

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 25, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) יג' תמוז ערב שבת פרשת בלק

## ערב שבת פרשת בלק

מנחה 7:00 PM\*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM\*\*  
Regular הדלקת נרות 8:15 PM  
שקיעה 8:33 PM

## שבת פרשת בלק

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
9:12 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע  
6:30 PM פרקי אבות  
7:20 PM Contemporary Halachic Issues  
"Holy Mackerel! Parasites in Fish"  
8:05 PM מנחה  
8:33 PM שקיעה  
9:15 PM מעריב

\*Early mincha for the summer

\*\* Shul accepts Shabbos

## שחרית Weekday

Sunday 7:45 AM  
Mon, and Thurs 6:20, 7:45 AM  
Tues., 6:10, 7:45  
Weds., Fri., 6:30, 7:45 AM

## מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday-Thursday : 8:20 PM

## יום-תמוז Tuesday

Fast Begins: 4:14 AM  
Mincha: 8:00 PM  
Fast Ends 9:13 PM

## ערב שבת פרשת פנחס

מנחה 7:00 PM\*  
הדלקת נרות 7:20 PM\*\*  
Regular הדלקת נרות 8:15 PM  
שקיעה 8:33 PM

## Shiurim

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם לז'נ פייגל meets on שבת. 30 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 - 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

This week's Kiddush is sponsored in honor of the graduates. The list of sponsors and graduates is attached.

סעודה שלישיית is sponsored by Joyce Kurz in honor of the marriage of her children, Aryeh and Lisa. Also sponsoring is Gerry Kirshenbaum for the yartzheit of his mother, Perel bas Yehuda Leib

Congregation Bais Torah is pleased to announce that Mrs. Shani Taragin, Rosh Beit Medrash Midreshet Lindenbaum, will give a Nine Days Lecture on Sunday morning, **July 11th at 10 a.m.** Her topic is **Figs and Foxes: Misinterpreting and Reinterpreting Nevuah**. The lecture is sponsored by Bracha and Moshe Ollech in memory of Marvin Hochbaum a"h, Natan Ollech a"h, and Ruth Tager a"h. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Tisha B'Av, July 20th, Bais Torah will once again be scheduling a full day of events, beginning with **Rabbi Gottlieb's Kinos with Explanation and History at 8:40 a.m.** Following Chatzos, we will be showing four films: **Killing Kasztner** is a newly released movie about a Hungarian Jew who saved thousands by negotiating with the Nazis. **Desperate Hours** tells the stories of Muslims, Jews and Christians who put their own lives at risk to save others during WWI. The concept of cultural Jihad as a means to infiltrate and undermine our society from within is explored in our third film, **The Third Jihad**. The last presentation of the day will be **The Chofetz Chaim video Emunah: Our One Safe Harbor** featuring Rabbi Jonathan Rietti and Rabbi Zev Leff. A \$15 donation and \$5 for children includes admission to all four films.

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

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** deadline for canned fruit is Monday July 12.

## Mazal Tov

Joyce Kurz on the marriage of her children Aryeh and Lisa Kurz.

Shaya and Rechy Hollander on the marriage of their children Avrumi and Gitty Schon.

Stephanie Preiss (Jennifer Herrmann's mother) on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

## Hamakom Yenachem

Edith Edelstien on the petira of her mother

## Refuah Shelaimah

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

Ben Zauderer- בנימין בן בילה

חיה עטיל בת שלימה

חנה פרומא בת יהודית גיטל-Chana Mayerfeld

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 סימא

## How to Reach Us

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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 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 Balak – 5770

### Ten Things Created at Twilight and the “Zoo Rabbi”

Among the ten items listed in Pirkei Avos (5:8) as having been created on the first Shabbos Eve at twilight was the “Mouth of the Donkey,” presumably referring to Bilaam’s Donkey, as that is the only Speaking Donkey in Tanach. Each of the ten things involved a temporary suspension of natural law, such as the Mohn or the Well of Miriam, or an enhancement of a gift already granted to humanity, such as the ability to write.

In general, however, donkeys do not speak. Bilaam had already indicated his extreme hatred of the Jewish People by rising at dawn and saddling his donkey, to get an early start on his hateful mission. En route, he demonstrated that absolutely nothing would stop him, neither the voice of G-d Himself nor the voice of his donkey, which undoubtedly would have shocked most of us, and gained our attention.

#### Contemporary Controversy Involving Animals

Rabbi Natan Slifkin, born in Manchester, England, studied at Yeshivas Sha’arei Torah (English version thereof). He then moved to Israel, where he furthered his studies at Yeshivas Midrash Shmuel and the Mir Yeshiva. He now teaches a “Zoo Torah” Course at Yeshivas Lev HaTorah in Ramat Bet Shemesh, where he has become known as the “Zoo Rabbi.” Several years ago, Rabbi Slifkin began teaching about the relationship between Judaism and the animal kingdom at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. He then developed the “Zoo Torah” Program, which is presented worldwide. He has a lifelong fascination with wildlife, and he enjoys telling audiences that his parents took him to the London Zoo when he was three, and picked him up when he was twelve. The Slifkins now live in Ramat Bet Shemesh, along with their children, and an assortment of exotic pets, including chinchillas, hedgehogs, parakeets, finches, guanans, geckos, turtles and snakes.

What makes this rabbi so controversial? He has written a dozen books, including “Mysterious Creatures; Intriguing Torah Enigmas of Natural and Unnatural History” (Targum Press, 2003), “The Science of Torah; The Reflection of Torah in the Laws of Science, the Creation of the Universe and the Development of Life” (Targum Press 2001), “The Camel, the Hare, and the Hyrax; a Study of the Animals with One Kosher Sign in Light of Modern Zoology” (Targum Press 2004) and “The Challenge of Creation; Judaism’s Encounter with Science, Cosmology and Evolution” (Zoo Torah 2006), all of which have been banned by rabbinic luminaries of the Charedi world in Israel. Rabbi Slifkin’s works have been praised by other “gedolim,” who reject the ban. These include Rabbi Yisroel Belsky, Rabbi Aryeh Carmell, and Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetsky.

Some rabbinical reviews and reader feedback follow: “Challenge of Creation” – “This work demonstrates that grappling with issues such as evolution, age of the universe, the literalism of sacred texts, miracles, divine providence, and the scientific worldview in general can result in a new appreciation of the breadth and depth of our Torah... Seekers, whether new to Jewish observance, or born into the Orthodox fold, will find in this work a model of honest confrontation with serious challenges... Rabbi Slifkin is to be commended for his contribution to our abiding faith as well as for his courageous intellectual honesty.” (Rabbi Tzvi Hersh Weinreb)

“The Science of Torah” – “Rabbi Natan Slifkin examines currents of modern thought that others suspected to be hostile to traditional Judaism, and proves them to be ‘more friend than foe...’” (Rabbi Yitzchak Adlerstein)

#### Reader Feedback:

“I just wanted to compliment your new book, ‘The Challenge of Creation.’ Your published works have helped me to understand more fully both Judaism and Science...I even went on a dinosaur dig in Malta, Montana.”

David Ilan

“I am a high school science teacher and am a big fan of ‘The Science of Torah.’ It was an essential part of my introduction to a unit on Evolution. My daughter and I so enjoyed ‘Nature’s Song.’ We thank you for your clear presentation of these beautiful works.” (Family C, New York)

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