

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 6, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ב' אייר ערב שבת פרשת אמור

פרשת אמור – פרקי אבות פרק ב'

ערב שבת פרשת אמור

מנחה (summer schedule)	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:40 PM
שקיעה	7:58 PM

שחרית Weekday

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

שבת פרשת אמור

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:20 AM
פרקי אבות Shiur	5:55 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	6:45 PM
מנחה	7:30 PM
שקיעה	7:59 PM
מעריב	8:41 PM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Monday-Thursday: 7:50 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בהר

מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:47 PM
שקיעה	8:05 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg in honor of the engagement of their son Mordechai to Elisheva Lax, and by all the sponsors of the Birthday and Anniversary kiddush, see attached flyer for celebrants.

סעודת שלישיית is co-sponsored by Allen Nussbaum for the yartzheit of his mother, Kayla bas Avraham and by Yussie Deutsch for the yartzheit of his father Meir ben Yehuda Leib

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," all are invited to attend.

The Dinner is around the corner, Sunday, May 15 at the new Crowne Plaza Hotel! Make your reservations TODAY! Join us as we honor Rabbi Berel Wein with a Lifetime Achievement Award, Allen Nussbaum with the Presidential Award, Marilyn Sapir with the Aishes Chayil Award and Yis Helprin with the Gabbai of the Year award.

The Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is May 12. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

Mazal Tov

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the engagement of their son, Mordechai to Elisheva Lax of Passaic
Edwin and Ruth Levi on the birth of a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren Aliza and Heshel Teitelbaum, children of Adele and Naftoly Katzenstein

Rabbi and Mrs. Berel Wein on the birth of a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren Heshel and Aliza Teitelbaum, children of Rabbi Moshe and Sori Teitelbaum of Cedarhurst

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson born to their children, Chana and Betzalel Sochaczewski

Rabbi and Mrs. Yaacov Haber on the engagement of their son Shui to Chedva Kamensky

Joel and Shelly Sanders on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Rafi, son of Tina and Jonathan Appel of West Hempstead.

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנחם מנדל לוי"נ פייגל בת מנחם, meets on שבת afternoon **30 minutes before Pirkei Avos 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 - שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Felise Katz's father- חיים בן חנה

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

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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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.

Parasha Emor-5771— Sefiras HaOmer and Ahuvah

Parashas Emor is the first Biblical source of “Sefiras HaOmer,” as it says, *“You shall count for yourselves – from the day after the rest day, from the day when you bring the Omer of the waving – seven weeks; they shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh week you shall count fifty days; and you shall offer a new meal offering to HaShem.”* (Vayikra 23:15-16) The second source is the following: *“Then count for yourself seven weeks; from the time that you first put the sickle to the standing grain, you shall count seven weeks.”* (Devarim 16:9)

Now counting is a non-trivial activity of the human mind. When one’s child learns to count, his or her parents are elated. And numbers of people are important in Jewish Law. One example is the number three, which constitutes a “zimun,” the first “public” meal, which has certain rules for the “Birchas HaMazon.” Another is the number ten, which constitutes a “minyan,” a religious quorum, the minimum number required to perform certain “acts of holiness,” such as reading the Torah. However, there is a danger in counting people directly. And the People of Israel were punished by a plague when a direct census was performed by King David. Therefore, a symbolic method of counting was used, such as counting half-shekels per capita. The fear may be of freezing individuals in place, assigning a number or value to them and disallowing growth.

However, no such problem exists when it comes to counting units of time. There is nothing a human being can do to freeze it in place; one cannot stop time, except as occurred miraculously when HaShem gave Yehoshua the power to say, during the battle with the Emori when the forces of Israel needed more time to complete the military operation, *“Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Ayalon.”* (Yehoshua 10:12)

Our shul once had a guest speaker who was an African-American woman, who had converted to Judaism, and now makes her home in Bayit Vegan. Now there is nothing I can imagine that is more of a “change in place” in the spiritual world than a religious conversion. It was a quantum leap for Delores Gray to go from that identity to Ahuvah Gray, although she did have the advantage of growing up in a religious family which believed in G-d and put a high priority on prayer. In her book, “Journey to the Land of My Soul,” she writes that in a talk she gave to a group of her friends, she said the following: “To conclude, I shared with Sarah and the others one of my cherished Torah stories. ‘I have always loved the story of Rus. During the time of my conversion, I thought about it frequently. That brief exchange between Naomi and two daughters-in-law was extremely poignant. Both women expressed their feelings as they stood weeping by the roadside with Naomi. Orpah loved Naomi greatly and she genuinely did not want to part from her. Nevertheless, she turned back. Rus, on the other hand, clung to her.’”

“Orpah became the great-grandmother of Goliath, who blasphemed HaShem. Rus, on the other hand, became the great-grandmother of King David, the antithesis of Goliath. What did Rus have that Orpah didn’t? It was the strength of character to be faithful to one’s convictions. Orpah didn’t have the strength to substantiate her emotions. She lacked the stamina to put the totality of her being behind her beliefs.”

“You know what makes a Jew a good Jew? It’s more than a feeling. Feelings may change. Feelings don’t give the ability to carry out a rational decision. My ability to persevere comes through prayer. It’s like this: HaShem gave me a Jewish *neshamah*; that makes me a *Yid*. However, if I want to be a Jew, I have to daven, study the Torah, and do mitzvos. In the final analysis, it really doesn’t matter what my mother, father, sister or brothers think. In the end this thing is just between G-d and me.”

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

Happy Birthday!

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb	May 27th
Ariella Fessel Faigen	May 28th
Dani Faigen (Fessel grandson)	May 2nd
Hadassah Lehmann Feinberg	May 22nd
Abigail Frankel (5) (granddaughter)	May 15th
Anita Frankel	May 21st
Ayden Frankel (new grandson)	April 7th
Pinchas Frankel	May 7th
Dina Gordon Gelbein	April 12th
Dovid Ephraim Gelbein	May 15th
Judith Fessel Goltzman (80)	May 3rd
Kay Greenblatt	May 11th
Frieda Holcer (92) (Jackie Fessel's mother)	May 9th
Gerry Kirshenbaum (65)	May 22nd
Shirley Landau	April 17th
Shaul Lifschitz (12) (Kronenberg-Lifschitz grandson)	May 16th
Dovid Lisker (Kronenberg son-in-law)	May 12th
Menachem Mendel Lisker (Kronenberg grandson)	April 11th
Seymour Lutwak	May 11th
Aviva Kronenberg Markowitz	April 14th
Ilana Markowitz (12) (Kronenberg-Markowitz granddaughter)	May 21st
Emily Lifschitz	April 10th
Nisan Lifschitz	April 10th
Sharona Thurm Ohayon	May 11th
Josh Rossman	May 2nd
Rena Rossman	May 17th
Ari Saffra	May 19th
Rachel Selzer Schwartz	May 4th
David and Michael Selzer	May 15th
Ethan Thurm	April 6th
Max Thurm	April 6th
Yael Thurm Saffra	April 4th

Happy Anniversary!

Ahuva & Michael Fichtenberg	April 2nd
Gerry & Suzie Kirshenbaum	May 7th
Pearl (Kronenberg) & Ed Shafier	May 30th

~ Special Sponsorship ~

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg

in honor of the engagement of their son



Mordechai to

Elisheva Lax



Mazel Tov to all and thank you for sponsoring!