

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות 4:16 PM
מנחה 4:25 PM
שקיעה 4:34 PM

Contemporary Halacha Shiur 8:00PM

שבת פרשת וישלח

דף היומי 8:00 AM
שחרית 8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע 9:16 AM
גמרא שיעור 3:20 PM
מנחה 4:05 PM
שקיעה 4:34 PM
מעריב 5:16 PM

שחרית Weekday

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

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sunday-Thursday: 4:20 PM

מעריב Second

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות 4:12 PM
מנחה 4:20 PM
שקיעה 4:30 PM

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group, meets on שבת afternoon **45 minutes before Mincha**

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 Avromi Fein

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

Shul Announcement

This week's kiddush is sponsored for a special occasion, to be announced....

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Sam Wilen for the yartzheit of his father Mordechai Avigdor ben Moshe Elchonon

Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program November 20-Parshas Vayishlach, at 6:30 pm in the old Bais Medrash.

Bring your children and grandchildren for a wonderful evening of Torah learning, hot pizza and prizes for all. This week's learning is sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Miriam Nussbaum. Sponsorships are still available; if you would like to sponsor an evening of Avos U'Banim learning, act, now!! Please contact Jonathan Rosenstock at

Jonathan.Rosenstock@ge.com More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

Join us **Shabbos Chanukah, December 4th for a Simcha Kiddush!** If you have a birth, a bar or bas mitzvah of a child, grandchild or great-grandchild, or any other special celebration is cause for celebration and we invite you to participate in this special kiddush. Co-sponsorship is \$50 for your simcha or s'machos and will be recognized in a special listing on that Shabbos.

Please contact Michael Kronenberg, Jack Gross or the shul office to join in.

Our **Scholar in Residence** weekend will be held on **December 10th and 11th, Parshas Vayigash**. Our featured speaker, back by popular demand, is Rabbi Edward Davis, the mora d'asrah of the Young Israel of Hollywood-Ft. Lauderdale. PLEASE contact Dr. Moshe Kranzler and tell him that you'd like to attend and be a sponsor of this annual event.

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** deadline for canned fruit is Monday December 13. Our quota is 120 cans of fruit per month.

The shul will be ordering a new Yahrzeit Board. The shul is looking for 4 sponsors, and 3 sponsors have already generously stepped forward. Please contact Michael Kronenberg for further information.

Hamakom Yenachem

The Rosner family on the petira of Nathan Rosner

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

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

חיה עטיל בת שלימה

Chana Mayerfeld-גיטל- חנה פרומה בת יהודית

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל

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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 Vayishlach– 5771 –

The 1400-Year Civil War and the Final War

This week's Parashah, Vay ishlach, begins with the conflict between Yaakov and Esav. When Yaakov received word from his messengers that Esav was coming towards him with an armed force of four hundred men, his immediate reaction was fear, as Scripture says, "Yaakov became very **frightened**, and it **distressed** him..." (Bereshis 32:8) Rashi explains these two terms: "He was **afraid** that he would be killed; and it **distressed** him – that he might have to kill others." This is a typical reaction of a Jewish soldier; in fact, it was Golda Meir, an early Prime Minister of the modern State of Israel, who said words to that effect; that she could forgive Arabs for killing Jewish soldiers, but she could not forgive them for making Jewish boys into killers.

When Yaakov and Esav meet, they kiss. Jewish Tradition is ambivalent about the implications of this kiss. One interpretation is that Esav was permanently changed; the other is that although he kissed him here with full sincerity, historically there would be thousands of years of conflict ahead – first, with the Roman Empire and later, as Esav evolved, with the Christian world. Rivkah "Imenu" had received a prophecy regarding the relationship between descendants of the twins who were already fighting in her womb, "And HaShem said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb; and two Kingdoms from your insides shall be separated; **the might shall pass from one Kingdom to the other, but ultimately the elder shall serve the younger.**'" The Talmud elaborates on the relationship: "They will never be equal in greatness; when this one rises, the other will fall, and so it says in *Yechezkel* (26:2), "...the one who said, 'I will be full' is soon destroyed." Tyre was filled only from the destruction of Yerushalayim." (Megilah 6a) The Roman Empire and Christianity were ascendant for some 2,000 years. With the establishment of the State of Israel, one might have thought that at last, the tide had turned. Except that our "cousins," the descendants of Yishmael, have stood in our way; Yishmael, about whom Hagar received the following prophecy: "...Behold, you will conceive, and give birth to a son; you shall name him Yishmael, for HaShem has heard your prayer. And he shall be a wild-ass of a man; his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him..." (Bereshit 16:11-12) Ramban says that the meaning of this verse is that his descendants will increase greatly in numbers and they will make war upon every nation.

In light of the prophecy mentioned above, it is not surprising that the United States, the greatest Christian nation, has locked horns with Yishmael in our time. This conflict has metamorphosed into a continuation of the struggle between the Shiite sect of Islam and their Sunni counterpart, in which the U. S. has become inextricably entangled. The fact that America fails to recognize the Sunni-Shiite conflict as the continuation of their nearly **1400-Year Civil War** that arose from their violent disagreement over the succession of the leadership of Islam after Mohammed's death, is nothing short of unbelievable. That leadership passed to Abu Bakr, one of Mohammed's closest companions. Some in the Islamic community believed that the leadership should have passed to Ali, who was Mohammed's cousin, his adopted son, his first convert and husband of his daughter Fatima. Supporters of Abu became the Sunnis; those of Ali, the Shiites. The Caliphate transferred a number of times before it reached Ali, who was murdered in 661, and buried in Najaf in today's Iraq, which remains a major Shiite holy site. The murder of Ali seems to have defined the relationship between the two sects, which echoes today in the streets of Baghdad with the mayhem of suicide car bombers and other niceties. The profound misunderstanding of the nature of the Sunni-Shiite conflict has not made the U.S. position any easier.

But to the rescue of American foreign policy, has come President Obama, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The latest "chidush" of this pair has been the 90-Day Extension of the Settlement Expansion Freeze. As payment for its going along with this scheme, Israel will supposedly receive 20 advanced American fighter aircraft, while nothing apparently has been contributed by America to putting an end to Iranian nuclear missile development, aimed in the direction of Israel. Only Israel, using its superior intelligence capability, may have somehow succeeded, with the Help of G-d, in confounding the Iranian nuclear terror machine.

So here we are. Appeasement of the Islamic world with the sacrifice of Israel, seems to be next. The forces of Gog and Magog seem to be aligning themselves, with Israel at the center of the battleground. The "footsteps of Mashiach" are heard in the background. Chaza"l said they hoped for the Coming of Mashiach but did not want to see the prelude. It is not hard to imagine why.

L'Iluy Nishmas Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem