

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

April 15, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) יא' ניסן ערב שבת פרשת אחרי מות

## 7:18 פרשת אחרי מות-שבת הגדול-הדלקת נרות

ערב שבת פרשת אחרי מות  
הדלקת נרות 7:18 PM  
מנחה 7:00 PM  
שקיעה 7:36 PM

### שבת פרשת אחרי מות

דף היומי 8:00 AM  
שחרית 8:45 AM  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:36 AM  
Shabbos Hagadol Drasha: 5:30PM  
"Moses Had a Little Lamb:  
Reflections on the Korban Pesach"  
מנחה 7:05 PM  
שקיעה 7:37 PM  
מעריב 8:19 PM

### שחרית Weekday

Sunday 7:45 AM

### מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday: 7:25 PM

## PESACH SCHEDULE ATTACHED

### Shul Announcements

**סעודת שלישיית** is co-sponsored by Carl and Sara Markowitz for the yartzeit of her mother Tziporah bas Eliezer and by Moshe Rosenbaum for the yartzeits of his grandmothers-Aidel Chaya bas Yehoshua and Feigel bas Menachem Mendel

**PLEASE CLEAN OUT YOUR CUBBIES and COAT ROOM FOR PESACH! ANYTHING LEFT WILL BE CONSIDERED HEFKER AND DISPOSED OF!**

**Bais Torah welcomes and encourages all those who want to learn to use the shul's batei medrash**

The Sisterhood thanks everyone who helped make the Kosher Food Pantry Pesach collection a success. We supplied 240 cans of fruit, over 100 pounds of matzo and jarred gefilte fish.

**Save the Date**--Monday, May 9, Bais Torah will be Co-sponsoring a community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration at Congregation Ohaiv Yisroel 30 Blueberry Hill Road, Monsey. Program begins at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Rabbi Berel Wein "Israel-The Continuing Miracle"

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR TRIBUTE PAGES!! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ADS!! COME TO THE DINNER ON MAY 15!**

### Mazal Tov

Abe and Phyllis Frankel on the birth of a grandson born to Daniel and Anita Frankel

### Hamakom Yenachem

The Gross family on the petirah of Toby Gross

### Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל, לז"נ פייגל 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-will resume in the summer

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 - חנה רייזל - שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה

Felise Katz's father- חיים בן חנה

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

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

Larry Seligson's son- רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

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## 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 Acharei Mos 5771– “Shabbos Hagadol”

Much of the material in the following essay was culled from the work “Aspaklaria,” an encyclopedic collection of JewishThought, by Rabbi Shmuel Avraham Adler.

When I was in my teens, I used to walk over to the Bronx with a bunch of friends on “Shabbos HaGadol” and “Shabbos Shuvah” to hear Rabbi Gorelick, ZT”L, deliver his drasha on the appropriate Shabbos. He was a dynamic rebbe at YU who had gone through the war with the Mirrer Yeshiva. He didn’t really like YU, a fact which he made known to his shiur and to his baalei-batim. He had a razor-sharp wit and a great sense of humor, not to mention being a major Talmid Chochochom. His drashos made the Yamim Noraim and the exalted Holiday of Pesach come alive for me with anticipation.

A number of ideas have been put forward explaining why the Shabbos before Pesach is called “Shabbos HaGadol.”

The Maharal says that the reason is based on the Haftarah recited on Shabbos, beginning “*Then the offering of Yehudah and Yerushalayim will be pleasing to HaShem, as in days of old and former years.*” (Malachi 3:4) One of the concluding verses is, “*Behold! I send you Eliyahu HaNavi, before the **great and awesome** day of HaShem.*” (Malachi 3:23) Now the Exodus from Egypt is called “Great” because of the greatness of HaShem’s deeds which He performed then. But in the future, in the World to Come, the People of Israel will be raised to a level even higher and the Holy One will perform even greater and more awesome deeds...Therefore, the Shabbos before Pesach is called the “Great Shabbos,” for every Shabbos is considered to be a “taste” of the World to Come. And that Shabbos hints at the “Great Shabbos” which will be that “**great and awesome** day of HaShem,” for the level of holiness of that “Great Shabbos,” which is the World to Come, will surpass even that of the Exodus from Egypt.

The “Sefas Emes” quotes his father to the effect that “Shabbos HaGadol” is like “Shabbos Shuvah,” in that there are two types of “Teshuvah,” Repentance; namely, “Teshuvah Mi-Yirah,” Fear of the Awesomeness of HaShem, which here is identified with the High Holidays, whereas the Repentance associated with “Shabbos HaGadol” is “Teshuvah Me-Ahavah,” Repentance motivated by Love, because one comes to appreciate the Great Kindness which HaShem did for His People, by taking them out of Mitzrayim, and choosing us as his Treasured Nation. Thus, “Shabbos HaGadol, “The Great Shabbos” is when we return to HaShem because it is then that we perceive His Infinite Kindness and Greatness. (Section 634)

The “Sefas Emes” adds another notion to the idea mentioned above: Shabbos was always viewed as the climax of the Six Days of Creation. At the time of the Exodus, a new association was added – “*You should remember that you were a slave in Egypt and HaShem redeemed you from there*” – thus **Shabbos itself** became, in a sense, greater. (Section 637) There is also a related notion of immaturity and maturity. The immature state refers to the potential of the individual, be it inanimate, vegetative, living or speaking, each according to its unique nature. In the realm of the human, the child also possesses a potential nature of a speaking being, but he or she has not yet acquired the intellectual sophistication to extend his intelligence into his deeds. The actualization of that inner potential into personality trait and deed represents maturity; similarly, the world as a whole, has potential which needs to be actualized, and that is the aspect of “Shabbos Bereshis” and “Teva,” the Laws of Nature. But when the Children of Israel acquired greater sophistication after the Exodus, as it says, “*And you shall know that I am HaShem,*” they felt in their won consciousness the deeper aspect of Shabbos. And that represented their emergence into maturity and the celebration of the “Great Shabbos” of Social Justice.

