

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

May 13, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org ט' אייר ערב שבת פרשת בהר

פרשת בהר – פרקי אבות פרק ג'

Welcome Rabbi Wein

ערב שבת פרשת בהר

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

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:16 AM
Shiur פרקי אבות	5:45 PM
Patterns in Jewish History – Rabbi Wein	6:30 PM
מנחה	7:30 PM
שקיעה	8:06 PM
מעריב	8:48 PM

Weekday-מנחה מעריב

Sunday-Thursdays: 7:55 PM

ערב שבת פרשת בחוקתי

מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:54 PM
שקיעה	8:12 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Yis Helprin commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Devorah bas Shlomo Hachohen

The entire Shul would like to welcome Rabbi Wein, who will be joining us for Shabbos. Rabbi Wein will be giving the drasha Shabbos morning, and after Rabbi Gottlieb's Pirkei Avos Shiur will present "Patterns in Jewish History," at 6:30 PM, and then will deliver the d'var Torah at Shalosh Seudos.

The Dinner is THIS Sunday, May 15, 6PM at the new Crowne Plaza Hotel! If you haven't already, 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. **It's not too late!** Call Felise Katz 357-0129 or Steve Fessel 425-1713 or Laurence Gordon 425-1276 with last minute reservations.

Shabbos Parshas Naso, June 4, **Steven Savitsky, former Chairman and President of the OU** will be joining us for Shabbos...details to follow

SAVE THE DATE: Bais Torah Simcha Tea, Shabbos Parshas Korach, June 25...stay tuned for more info.....

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

Mazal Tov

Sam and Rena Wilen on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Jenina and Ari Madoff (Mahdoff) of Chicago.

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנחה מנדל בת מנחם פייגל 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 8:30 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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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 Behar-5771— The “Yovel,” The Jubilee Year

We find in Parashas Behar, “You shall count for yourself seven cycles of sabbatical years, seven years seven times; the years of the seven cycles of sabbatical years shall be for you forty-nine years. You shall sound a broken blast on the Shofar, in the seventh month, on the tenth of the month; on the Day of Atonement you shall sound the Shofar throughout your land. You shall sanctify the fiftieth year and proclaim freedom throughout the land for all its inhabitants; it shall be the ‘Yovel’ (the Jubilee) Year for you – this fiftieth year you shall not sow, you shall not harvest its aftergrowth and you shall not pick what was set aside of it for yourself. For it is a ‘Yovel’ Year, it shall be holy to you; from the field you may eat its crop. In this ‘Yovel’ Year you shall return each man to his ancestral heritage.” (Vayikra 25:8-13)

The significance of the ‘Yovel’ Year is a matter of discussion and dispute among our sages:

The Ramban says, “In my opinion, Scripture calls the year a ‘Yovel’ not on account of the blowing of the Shofar, but rather, because of the freedom associated with the year, as it says, ‘You shall proclaim freedom throughout the land for all its inhabitants.’”

In Maseches Nedarim 61a, we find a dispute between Rabbi Yehuda and Rabbi Yosef as to which feature of the ‘Yovel’ Year is indispensable. The Biblical expression is, “For it is a ‘Yovel’ Year” – What is it? “It is a ‘Yovel’ Year” even though Shemittah was not observed that year, and even though the Shofar was not sounded; but lest I think that it can be a ‘Yovel’ without the release of servants and the proclaiming of freedom throughout the land for all its inhabitants, ‘For it is a ‘Yovel’ Year’ refers to that characteristic of the year as indispensable – in the opinion of Rabbi Yehuda. But Rabbi Yosef sees the indispensable feature of the Year for it to be considered a ‘Yovel’ Year as the sounding of the Shofar.

We find in the “Safra” on Behar a description of the sequence of events that occurred on the ‘Yovel’ Year: “Rabbi Yochanan ben Beroka said that the release of servants and the return of individuals to their ancestral heritage was not immediate – There was an interval when the joy of the event was allowed to express itself, “They would eat and drink and rejoice, with crowns on their heads until Yom HaKippurim arrived. Then the Shofar was sounded, and ancestral heritages were returned to their original owners and the servants returned to their families.”

The “Shem MiShmuel” contrasts the Shemittah Year (every seventh year, when no agricultural activity is permitted for the owners of fields) and the ‘Yovel’ Year, when a similar set of instructions apply. He says that the direction of the love during the Shemittah Year is primarily from Below to Above (Man to G-d), when the human being yearns to attach himself Above, whereas during the ‘Yovel’ Year, it is primarily from Above to Below (G-d to Man), when Enlightenment and Heavenly Concepts are opened up for Man. During both years, servants are released, but in connection with the release during the Shemittah Year, the term “The master sends out the servant” is used, but in connection with the ‘Yovel’ Year, the term “The servant leaves” is used. During Shemittah, it is necessary for the master to take action to release the servant, but during ‘Yovel,’ when Lights and Concepts have been revealed to the servant from the “World of Freedom,” the servant becomes a free person on his own.

The “Michtav Me-Eliyahu” says that both Shabbos and the Shemittah Year have the nature of “Tranquility,” Attachment to HaShem without interruption, and the union of the human being with his inner life, and this is called “Like the World-to-Come.” For the nature of the “World-to-Come” is complete attachment to the Spiritual, but when this aspect is translated to “This-World,” it is impossible that some contamination not enter, and thus the 49th Day (the 7th Shemittah) is called seven-times purified. But the concept of purification implies the existence of some dross which needs to be removed. On the 50th Day (Shavuos) and the 50th Year (the ‘Yovel’ Year), there is no longer any need for purification; it is the level of “Truth for the sake of Truth;” the 50th Level is when there is no concept of subservience to be overcome.

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