

# CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

June 10, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org) ח' סיון ערב שבת פרשת בהעלותך

## פרשת בהעלותך – פרקי אבות פרק א'

### BAR MITZVAH OF YAAKOV YOSEF SHTAYGRUD

#### ערב שבת פרשת בהעלותך

מנחה (summer schedule)	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	8:10 PM
שקיעה	8:28 PM

#### שחרית Weekday

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

#### שבת פרשת בהעלותך

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:09 AM
פרקי אבות Shiur	6:25 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	7:15 PM
מנחה	8:00 PM
שקיעה	8:29 PM
מעריב	9:19 PM

#### Weekday מנחה-מעריב

Sun-Thurs: 8:20 PM

#### ערב שבת פרשת שלח

מנחה	7:00 PM
הדלקת נרות (Shul accepts Shabbos)	7:20 PM
הדלקת נרות (actual)	8:13 PM
שקיעה	8:31 PM

### SHAVUOS SCHEDULE ON REVERSE

#### Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Avraham and Sara Shtaygrud in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yaakov Yosef **סעודת שלישיית** is sponsored by Jack Gross commemorating the Yartzheit of his father Baruch Bendit ben Harav Meir Please join us on **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM** at Boscobel Mansion at Garrison, New York for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's performance of Hamlet, grounds open 4:00 p.m. for pre-theatre picknicking. Tickets are only \$30 each prepaid (only a few are left) contact Marilyn Sapir 369-3631 or [mshs1@aol.com](mailto:mshs1@aol.com).

**The next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush is Rosh Chodesh Tamuz, Shabbos Parshas Chukas, July 2, if your birthday or anniversary is in June or July celebrate! And help support the Kiddush. It's just \$18 per name, deadline June 28, call Aviva in the shul office 352-1343**

Welcome to our new Gabbai, Yossie Stern, and thank you to our outgoing Gabbai Steve Fessel

**General Membership** meeting and elections will take place Sunday morning July 3rd at 10am. This year's Nominating Committee Chairperson is Abe Frankel.

**The New KOSHER DISCOUNT CARD is now available.** Cost is \$20.00. The card benefits Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. Call Aviva at 352-1343 or Leslie at 352-3257

**The Kosher Food Pantry** canned fruit collection date is July 11. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

#### Mazal Tov

Avraham and Sara Shtaygrud on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yaakov Yosef

#### Shiurim

Women's תהילים Shabbos afternoon **30 minutes before the 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 Mishnayot 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 **שיעור גמרא** – 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 - אסתר

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

Moshe Gartenberg - משה חיים בן רבקה זיסל

Leni Loebenstein - הלני 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-איטל

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son- רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Shifra Strum - שפרה בת צ'רנה-צ'רנה

## Shavuos

### First Night of Yom Tov Tuesday, June 7:

**Candle lighting** 8:08 PM  
Mincha: 8:15 PM  
Ma'ariv: 8:55 PM  
Rabbi Gottlieb's Shiurim begin 12:30 AM\*\*

### First Day of Yom Tov Wednesday, June 8:

Shacharis I 4:40 AM  
Netz Hachama: 5:24 AM  
Shacharis II 8:45 AM  
Sof Z'man K"S 9:09 AM  
Daf Hayomi 7:30 PM  
Mincha: 8:15 PM  
**Candle lighting: Not before 9:10 PM**

### Second Day of Yom Tov Thursday, June 9:

Daf Hayomi 7:45 AM  
Shacharis 8:30 AM  
Sof Z'man K"S 9:09 AM  
Megillas Rus  
Yizkor: not before 10:15 AM  
Mincha: 8:15 PM  
Maariv: 9:10 PM

### \*\*Shavuos night Learning:

12:30 AM  
Stolen Treasures Part I:  
An Overview of the Halachic Reaction to Looted Jewish  
Property Through the Centuries  
2:00 AM  
Stolen treasures Part II: Case Studies In Holocaust Era Assets  
3:30 AM  
Bodies: the Exhibit, Bodies: the Halacha  
What is The Torah Perspective on the Popular Exhibit?  
[Shacharis 4:40 AM](#)

