

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 14, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) א' סיון ערב שבת פרשת במדבר

## ערב שבת פרשת במדבר

מנחה 7:00 PM\*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM\*\*  
Regular הדלקת נרות 7:49 PM  
שקיעה 8:07 PM

## שבת פרשת במדבר

8:00 AM דף היומי  
8:45 AM שחרית  
9:15 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע  
6:05 PM פרקי אבות  
6:55 PM Contemporary Halachic Issues  
"The Eruv part III, common construction problems."  
7:40 PM מנחה  
8:08 PM שקיעה  
8:50 PM מעריב

## שחרית Weekday

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

## מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday, Monday : 8:00 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת נשא

7:00 PM\* מנחה  
7:20 PM\*\* הדלקת נרות  
7:55 PM Regular הדלקת נרות  
8:13 PM שקיעה

\*early mincha for the summer

\*\* Shul accepts Shabbos

## SEE SHAVOUS SCHEDULE ATTACHED

## Shiurim

Women's תהלים group מנדל מתחם 45 minutes before שבת **פרקי אבות** meets on

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים ב' – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.

I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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

**סעודה שלישית** is co-sponsored by Alan Zamore for the yartzheit of Elisheva bas Avraham and by Larry Seligson for the yartzheit of his wife, Sima bas Avraham Yaakov, and by Moshe Frommer for the yartzheit of his mother, Frimit bas Sholom

**THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE** has lent out a number of DVDs that have not been returned. **SIX DAYS IN JUNE** is just one of the titles that is missing. If anyone has borrowed these DVDs (Holocaust / Israel) please return them as soon as possible. No questions asked!! Contact Sandra Thurm, at 368-3418.

**Many thanks** to all those who helped make **Yom Yerushalayim** such a big success. In particular, Rabbi Gottlieb, Sandra Thurm, Marilyn Sapir, Faigy Deutsch, Dr. Moishe Kranzler and many others who assisted with the event.

The entire Bais Torah congregation would like to thank **Yis Helprin**, whose term as Gabbai will end on Shavous. We welcome **Rabbi Shlomo Horowitz** as the new Gabbai.

**Thank you to Abe and Phyllis Frankel and Manny and Marcia Frankel** for the beautiful flowers for Shavous.

Mark Your Calendar: **Sunday morning, June 13th for a Breakfast Lecture and Book Signing by Rabbi Berel Wein.** The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Simcha Room. Rabbi Wein's new book, "Vision and Valor" will be available at a special discounted price and can also be pre-ordered. For further information and order forms, visit our website, <http://www.baistorah.org>. Thank you to the Herrmann family, who is sponsoring the event in memory of Lou Hermann, z"l.

## Mazal Tov

Stuart and Pamela Erdfarb on the birth of a grandson born to Ari and Ilana Erdfarb

## Refuah Shelaimah

Carl Markowitz's mother- רבקה בת הינה

Katie Tannenbaum's

יהנתן משה בן דבורה טובה- Grandson

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

Chana Mayerfeld- חנה פרומא בת יהודית גיטל

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הלני בת רחל

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 BaMidbar and its Haftorah – 5770 – Moshe and Hoshea

This Shabbos we begin to read the fourth of the Five Volumes of the Torah, “Sefer BaMidbar;” literally, the “Book of the Wilderness,” commonly referred to as the “Book of Numbers,” because it begins with a census taken of the entire People, followed by a census of some of its components. For a number of reasons, it is considered the saddest Book of the Bible, mainly because the Children of Israel had regained a level of closeness with HaShem with the construction of the Mishkan, after having lost it by the construction of the Golden Calf, but now would lose it again by their faithless decision to accept the negative report of the “Meraglim” regarding Eretz Yisrael. This caused an entire generation to wander for forty years in the Wilderness and their being barred from entry into the Holy Land.

