

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

Sept 16, 2011 · 89 West Carlton Rd · Suffern, NY 10901 · (845)352-1343 · www.baistorah.org יהי אלול ערב שבת פרשת כי תבא

פרשת כי תבא – פרקי אבות פרק ג' הדלקת נרות 6:46 PM

ערב שבת פרשת כי תבא

הדלקת נרות	6:46 PM
מנחה	6:55 PM
שקיעה	7:04 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 כי תבא

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:44 AM
Shiur פרקי אבות	5:30 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	6:00 PM
מנחה	6:35 PM
שקיעה	7:03 PM
מעריב	7:45 PM

Weekday-מנחה מעריב

Sun -Thurs: 6:45 PM

ערב שבת פרשת נצבים וילך

הדלקת נרות	6:34 PM
מנחה	6:40 PM
שקיעה	6:52 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is co-sponsored by Henry Shapiro in honor of his 95th birthday and by David Reyhanian for the yartzheit of Chaim ben Asher

The SIMCHA TEA is this Shabbos Parshas Ki Sovo, September 17 at 3:30 PM. All women are invited to join us for a fun afternoon as we celebrate our chassanim, kallos, and bas mitzvah girls! Enjoy a wonderful Simcha revue by our talented Bais Torah Players.

IMPORTANT NEWS: This year the Shul will be selling the aliyos for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. An auction will be held on the evening of each holiday. Buy an aliyah for yourself, a family member, guest or friend. Details are posted in Shul. See Jay Kimmel for further details

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL LETTERS AND YOMIM NORAIM SEATING REQUESTS have been sent out. Please be sure to return both as soon as possible or please contact Abe Frankel (men) or Doris Newman (women) immediately.

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

Mazal Tov

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the marriage of their grandchildren, Shyra and Gidon Gross, children of Laura and Lawrence Ben David Sam and Rena Wilen on the birth a grandson, born to their children, Ariella and Elliot Kwestel of Neve Daniel, Israel.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky upon the birth of a great granddaughter, Sarah Leah, born to their grandchildren, Aharon and Rivkah Rohinsky, children of Reuven and Miriam Rohinsky and Avrohom and Chana Amsel

Alfred and Nechama Becker on the engagement of their son David to Katya Dunitz of London

Shiurim

Women's תהילים מנדל מנחם מנדל Shabbos afternoon **Following the Simcha Tea**

Sundays at 8:30 AM **מסכת סנהדרין** – 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 10:00 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Friday at 7 AM **גמרא מסכת יומא-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**

Bob Schore - **חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית**

Suzie Kirshenbaum's father- **יוסף בן שרה**

Tova Eizik's grandson - **שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל**

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.

Parashas Ki Savo– 5771 – The “Bris” of Coming Into the Land

Parashas Ki-Savo is a combination of many blessings, as a reward for good behavior, and far more curses, as punishment for bad behavior, placed before the People of Israel, as they neared “Eretz Yisrael.” It is called the “Bris,” the Covenant, that HaShem commanded Moshe to contract with the People of Israel in “Eretz Moav,” following upon the “Bris” contracted with them at “Chorev,” or Sinai. It is the thesis of this essay that the essence of a “Bris” is an agreement made by two parties with each other, theoretically binding, but which allows for the exercise of “Bechirah Chofshis,” Free Will, to maintain the ties of the contract, or to break them.

“Sefer Devarim” as a whole is called “Sefer HaBris.” We find this in the Book of Melachim Beis, where during a particularly idolatrous period in Jewish History, the Book of Devarim is actually lost. During the reign of Yoshiyahu, a righteous king, Chilkiyahu, the High Priest, discovers it in a Temple storehouse. When the scroll is read to the king, he rends his garments. Afterwards, *“The king went up to the Temple of HaShem, and all the men of Yehudah and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim with him, as well as the Kohanim and the prophets and all the people, from small to great, and he reads in their ears the words of the “Sefer HaBris” that had been found in the Temple of HaShem. The king then stood at his place and sealed a covenant before HaShem, to follow Him and to observe His commandments and His decrees with all his heart and all his soul, to uphold the words of the ‘Bris’ written on the scroll; and all of the people accepted the ‘Bris.’”* (Melachim Beis 23:1-3)

When we think of the word “Bris,” we tend to think of “Bris Milah,” the Covenant of Circumcision. This “Bris” is a fundamental aspect of the Jewish life cycle and was taught to his descendants by “Avraham Avinu.” Avraham circumcised himself at the age of ninety-nine, but HaShem commanded him to circumcise Yitzchak at the age of eight days, and that eight days should remain the age for circumcision for all generations. Now eight days is certainly not an age for the exercise of Free Will. But, on the other hand, the organ upon which circumcision is performed, is the seat of sexual desire, and the proper control of that aspect of the male personality, when one matures and throughout life, is very much appropriate for the exercise of Free Will.

Interestingly, the “Gematria,” the sum of the Hebrew numerical letter-equivalents of the word “Bris,” spelled “Beis,” “Resh,” “Yud,” “Soff” is 612, one less than the number of “Mitzvos” in the Torah. If this in fact significant, perhaps the missing “one” is the Author of the Torah.

One of the most important covenants that a person enters into is the Covenant of Marriage, or “Nisuin.” The Month of Elul symbolizes the relationship between the People of Israel and the Creator – *“Ani LeDodi veDodi Li” – “I am my Beloved’s, and my Beloved is mine.”* (Shir HaShirim 6:3) And “Nisuin” is preceded by the Covenant of “Erusin,” concerning which HaShem says to us, *“I will betroth you to Me forever, and I will betroth you to Me with righteousness, justice, kindness and mercy. I will betroth you to Me with fidelity, and you shall know HaShem.”* (Hoshea 2:21-22)

Parashas Ki-Savo ends with words which we should take to heart, *“You shall observe the words of the ‘Bris,’ so that you will succeed in all that you do.”* (Devarim 29:8)

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