## **Parashas Beha'alo-secha - Shavuos - 5771 - Unity in Various Forms**

(Some of the content of this essay comes from *Aspaklaria*, a compendium of Torah thought, by Rabbi Shmuel Avraham Adler)

Last week, at the community celebration of Yom Yerushalayim, Rabbi Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, emeritus Executive Director of the Orthodox Union, skillfully weaved together from various elements of our tradition an inspiring presentation on the topic of "Yerushalayim Ir HaKodesh," and came to the conclusion that we had to stand up and be counted in our support of Israel, in these dangerous times. And last Shabbos, Parashas Naso, the former President of the OU, and its current Chairman, Mr. Steven Savitsky, was Scholar in Residence at Congregation Bais Torah. One of the topics that he spoke on was "Jewish Unity – Is it worth fighting for?" The name of his organization, the Orthodox **Union**, would seem to indicate his conclusion. In this essay, I wish to extend that discussion.

This week's parashah, "Beha'alo-secha," begins with a discussion of the "Menorah," the Lamp, in the "Mishkan." The "Menorah" symbolized enlightenment; in particular, spiritual enlightenment. Although its structure was somewhat complex, consisting of seven branches; three on each side and a central branch, the "Menorah" was hammered out of a single block of gold, to demonstrate that Wisdom comes from One Source; namely, HaShem.

Shavuos is called "Zman Mattan Torasainu," the Time of the Giving of our Torah. In the Minchah Shemoneh Esray of Shabbos, we say some words about the Giver of the Torah: "You are One and Your Name is One, and who is like Your People, Israel, one Nation in all the Land!" The second of the Rambam's Thirteen Principles of Faith formulates the Principle of the Unity of HaShem: "I believe with complete faith that the Creator, May His Name be Blessed, is One, and that there is no other Unity like His, in any way, and that He alone is our G-d, Who Was, Is, and Will Be." And of course, there is the basic statement of our Faith in the One-ness of HaShem, which appears in *Devarim 6:4*, "*Understand, O Israel, HaShem, Who is our G-d, HaShem is One.*"

The Maharal says the following regarding this matter: "In the fullness of time, the world will be entirely unified, for the main characteristic of completeness is its Unity, for with regard to something that is complete, it is called 'One,' as it says, 'And the Mishkan was 'One;' that is to say, complete.' And, conversely, that which is One, is also complete, for something that has no unity, but is divided into parts, it cannot be said about it that it is complete..." (Netzach Yisrael, Chapter 42) After the victory of Avraham in the aftermath of the war between the Four Kings and the Five, we find in *Bereshis (14:18-20)*, "*Malki-Tzedek, King of Shalem, brought out bread and wine, for he was a priest of the Most High G-d. He blessed him, saying, 'Blessed is Avram of G-d, the Most High, Who has delivered your foes into your hands...'*" The meaning of "Shalem" is complete, and this is a reference to Yerushalayim, the Holy City.

We find in "Kli Yakar" on *Shemos (19:2)*, "*And Israel encamped there*" – "They were not worthy of receiving the Torah until they became unified, for from separation, the result would have been that this one forbids while the other one permits, and the Torah would have been as two Toros! Therefore, the Torah was given to the world in the Month of Sivan, the "Mazal" of which is twins, and they understood that unity was required when they learned that the Torah would be given to them on Mt. Sinai, and they realized that HaShem was not interested in great height and glory, but rather in the humility of Sinai, one of the shortest of mountains." This is not to be confused with the legitimacy of "machlokes," disagreement about the conclusions of Torah, such as the disagreements between Bais Hillel and Bais Shammai, for those disagreements were "le-shem shamayim," and emanated only from a desire to find the truth, as opposed to the "machlokes" of Korach and his group, who were only interested in obtaining more honor.

We find a similar idea in *Pirkei Avos (5:19)*, "Every kind of love which arises from a physical source, when that source is removed, so is the love. But that which doesn't arise from a physical source, is eternal. Which is that which depended on a physical source? The love of Amnon for Tamar; once his lust had been satisfied, his love turned to hatred. But the love between David and Yehonasan did not depend on any physical source, but stemmed from a unity between their souls; as such, it was eternal."

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