

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Mar 18, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org בני אדר ב' ערב שבת פרשת צו

פרשת צו – פרשת זכר – הדלקת נרות 6:48

ערב שבת פרשת צו

הדלקת נרות	6:48 PM
מנחה	6:55 PM
שקיעה	7:06 PM

שחרית Weekday

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

שבת פרשת צו

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	10:03 AM
גמרא שיעור	5:00 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur:	5:45 PM
<i>Megillah and Other Mitzvos Over a Microphone</i>	
מנחה	6:35 PM
שקיעה	7:07 PM
מעריב	7:49 PM
Megillah-	8:15 PM

Weekday-מעריב מנחה

Monday-Thursday: 6:55 PM

ערב שבת פרשת שמיני

הדלקת נרות	6:55 PM
מנחה	7:00 PM
שקיעה	7:13 PM

PURIM SCHEDULE

Shacharis Sunday 7:45 AM

Second Megillah 10:00 AM

Mincha 3:00 PM

Maariv 8:00 PM

Shul Announcements

There will be a second reading of Parshas Zachor after davening Shabbos morning and a third reading five minutes before Mincha.

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the Horowitz and Romer families in honor of the birth of their grandson

סעודת שלישית is available for sponsorship

Join us for a festive, musical Purim Chagiga, in our Shul Simcha room, on Purim Night, THIS Motza'ai Shabbos March 19, starting immediately after Megillah Reading until 11 PM.

Sisterhood of Congregation Bais Torah invites all women to OUR SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP TEA, Shushan Purim night Monday, March 21, 2011 at the home of Max and Sandy Thurm, 8 Misty Lane. Karaoke and Kumzits! Just come and pay the membership dues to join in the fun!

Rabbi Gottlieb's Pre-Pesach Shiurim will be given in four parts:

Wednesday March 23: Cleaning and Kashering Part I

Tuesday March 29: Cleaning and Kashering Part II, Products Part I

Wednesday April 6: Products Part II

Wednesday April 13: Haggadah

In preparation for this year's Annual Dinner, which will be May 15, the Dinner Committee is collecting old pictures of Bais Torah's early years. We would very much appreciate your lending us any early photos that you have, particularly those of Rabbi and Rebbitzin Wein. Please drop them off at our shul office, or if at all possible, scan them and send them to aviva@baistorah.org. Thank you!

Mazal Tov

Steve and Noga Romer on the birth of a grandson born to their children, Akiva and Natalie Horowitz.

Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the birth of grandson, born to their children, Akiva and Natalie Horowitz,

Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the birth of a grandson born to their children, Rina and Yoni Merl.

Kate Tannenbaum on the birth of a great-grandson born to her grandchildren, Dov and Alison Tannenbaum of Israel.

Kate Tannenbaum on the birth of a great-granddaughter born to her grandchildren, Yitzhok and Eliana Rappaport of Israel.

Jackie and Diane Schuster on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Yonina and Shaulie Taub

Marvin and Sally Borgen on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to their grandchildren, Levi and Ruchele Lazarus, children of Yumi and Reva Borgen of Cedarhurst, NY

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל בת מנחם מנדל, meets on שבת afternoon 45 minutes before Halacha 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 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

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

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law –

חיים יששכר בן חיה משקט

בנימין בן בילה- Ben Zauderer

חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל- Chana Mayerfeld

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson

הילני בת רח - 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 Tzav – 5771 – Aspects of Megilas Esther

This essay will deal with various facets of Megilas Esther, which is read on Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Tzav ve-Parashas Zachor, and on Sunday Morning. It is at once a charming story, a source of Jewish Law, a play with aspects of Greek drama, a critique of Shakespeare long before he lived, written with the Holy Spirit by Mordechai and Esther.

