

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Feb 18, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) י"ד אדר א' ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

## שבת פרשת כי תשא -הדלקת נרות 5:16

### ערב שבת פרשת כי תשא

הדלקת נרות	5:16 PM
מנחה	5:25 PM
שקיעה	5:34 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	8:30 PM

### שחרית Weekday

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

### Weekday-מנחה-מעריב

Sunday-Thursday: 5:25 PM

### מעריב Second

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

### ערב שבת פרשת ויקהל

הדלקת נרות	5:24 PM
מנחה	5:30 PM
שקיעה	5:42 PM

### שבת פרשת כי תשא

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:28 AM
גמרא שיעור	4:20 PM
מנחה	5:05 PM
שקיעה	5:35 PM
מעריב	6:17 PM

## Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

**סעודת שלישית** is co-sponsored by Alan Zamore for the yartzheit of his father, Yaakov ben Dovid and Moishe and Eileen Frommer commemorating the first yartzheit of her father, Chaim Yonah ben Eliezer HaLevi

**Is your Birthday or Anniversary in February or March? Our next "Kiddush celebration" is next Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel, February 26th.** Only \$18 per name or couple; your participation also helps subsidize our weekly kiddush. Contact Michael Kronenberg, Jack Gross or Aviva at the shul office. **The deadline is this Tuesday, February 22.**

**Matzah Baking with Bais Torah is Sunday March 6 at 2pm** at the Shatzer Matzah Bakery in Brooklyn. To join in the baking, or to order matzos please email Sandy Lieder: [eiyyintova@optonline.net](mailto:eiyyintova@optonline.net). PLEASE NOTE: This year there will be only one pick up date for Matzos, March 13.

**Siyum Mishnayos** will be held in the shul Sunday evening, March 13, details to follow...

**Purim Chagiga, in our Shul Simcha room,** will be Purim Night, Motza'ei Shabbos March 19, following Megillah Reading

**Save The Date Sunday, May 15th at 6PM - Bais Torah Annual Dinner,** always a great event! This year we will be honoring Rabbi Berel Wein, Dr. Yehuda and Judi Eliezer, Marilyn Sapir, Allen Nussbaum and Yis Helprin. Stay tuned for more details....

**Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is March 7.** Our goal is 120 cans for the month.

## Mazal Tov

Diane Schmeltz on the marriage of her children Yosef Dov and Devorah Schmeltz

Avromy and Renee Fein on the birth of a granddaughter, Dina Chaya, born to Leora and David Neuman

## Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל בת מנחם מנג'ל, לז"נ פייגל בת מנחם מנדל, meets on שבת afternoon **45 minutes before** Mincha

Sundays at 8:30 AM סנהדרין – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM Mishnayos class for women-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 – גמרא מסכת סוכה-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

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן 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

Tova Eizik's grandson - שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Felise Katz's father- חיים בן חנה

אהרן בן זיסל רחל- Yehuda and Suzette Munk's son

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law –

חיים יששכר בן חיה משקט

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Chana Mayerfeld- חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

Manny Mayerfeld- מנחם בן קילה

## 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.

## Parashas Ki Sisa–5771 –“Erase Me, If You Please”

After the Children of Israel constructed the עגל הזהב, the Golden Calf, a grievous sin of disloyalty against HaShem, the Master of the Universe made the following proposition to Moshe Rabbeinu: that He would destroy the Jewish People, וְנִחַם, and restart them with Moshe. Moshe's response was, *“If you forgive them, well and good, but if not, מחני נא מספרך אשר כתבת, erase me, if You please from the Book that You have written.”* (Shemos 32:32) This gesture of self-sacrifice was typical of what HaShem expects from leaders of the Jewish People.

Now HaShem did indeed forgive the Jewish People. So we could have expected not to find anywhere in the Torah a place from which Moshe's name was omitted. But there is another principle in Jewish thought regarding a curse uttered by a righteous person, namely, that it comes true, to some extent, even when the curse was uttered on condition. Perhaps this is why Moshe's name does not appear in Parashas Tetzaveh. And also, in the Haggadah used on the night of Pesach to tell the story of the Exodus, what human figure if not Moshe, was the hero of that story? Yet Moshe's name is not to be found in the Haggadah! But what food item serves as a double symbol of slavery and redemption, because it is called לחם עוני, the “Bread of Affliction,” because it was slave's food, but was also the bread eaten by the People of Israel on the night of their Exodus to Freedom? מצה of course! And was Moshe not also a “double symbol,” of slavery and freedom, for he grew up in the palace of the Pharaoh, yet never lost his identification with his brothers, the enslaved Jews. The ש of משה was transformed into the צ of מצה in the Haggadah. And the combination of ש and צ stand for the term שׂוֹרֵץ, representative of the community, for he served as the Messenger of the Community of Israel to HaShem and His Messenger to them.

Self-Sacrifice does not apply only to the Jewish Community; it defines greatness in all faiths. Military Medals of Honor are given in the American armed forces, for example, to soldiers of all faiths who display outstanding courage, especially involving self-sacrifice.

The “Righteous among the Non-Jews” who protected Jews during the years of Nazi terror and in earlier atrocities, did so in general at the risk of their own lives.

But this essay will focus on a very short list among a very long list of Jewish heroes, who risked their lives, or who offered up their lives out of their love for their Maker.

**“Akeidas Yitzchak”** – As the tenth and final test of his Faith in HaShem, Avraham is asked to *“take your son, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him up there on one of the mountains that I will show you.”* (Bereshis 22:2) Now losing a beloved son is an awful experience, especially at one's own hands, and Avraham must have had a breathtaking degree of faith in HaShem to accept such a Command unquestioningly. And he must have communicated that faith to his son, Yitzchak, for he was willing to give up his life for no particular reason, except to comply with the Will of G-d. And comply he did, as it says, *“And the two of them went together.”* (Bereshis 22:8)

**“Rachel Imeinu”** – A question arises why Yaakov was unable to distinguish between Leah and Rachel, especially by their voices. I once suggested that they were identical twins. The Midrash answers the question by saying that Yaakov gave Rachel a secret code to prevent just such a trick as Lavan devised. Rachel knew that her sister would be humiliated if her identity would be found out by the code, and she knew that to humiliate a person is like killing him. So she gave her sister the secret code, and sacrificed her own wedding night.

**Chananiah, Mishael and Azariah** – Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, set up a golden statue and decreed that everyone was to prostrate themselves before it, or be thrown into a fiery furnace. Certain men came forward and said, “There are Jewish men whom you have appointed over the affairs of Babylon – Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego (Chananiah, Mishael and Azariah) who refuse to bow to your god.” Nebuchadnezzar, furious, brought the three accused before him and warned them of the severe penalty they faced.

*“Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego responded and said to the king, ‘Nebuchadnezzar, we are not worried about replying to you about this matter. Behold, our G-d, whom we worship, is able to save us; He will rescue us from the fiery, burning furnace and from your hand, O king. But if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not worship your god, and the golden statue which you have set up. We shall not prostrate ourselves.’”* (Daniel 3:16-18) Following this statement, the three were bound by the king's armed guards and thrown into the furnace.

Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace and exclaimed, *“Behold, I see four unbound men walking in the fire, and there is no wound on them; and the appearance of the fourth one is like an angel's.”* (Daniel 3:25) After inspecting the men and finding them completely unaffected by the fire, *“Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed and said, ‘Blessed is the G-d of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, Who sent His angel and saved His servants who relied on Him and disobeyed the king's order and offered their bodies in order not to worship or prostrate themselves to any god other than their G-d!’”* (Daniel 3:28)

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