

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Oct 15, 2010 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ז' מרחשון ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

ערב שבת פרשת לך לך
הדלקת נרות 5:58 PM
מנחה 6:05 PM
שקיעה 6:16 PM

שבת פרשת לך לך
דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:55 AM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur: 5:00PM
מנחה 5:45 PM
שקיעה 6:15 PM
מעריב 6:56 PM

Weekday שחרית

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

Weekday מעריב מנחה

Sunday-Thursday: 5:55 PM

SECOND מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וירא

הדלקת נרות 5:47PM
מנחה 5:55 PM
שקיעה 6:05 PM

Shiurim

Women's תהלים group מנדל בת מנחם לז'נ פייגל meets on שבת afternoon **30 minutes before** the shiur

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

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM Mishnayos class for women-Rabbi Avromi 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 - 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

סיוע is available for sponsorship, contact the shul office 352-1343 or Jack Gross 659-6590

Our mispallilim are encouraged to please return all siddurim, chumashim and seforim to their proper location in the bookcases.

Come learn in the shul this Shabbos afternoon. **New learning program begins THIS SHABBOS**, Parshas Lech Lecha, under the direction of Rabbi Yaakov Hauer. The program meets each week 45 minutes before Mincha in the old Bais Medrash. This week it will meet at 5 p.m. REFRESHMENTS will be served!

Motzoei Shabbos Avos Ubanim program begins November 13-Parshas Vayetzei, details to follow. If you would like to sponsor, please contact Jonathan Rosenstock at jonathan.rosenstock@ge.com, or 369-6349

Is your birthday or anniversary in October or November? **Sponsorships for the Birthday- Anniversary Kiddush**, Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah, October 30, are only \$18 per name or couple. Call Aviva to join in!!! 352-1343

Save the date: On Motzoei Shabbos, **October 30, meet Ahuvah Gray, an African-American former ordained minister**, who will tell us about her amazing journey from Christianity to Judaism. Her new book, titled "Journey to the Land of My Soul" will be available for purchase following the lecture. There is no charge for Bais Torah members; admission for non-members is \$10.

Our **Scholar in Residence** weekend will be held on **December 10th and 11th, Parshas Vayigash**. Our featured speaker, back by popular demand, is Rabbi Edward Davis, the mora d'asrah of the Young Israel of Hollywood-Ft. Lauderdale. It's never too early to contact Dr. Moshe Kranzler and tell him that you'd like to attend and be a sponsor of this annual event.

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** deadline for canned fruit is Monday November 15. Our quota is 120 cans of fruit per month.

Mazal Tov

Bert and Alice Sirote on the bas Mitzvah of their granddaughter Shira Razin, daughter of Mimi and Gidon Razin of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Charlie and Shulamith Grandovsky on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Elisha, son of Benyamin and Racheli Grandovsky of St.Louis

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's

הנתן משה בן דבורה טובה-Grandson
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה-Henry Shapiro
מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא-Manny London
אסתר מלכה בת קילה-Esther Lutwak
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית-Bob Schore
יוסף בן שרה-Suzie Kirshenbaum's father
שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל-Tova Eizik's grandson

בנימין בן בילה-Ben Zauderer
חיה עטיל בת שלימה
חנה פרומא בת יהודית גיטל-Chana Mayerfeld
Joel Rosenwasser's mother -
פשע לאה בת שפרינצא
אריה לייב בן רבקה-Larry Seligson
הילני בת רחל-Leni Loebenstein

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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.

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.

Parashas Lech Lecha– 5771 –

Patriarchs

Recently, I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. Felix Lehmann, a broad-minded, scholarly individual, a lover of Nature and of its Creator. He is the father of David and Naftali Lehmann, has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and is the patriarch of the family. Occasionally we learn Parashas HaShavua with the Sefer “Ma’ayan Bais HaShoevah,” by Rabbi Shimon Schwab. Besides that Sefer, he said an interesting “Gematria” on the words “Lech-Lecha..” the “Gematria” for that word-pair being 100. HaShem wanted Avraham to make a 100% change at this point. He had already attained greatness with his work in “Outreach.” But he was not yet ready to be called an “Av,” a “Forefather” or founding patriarch of a nation. Now HaShem was giving him the chance to take that step up.

“And HaShem said to Avram, ‘But assuredly go from your land, from your birthplace and from the house of your father...’ (Bereshis 12:1)

And in the Midrash (Bereshis Rabbah Parashah 55:7), we find “Rav Levi bar Chaysa said, ‘We find the expression ‘*Lech Lecha*’ twice (here and in connection with the Akeidah), and we wouldn’t have known which test was more beloved to G-d, except that from the expression ‘*to the land of Moriah*’ we infer that the second was more beloved. Rav Chiya Rabba and Rabbi Yanai differ; one says the word ‘*Moriah*’ indicates that from there ‘teaching went forth to the world’ and the other says ‘Fear of G-d went forth to the world,’ and thus we see that it was the Akeidah which was more beloved.”

Rabbi Schwab’s initial reaction to this Midrash was great puzzlement. First of all, how can the command to slaughter one’s child in any way be compared to the command to leave one’s home? And second, what is meant by the two lessons taught by the word “Moriah?”

Rabbi Schwab first states his conviction that Avraham’s influence must have affected his father, causing him to do Teshuvah. And he finds support for that assumption in Terach’s trip in the direction of Canaan recounted at the end of Parashas Noach. Now Avraham had been preaching ethical conduct and had won over many to his side. If he would now not act ethically towards his father, and abandon him in his old age, Terach may himself have recanted his Repentance, and the “Chilul HaShem” might have undone a lifetime of teaching the Morality of HaShem. That was indeed a severe test, comparable to the test Avraham confronted at the Akeidah.

As for the lessons of the word “*Moriah*,” the teaching that went forth was that everyone was obligated to fulfill the Command, “*And you shall love HaShem your G-d...with all your life*”- **even if He takes your life**. And the lesson regarding Fear of HaShem is inferred from Avraham’s description of his sacrifice following the Akeidah, which reflected the fact that only his Fear of HaShem had caused him to act as he had.

“And I will make of you a great nation...and you shall be a Blessing” (Bereshis 12:2)

In Maseches Pesachim 117b we find, “Rabbi Shimon ben Lakish said, ‘*And I will make of you a great nation*’ – this alludes to the expression, ‘G-d of Avraham;’ ‘*And I will bless you*’ – this alludes to the expression ‘G-d of Yitzchak;’ ‘*And I will make your name great*’ alludes to the expression ‘G-d of Yaakov.’ But lest you think that the conclusion of the Blessing also includes all of the Avos, HaShem said to Avraham, ‘*And you shall be a Blessing*’ – meaning that we conclude the Blessing only with Avraham. The above can be explained as follows: There are two aspects to the Worship of HaShem required of the Jew. One involves the tradition of the Avos and of all the generations, without which we would have no idea of how to worship HaShem. The second involves that aspect of Worship in which each individual must do battle with his own “Yetzer HaRa” and thereby act as the initiator of Holiness to the World, even as did our Father Avraham.