“Pri Tzaddik” explains the statement of the Gemara in Shabbos 118, “If only the People of Israel would observe two Shabbosos properly, they would immediately be redeemed” – The “Two Shabbosos” refers to the Shabbos which is initiated from Above and the Shabbos which is initiated from Below...And therefore, these two Shabbosos which occur, respectively, in Nisan and Tishrei, which are designated as “Months of Redemption” – divide into “Shabbos HaGadol” and “Shabbos Shuvah.” The Shabbos of Nisan is referred to as “Shabbos HaGadol,” the Shabbos of the Great One. This is in accord with the opinion of Rabbi Yehoshua (Sanhedrin 97), that the Final Redemption will come about not by means of the repentance and good deeds of the People of Israel, but rather, by the intervention by HaShem in history, motivated by His Kindness towards and Love of the Jewish People. And in Tishrei, according to the opinion of Rabbi Eliezer, that in that month the Jewish People will be redeemed, because of their repentance and good deeds, by the Judgment of HaShem. Therefore, the Special Shabbos of that time of year, the time of Judgment and Atonement, is “Shabbos Shuvah,” the Shabbos of Repentance, because the primary motivation will come from “Below,” from the human being.

In summary, the term “HaGadol” in “Shabbos HaGadol” seems to be due to the **active involvement of the human being** for the first time, in one of the fundamental Commands of the Jewish Religion, the Shabbos. Previously, the Day of Rest was simply a gift from G-d to Man, and remained within the bounds of nature, now Man was taking action for the first time, and rising above nature, by expressing love and “mesiras nefesh” in behalf of his Creator, by selecting the god of the Egyptians for sacrifice to HaShem, the Invisible and Incorporeal G-d of Heaven and Earth.

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

# Bais Torah Bulletin

## Schedule for Pesach – 2011 (5771)

### **Monday 4/18 Erev Pesach**

Shacharis I and Siyum	6:20 AM
Shacharis II and Siyum	7:45 AM
Latest Time Eating Chometz	10:17 AM
Latest Time Burning Chometz	11:37 AM
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	<b>7:21 PM</b>
Mincha	7:30 PM
Sh'kiah	7:39 PM

### **First Day of Yom Tov Tuesday 4/19**

Shacharis	8:45 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shema	9:33 AM
<i>Tefilas Tal</i>	
Daf Yomi	6:45 PM
Mincha	7:30 PM
Sh'kiah	7:40 PM

**Candle Lighting Not Before 8:23 PM**

### **Second Day of Yom Tov Wednesday 4/20**

*(1st Day of Omer)*

Shacharis	8:45 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shema	9:32 AM
Daf Yomi	6:45 PM
Mincha	7:30 PM
Sh'kiah	7:41 PM
Maariv	8:24 PM
Begin Saying <i>V'Sain Beracha</i>	

### **Thursday 4/21 First Day of Chol Hamoed**

*(2nd Day of Omer)*

Shacharis I	6:00 AM
Shacharis II	7:45 AM
Mincha & Maariv	7:30 PM

### **Friday 4/22 Second Day of Chol Hamoed**

*(3rd Day of Omer)*

Shacharis I	6:00 AM
Shacharis II	7:45 AM
Mincha and Kabbolas Shabbos	7:00 PM
Sh'kiah	7:43 PM

**Candle lighting 7:25 PM**

### **Shabbos 4/23 Third Day of Chol Hamoed**

*(4th Day of Omer)*

Daf Yomi	7:45 AM
Shacharis with Shir Hashirim	8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shema	9:30 AM
Shir HaShirim Shiur	6:30 PM
Mincha	7:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos	
Sh'kiah	7:44 PM
Maariv	8:27 PM

### **Sunday 4/24 Fourth Day of Chol HaMoed and Erev Yom Tov**

*(5th Day of Omer)*

Shacharis	7:45 AM
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	<b>7:27 PM</b>
Mincha	7:35 PM
Sh'kiah	7:45 PM

### **Seventh Day of Yom Tov Monday 4/25**

*(6th Day of Omer)*

Daf Yomi	7:45 AM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Sof Z'Man Krias Shema	9:28 AM
Mincha	7:35 PM
Sh'kiah	7:46 PM

**Candle Lighting Not Before 8:29 PM**

### **Acharon Shel Pesach Tuesday 4/26**

*(7th Day of Omer)*

Daf Yomi	7:45 AM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Sof Z'Man Krias Shema	9:28 AM
Yizkor Not Before	10:15 AM
Mincha	7:35 PM
Sh'kiah	7:47 PM
Neilas HaChag	
Maariv	8:30 PM

**Do not use Chametz sold by Rabbi Gottlieb before 9:30 PM**