Moshe in a manner suggesting closeness and love, "Va Yikra" with an "Aleph," but Moshe wants to write the word without an "Aleph" in the same manner as HaShem addresses Bilaam, the evil Prophet of Midian, "Va Yikar," in a manner suggesting coldness and randomness. They compromised on a little "Aleph."

Perhaps it is possible to say that the Book of Shemos, preceding VaYikra, is the Book of the Large "Aleph," of the Great "Anochi," the "I" of the Universe, HaShem. For that Sefer contains the account of the signs and wonders that HaShem performed in "Mitzrayim" in behalf of the Jewish People. And it also contains the account of the "Maamad Har Sinai," the "Stand at Sinai," where HaShem "Revealed Himself," so to speak, as the One Who choreographed the events of the Exodus. "**Anochi** HaShem Elo-hecha asher ho'tzesichah me'Eretz Mitzrayim, mi'Beis Avadim." "**I am the L-rd your G-d Who took you out of the Land of Egypt, from the House of Bondage.**" (Shemos 20:2)

The Book of Shemos continues the role of the Creator of the Universe, and of the "Avos," begun in the Book of Bereshis, into the history of nations. There and here, HaShem shows that there Exists an Omnipotent Divine Supreme Being Who defines morality, and Who is interested and insistent that Man be moral.

The Book of VaYikra is the Book of the Little "Aleph," the Little "Anochi," the humble creature, weak and frail, but possessed of a potentially infinite and eternal soul. This Book defines the relationship of the two "Anochi's," the two important identities in the world. But where that importance lies not, G-d Forbid, in the abuse of power but rather, in the withdrawal from that abuse:

"Rabbi Yochanan said, 'Wherever you find the greatness of the Holy One, Blessed is He, there you find His humility. This phenomenon is written in the Torah, repeated in the Prophets and stated again in the Sacred Writings: It is written in the Torah: 'For HaShem, your G-d, He is the G-d of heavenly forces and the Master of masters, the great, mighty and awesome G-d, Who shows no favoritism and accepts no bribe.' Afterwards it is written: 'He performs justice for orphan and widow, and loves the stranger, to give him food and clothing,'

It is repeated in the Prophets, as it is written: 'For so says the exalted and uplifted One, Who abides forever, and Whose Name is Holy, 'I abide in exaltedness and holiness - but am with the contrite and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.'

And it is stated a third time in the Sacred Writings, as it is written" 'Sing to G-d, make music for His Name, extol Him Who rides in the highest heaven, with His Name, G-d, and exult before Him.' And it is written afterwards, 'Father of orphans and Judge of widows, G-d in the habitation of His holiness.' "

The Little "Anochi," the human being, brings sacrifices to the Great "Anochi." These sacrifices are brought, using other living creatures from the animal "kingdom" and from the vegetable "kingdom" that were, to some extent, created for that purpose, to secure Atonement (the "Chatos" Sacrifice), to express gratitude (the "Todah" Sacrifice), to express the idea that HaShem maintains harmony in the world between opposing physical and spiritual forces (the "Shelamim" Sacrifice) and to express the absolute and continuing dependence of all existence on HaShem (the "Tamid" Sacrifices).

The Little "Anochi" is commanded to emulate the Great "Anochi." "...Be thou holy, for I your G-d Am Holy" (VaYikra 19:2). Given that attempt to emulate HaShem, the following and many other Torah commands become meaningful: "**And you shall not glean your vineyard, neither shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger; I am the L-rd your G-d. You shall not steal; neither shall you deal falsely, nor lie one to another... I am the L-rd. You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him; the wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night till the morning. You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your G-d; I am the L-rd. You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor favor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. Do not be a gossip among your people, nor shall you stand idly by the blood of your neighbor; I am the L-rd. You shall not hate your brother in your heart; You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the L-rd.**" (Vayikra 19:10-18)

L'Iluy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Morderchai ben Pinchas Menachem