

CONGREGATION BAIS TORAH

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שבת ראש חדש פרשת תרומה-הדלקת נרות 4:59

ערב שבת פרשת תרומה

הדלקת נרות	4:59 PM
מנחה	5:05 PM
שקיעה	5:17 PM
Contemporary Halacha Shiur	8:30 PM

Weekday שחרית

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

Weekday מעריב

Sunday-Thursday: 5:10 PM

Second מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת תצוה

הדלקת נרות	5:07 PM
מנחה	5:15 PM
שקיעה	5:25 PM

שבת פרשת תרומה

דף היומי	8:00 AM
שחרית	8:45 AM
סוף זמן קריאת שמע	9:37 AM
גמרא שיעור	4:05 PM
מנחה	4:50 PM
שקיעה	5:18 PM
מעריב	6:00 PM

Shul Announcements

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is available for sponsorship

Avos Ubanim Motza'ai Shabbos learning program February 5-Parshas Teruma, at 7:15 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 Marty and Carol Ginsberg in memory of her father, Chanoch Henoch ben Aryeh Leib

Mark Your Calendar!! Matzah Baking with Bais Torah is Sunday March 6 at the Shatzer Matzah Bakery in Brooklyn, this year there will be one pick up day Sunday March 13. More details to follow...

Siyum Mishnayos in the shul Sunday evening, March 13 save the date!

Join us! A Purim Chagiga will be held in the Shul Simcha room, Purim Night, Motza'ai Shabbos March 18, following Megillah Reading

Save The Date: Sunday, May 15th at 6PM - Bais Torah Annual Dinner, always a great event! This year we will be honoring Rabbi Berel Wein, Dr. Yehuda and Judi Eliezri, Marilyn Sapir, Allen Nussbaum and Yis Helprin. Stay tuned for more details....

Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is February 14. Our goal is 120 cans for the month.

Mazal Tov

Yoni Greenstein and Ori Greenstein on the engagement of their sister Aliza Greenstein to Avrumy Deutsch of Brooklyn
Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a grand-daughter born to their children, Gila and Zev Prince
Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson born to their children, Bracha and Noam Peikes

Shiurim

Women's תהילים group מנדל בת מנחם לז"נ פייגל בת מנחם, 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 Avromy 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

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 -

אהרן בן זיסל רחל- Yehuda and Suzette Munk's son-

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in law –

חיים יששכר בן חיה משקט

בנימין בן בילה- Ben Zauderer -

חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל- Chana Mayerfeld-

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

אריה לייב בן רבקה - Larry Seligson -

הילני בת רחל - Leni Loebenstein -

מנחם בן קילה- Manny Mayerfeld-

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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 Teruma–5771 The Hidden תכלת

“And HaShem spoke to Moshe, saying ‘Speak to the Children of Israel, and let them take for me a donation, from each one whose heart motivates him, take my donation. And this is the donation that you shall take from them: gold and silver and copper. And תכלת and purple and scarlet-red dyed wool, and fine linen and goats’ hair...” (Shemos 25:2-4) The subject of this essay is the mysterious color תכלת; its exact color, and source, and modern attempts to recreate it and restore it to its place in Jewish life.

Besides its use in the Mishkan, the Torah calls for its use in the implementation of the Mitzvah of ציצית: *“And they shall make ציצית on the corners of their garments, throughout their generations, and they shall place upon the ציצית of each corner a thread of תכלת wool...”* (BaMidbar 15:38) Rashi there says, based on Menachos 42b, “תכלת is a turquoise (greenish blue) dye, obtained from the creature known as the chilazon.” This accords with his definition of תכלת mentioned in Shemos in connection with the Mishkan, “wool, dyed with the blood of the chilazon, and its color is turquoise (greenish blue)” (Shemos 25:4). But oddly, it seems to differ from his definition in BaMidbar (15:41) where he says, referring to the expression “a thread of תכלת” – “the name of this color is based on the destruction of the Egyptian first-born, and the Targum’s rendition of destruction (שכול) as תכלא. The plague took place at night, and thus the color תכלת resembles the sky which darkens towards evening...” Unless Rashi is alluding here to the source of the תכלת, namely, the blood of the chilazon, which indeed, is black.

The connection between תכלת and the sky is found, among several statements of the great Tanna, “Rabbi Meir said, ‘How different is the color of תכלת from all other colors! תכלת resembles the color of the sea, and the sea resembles the sky, and the splendor of the sky resembles that of the Throne of Glory... and when a person looks upon this color, he brings to mind his Creator.’” (Midrash Tanchuma, Shelach 15)

The use of תכלת ended more than a thousand years ago for reason(s) unknown to us. The language of the Midrash is “Now we have only white ציצית, since the תכלת was concealed..” (Midrash Tanchuma Shelach 15) Some poskim are of the opinion that Halachic or Kabbalistic reasons account for the concealment, and it will be revealed only when the Mashiach comes. Other poskim attribute the “concealment” to our forgetting the identity of the chilazon, and contend that we should use the descriptive information provided by the Talmud for that marvelous creature, attempt to identify it again and resume the manufacture of תכלת.

In 5647 (1887), the Radziner Rebbe, Rabbi Gershon Henoch Leiner, ZT”L, who was a formidable Torah scholar, in addition to being well educated in biology, chemistry and engineering, analyzed every occurrence in the Talmud of the word “chilazon,” and compiled a list of eleven characteristics which he used in his search for the chilazon. These included that the creature be a marine animal but not a fish, it had to be able to live on land for a short time, that it had black blood, and possesses fins, bones and sinews. He traveled to Naples, Italy and examined the local marine animals against this list. Based on this, he decided that the most likely candidate to be the chilazon was the cuttlefish; also known as the inkfish.

Rabbi Dr. Yitzchak Herzog, great Torah scholar and a brilliant scholar in many fields, and Chief Rabbi of Eretz Yisrael from 1936-1959, devoted his thesis to an attempt to find the chilazon. He rejected the opinion of the Radziner, and came to the conclusion that the most likely candidate was a member of the Janthina species. However, exhaustive testing showed that its dye eventually turned brown, and constancy is a required characteristic of תכלת.

Recently, a new movement has entered the fray, and its candidate is the murex-trunculus snail, based largely on the fact that murex produces a bluish purple dye, and large piles of murex shells were found on the Israeli coast. But these proofs have been shot down by the fact that it is known that in ancient times, there was a purple-dyeing industry at that location.

It seems then that the identity of the chilazon remains a mystery. “And now we have only לבן (white), for the תכלת has been hidden.” (Midrash Tanchuma). But let that “lavan” not be the hypocritical and evil “lavan” of “Lavan ha-Arami,” but rather the innocence and purity of David HaMelech, who prayed “*Cleanse me, and I will be whiter than snow.*” (Tehilim 51:9)