HaShem’s initial reaction to their faithlessness was “*I will smite them with the plague and annihilate them...*” and then to Moshe, “*...and I will make you into a greater and more powerful nation than they.*” (BaMidbar 14:12) But Moshe, faithful shepherd that he was, would not hear of it. He recited the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy that HaShem had taught him to use on occasions such as these, and concluded, “*Forgive now the iniquity of this People according to the greatness of Your Kindness and as You have forgiven the People from Egypt until now.*” (BaMidbar 14:19) And the response was “*And HaShem said, ‘I have forgiven, because of your words.’*” (BaMidbar 14:20)

In the Haftorah of Parashas BaMidbar, according to both the Ashkenazic and Sefardic traditions, we meet another prophet, by the name of Hoshea. The Talmud (Pesachim 87a) gives the background of this prophecy. HaShem told Hoshea that Israel had sinned. The response of Hoshea was, “All the World is Yours. If You see fit, exchange them for another nation” – an astounding suggestion coming from the mouth of a spiritual leader of Israel, and well illustrating why Moshe, who would never utter such words, is considered the “Adon HaNevi’im,” the “Master of the Prophets.”

Here it is HaShem Who categorically rejects the idea. Instead, He commands Hoshea to marry a prostitute and to have children with her. Perplexed, Hoshea nevertheless obeys the Command. The prophet is commanded to name the first child, a son, “*Yizre’el,*” because “*...on that day, I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Yizre’el.*” (Hoshea 1:5) And the next, a daughter, by the name of “*Lo-Ruchama,*” “*Without-Mercy,*” because no longer will HaShem have Mercy on Israel and the third, again a son, called “*Lo-Ami,*” “*Not-My-Nation,*” for Israel will no longer be considered HaShem’s Chosen People.

Afterwards, HaShem berates Hoshea for not acting like Moshe who, after learning that HaShem would speak to him at any time, without warning and giving him a chance to purify himself, he had realized that he could no longer live as man and wife with his beloved Tziporrah, and he had to leave his family. Hoshea responded that since he had had children with her, it would be nearly impossible for him to leave his wife. Then HaShem criticizes him for suggesting the possibility that Israel be exchanged for another nation, for the People of Israel was, along with the Torah, the Heaven and Earth that He had fashioned at the time of Creation and the “*Bais HaMikdash,*” the “*Holy Temple,*” one of His precious possessions in the World. Realizing that he had sinned, Hoshea begs for forgiveness for himself. But HaShem says, “*Before you ask for forgiveness for yourself, ask for forgiveness for the People of Israel.*”

Hoshea responds with the blessings we read in today’s Haftorah, “*The number of the Children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which can neither be measured nor counted, and it shall be that instead of it being said about them, ‘You are Not-My-People,’ it shall be said of them, ‘Children of the Living G-d;’ Yehuda and the Children of Israel shall be assembled together and ascend from the land – Great is the Day of Yizre’el! Say to your brothers, ‘My People!’ and to your sisters, ‘Recipients of HaShem’s Mercy.’*” (Hoshea 2:1-3)

“*Therefore, behold! I shall speak gently to her, lead her to the Wilderness, and speak to her heart. I shall give her vineyards from there and the desolate valley will become a ‘Petach Tikvah,’ an ‘Opening for Hope;’ and she will sing out there as in the days of her youth and as on the Day of her Ascent from the land of Egypt.*” (Hoshea 2:16-17)

The Haftorah concludes with the beautiful verses we recite when we wrap the straps of Tefilin around our fingers, “*I shall betroth you to Me with Righteousness, and with Justice, and with Kindness, and with Mercy. I shall betroth you to Me with Faithfulness; and you shall know HaShem.*” (Hoshea 2:21-22)

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

## Shavuos Schedule- 5770

### Tues, May 18, 2010 - Erev Shavuos

הדלקת נרות	7:52 PM
מנחה	8:00 PM
שקיעה	8:10 PM
שעיר	
מעריב	8:40 PM

### All- Night Learning Schedule

12:30 -1:40 AM "Dreams: Prophetic, Portentous or Preposterous"

2:00 -3:10 AM "When The Doctor Says 'Oops:' Medical Malpractice in Jewish Civil and Religious Law"

3:30 -4:40 AM "Palestinian Informants Risking Their Lives: Righteous Collaborators or Reckless Conspirators"

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### Wednesday, May 19, 2010 - First Day of Shavuos

שחרית I	4:45 AM
נץ החמה	5:34 AM
שחרית II	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:13 AM
דף היומי	7:15 PM
מנחה	8:00 PM
שקיעה	8:11 PM
הדלקת נרות	not before 8:54 PM

### Thursday, May 20, 2010 - Second Day of Shavuos

דף היומי	7:45 AM
שחרית	8:30 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:13 AM
מגילת רות	
יזכור	not before 10:15 AM
מנחה	8:00 PM
שקיעה	8:12 PM
שעיר	
מעריב	8:55 PM