On Purim we recite “Al HaNisim,” “For the Miracles,” a prayer of gratitude to HaShem for performing Miracles for us to save us from physical destruction. This prayer expresses the fundamental idea of “V’eNahapoch Hu,” that the evil plan of our enemy was overturned upon his head. The Miracle described in “Al HaNisim” was a “Nes Nistar,” a “Hidden Miracle,” as opposed to a “Nes Nigleh,” a “Revealed Miracle.” An example of the latter is “Krias Yam Suf,” the “Splitting of the Sea of Reeds,” which, though it was caused by the very fortuitous timing of natural phenomena, the result was of such a stupendous nature, that it is looked upon as an intervention by HaShem in history, as the Torah says, “*Moshe stretched out his hand over the sea, and HaShem moved the sea with a strong east wind blowing all the night, and He turned the sea-bed into dry land, and the waters split.*” (Shemos 14:21) Another example is when the Laws of Nature were actually violated, as when the prophet Elisha performed a feat of “Yesh MeAyin,” Creation “Ex Nihilo,” Creation of “Something from Nothing,” when he caused a multitude of jars of oil to be poured forth from a single jar (Melachim II 4:1-7)

The other type of Miracle, the “Nes Nistar,” the “Hidden Miracle,” occurs by the weaving together of highly improbable events, to produce a certain result; in the case of Purim, the “Nes Nistar” produced, or contributed to, the Salvation of the Jewish People. One of the first wildly improbable events was that Esther won the contest to be queen. After all, how many Jewish Miss America’s have there been? I believe there was just one, Bess Myerson by name, in the 89 years of the competition. Yet here was Esther, Miss Persia, and Queen of the Kingdom.

A second occurred on the night which the Megillah describes as “*On that night the sleep of the king was disturbed.*” (Esther 6:1) Instead of taking Advil, Achashverosh commanded that the recent Chronicles of the Kingdom of Persia be read to him. In them was recorded the heroic act of Mordechai, in informing upon two potential assassins, which had saved the king’s life. The king anxiously inquired whether Mordechai had received any reward for his act of bravery, and was told “Not a penny!” Achashverosh then asked, “*Who is in the royal courtyard?*” (Esther 6:4) He was answered that Haman was there. Now Haman was on a murderous mission to get the approval of the King for the hanging of Mordechai on a 50-cubit gallows he had erected in his backyard. When Haman came in, the king asked him what he thought should be done for someone whom the king wished to honor. Egomaniacal Haman, who assumed that the king meant him, described a reward, “*have them bring royal attire that the king has worn and a horse upon which the king has ridden, and upon which the king was crowned...*” (Esther 6:7-9), from which any objective observer would conclude that Haman had designs on the throne. Then the king shocked Haman by commanding him, “*Hurry, take the attire and the horse, as you have said, and do all this for Mordechai the Jew, who sits in the king’s gate. Do not omit a single detail from all that you suggested.*” (Esther 6:10) This was the beginning of the end for Haman.

Rabbi Yossi Fischer mentioned that an extremely clever Jew noticed something amazing in the list of Haman’s ten sons who were hanged: there is a small “T” off in “Parshanda sa” (Esther 9:7), a small “Shin” in “Parma shta” (Esther 9:7) and a small “Zayin” in “Vayezasa” (ibid.); as well as a large “Vav” in “Vayezasa.” Thus we have the date: Five thousand (from the large “Vav,” meaning the sixth thousand of the 6,000 years till Mashiach), together with the “T off-Shin-Zayin,” representing the year 1946, the year that six of the top (sic) Nazi generals were hanged in Nuremberg. Actually, eleven Nazi generals were scheduled to be hanged, but Goerring committed suicide, not wanting to give the Jews the satisfaction of hanging him.

In Shakespeare’s “Merchant of Venice,” Shylock is described as a money-lender, one of the few professions the Christians allowed the Jews to practice. Thus is given a come-uppance by the Megillah when the victims of the first day in Shushan are listed, together with those of the second day, as well as the total number of Persian-Median victims, and the Megillah says each time, “*but they did not lay their hand on the spoils.*” (Esther 9:10,15,16)

The Megillah is an ideal story for Jewish children (and adults). For it has heroes (Mordechai and Esther), a nasty villain (Haman) and a happy ending.

Come to the Bais Torah

Purim Chagiga

Motzoei Shabbos, March 19th

Immediately following Megilla Reading

(approximately 9 p.m. through 11 p.m.)

In the Bais Torah Simcha Room

Live Music

Food

Drinks

Fun for the whole family!

