

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 28, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) טו' סיון ערב שבת פרשת בהעלותך

## שבת חתן AVI STRUM'S

ערב שבת פרשת בהעלותך  
מנחה 7:00 PM\*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM \*\*  
Regular הדלקת נרות 8:01 PM  
שקיעה 8:19 PM

שחרית Weekday  
Sunday 7:45 AM  
Mon, and Thurs 6:20, 7:45 AM  
Tues., Weds., Fri., 6:30, 7:45 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday  
Sunday-Thursday : 8:10 PM

שבת פרשת בהעלותך  
8:00 AM דף היומי  
8:45 AM שחרית  
9:10 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע  
6:15 PM פרקי אבות  
7:05 PM Contemporary Halachic Issues  
The Municipal Eruv: Rental of Public Areas  
7:50 PM מנחה  
8:20 PM שקיעה  
9:02 PM מעריב

ערב שבת פרשת שלח  
מנחה 7:00 PM\*  
7:20 PM \*\* הדלקת נרות  
8:07 PM Regular הדלקת נרות  
8:25 PM שקיעה

\*early mincha for the summer  
\*\* Shul accepts Shabbos

## Shiurim

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם לז'נ פייגל meets on שבת 45 minutes before פרקי אבות.  
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.  
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 Steven and Shifra Strum in honor of the שבת of their son, Avi  
סועדה שלישה is co-sponsored by Abe and Manny Frankel for the yartzheit of their parents, Rivka Chava bas Harav Boruch  
Pinchas and Sholom ben Harav Avraham Yehoshua Heshel, and by Saul Siegel for the yartzheit of his mother, Leah bas  
Shaul  
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  
The next Kosher Food Pantry deadline for canned fruit is Wednesday June 9.  
The new KOSHER DISCOUNT CARD is available. Cost is \$18.00. The card benefits Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. Call  
Aviva at 352-1343 or Leslie at 352-3257.  
Please reserve 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

Moshe and Eveline Kranzler on the engagement of their granddaughter, Danelle, daughter of Reva and Aaron Tokayer, to Rafi  
Rubin

## Refuah Shelaimah

Carl Markowitz's mother- רבקה בת הינה  
Katie Tannenbaum's  
Grandson- טובה- יהנתן משה בן דבורה  
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 - הילני בת רחל  
Bella Helprin's mother- פיגע בת חיה רבקה  
Ed Furman- יהודה בן שמא

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**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](http://www.baistorah.org).

## In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzoloh 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 Hatzoloh phone.

## Parshas Beha'alozecha – 5770

### “Enlightenment” According to the Torah and According to Zen

This week's parshah, “Beha'alozecha,” begins with a discussion of the “Menorah,” the Lamp, in the “Mishkan.” The “Menorah” symbolized enlightenment; in particular, spiritual enlightenment. The Lamp consisted of seven branches; three on each side and a central branch. The six surrounding lights were inclined towards the central light, symbolizing that HaShem, the Light of the World, did not need the Lamp to illuminate the “Mishkan.” The “Menorah” was hammered out of a single block of gold, to demonstrate that Wisdom comes from One Source; namely, HaShem. We find in *Mishlei (20:27)*, “*The soul of Man is the Lamp of G-d, searching out all of one's innards*” illustrating the necessary connection between Morality and Wisdom. And upon arising each morning, one recites, “*The beginning of Wisdom is Fear of HaShem*” (*Tehilim 111:10*).

Tragically, many hundreds, perhaps thousands of Jews in Eretz Yisrael, particularly, and the West, in general have sought enlightenment, and spirituality, in Zen Buddhism. In this context a book appeared recently, “Letters to a Buddhist Jew,” documenting the correspondence between an American Jew, David Gottlieb, who had been drawn to Buddhism, and had become expert in its beliefs, and Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz, South African born physician, author and lecturer internationally on Jewish philosophy and medical ethics. This essay will barely “scratch the surface” of that correspondence.

**On the subject of G-d**, the following comments were made by each party to the correspondence:

David Gottlieb: “Although Zen Buddhism **does not deny** the existence of a Divine force at work in the Universe, it does not focus on a God who must be obeyed or, more importantly, believed in. Buddhism focuses on what can be experienced, and although many believe they can experience God... can they, really? The whole concept of building a worship system around a Supreme Being who cares at all about what we do and don't do, and all the ‘myths’ attendant on that belief, is like building a castle to live in and expecting it to float in mid-air.”

Rabbi Tatz: “...There cannot conceivably be anything more important than the existence of God. In the light of God's existence literally everything takes on vastly greater proportions; not only do moral obligations, for example, take on meaning in the deepest sense, but the very notion of meaning itself comes to life. In a godless universe, does anything really matter? Surely this is the first point to clarify; nothing could possibly change the shape of all issues more. This is not a matter for simply ‘**not denying**.’ If one comes to the conclusion that the Universe has a conscious Creator and Master, all one's investigations and subsequent conclusions will be radically different in the deepest way. And if one comes to the opposite conclusion, then quite frankly, for me on a personal level the discussion loses much of its flavor...”

In the Introduction to the book, Rabbi Tatz relates the following personal incident of an Israeli friend:

“In February 2001, I was invited to attend teachings of the Dalai Lama on suffering and compassion in Bodh Gaya – the place where Gautama was enlightened under the Bodhi Tree some 2,500 years ago. There, a close friend of mine... arranged for me to have an audience with the Dalai Lama. I entered his room at sunset following nine hours of intensive teaching. He was sitting cross-legged on a pillow and signaled me to sit beside him. He greeted me with his warm, loving smile and asked me if I was Israeli.

‘Yes,’ I immediately answered.

‘Are you Jewish?’ he continued.

‘Indeed,’ I replied.

He was silent for a couple of minutes and then said: ‘You come from the most ancient wisdom...the source...You do not need to travel all the way here to seek the truth...You should return to your country and learn your religion well. Return here if you feel the need, but only after you have done so...’”

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