

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

ערב שבת פרשת ויצא הדלקת נרות 4:10

December 2, 2011

ו' כסלו תשע"ב

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הדלקת נרות	4:10
מנחה	4:15
שקיעה	4:28
הלכה שיעור	8:00

שבת פרשת ויצא

דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:25
גמרא שיעור	3:15
מנחה	4:00
שקיעה	4:28
מעריב	5:10

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/4-12/8

Monday, Thursday:
שחרית 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds, Fri:
שחרית 6:30, 7:45

Sun-Thurs
מנחה-מעריב 4:15

מעריב 8:00

Next Week:

שבת פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות	4:09
מנחה	4:15
שקיעה	4:27

WHAT'S NEW

This Week's Kiddush is sponsored by Seymour and Raizie Lutwak, Leah and Jerry Dody, and Meshel and Rivka Leah Vider in celebration of the birth of their grand-daughter, Dylan Ruby Esther, to their children Shana & Moshe Lutwak

סעודת שליטת is available for sponsorship

AVOS UBANIM Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Vayetzei, December 3 at 6:15 PM in the Bais Medrash. Come learn with your son or grandson and enjoy hot pizza! This week's learning is sponsored by Abe and Phyllis Frankel in honor of their grandchildren. Sponsorships are available for \$50. Please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

Bais Torah Sisterhood would like to remind the ladies of our community that **ZUMBA** is alive and well and still kicking. We exercise at 8:15 p.m on Mondays in Bais Torah. Join us for \$10 a session.

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

Be a part of a **Chesed Shel Emes. The Chevra Kadisha of Monsey** needs your help. Please donate clean used bed linens (flat sheets, pillow cases) to help the Chevra prepare for kevurah. Donations can be brought to Gloria Gordon at 2 Briarwood Lane, and she can be reached at 425-1276 for more information.

MAZAL TOV

Laurence and Gloria Gordon on the engagement of their son Stephen to Caron Pincus of Long Island

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Zahava Ginsberg, daughter of Steven and Deena Ginsberg.

Fran and Ben Horwitz, on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Rabbi Matt and Alisa Weinberg, of Bergenfield

Moshe and Eveline Kranzler on the engagement of their granddaughter, Talia, daughter of Chani and Jay Dennis of Hollywood, Florida to Mark Weissman of Queens.

Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter Chaya Goldschmidt, daughter of Doron and Shira Goldschmidt of Passaic.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson - יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner - טודרוס בן הינדא

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London - מנחם מנוש 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 - 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 גייסל

Joel Rosenwasser's mother - פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son - רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Felise Katz's father - חיים בן חנה

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zcheh nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before Mincha

Sunday:

6:30 AM Daf Yomi - Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Miseches Pesachim - Rabbi Gottlieb

Sun-Thurs:

10:00 AM Daf Yomi - Rabbi Y. Fischer

Mon-Friday

5:25 AM Daf Yomi I - Rabbi Avromy Fein

7:00 AM Daf Yomi II - Rabbi Gottlieb

8:25 AM Navi Shiur - Rabbi Y. Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Wednesday

8:15 PM Melochim Beis - Rabbi Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00PM Women's Mishnayot class-Tumah and Tahara - Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Vayetzeh

“קפיצת הדרך” Shortening of the Way”

I was once reading a famous science fiction book called “Dune.” In the book, the author made frequent use of a term which sounded vaguely familiar, “Kwesatz Haderach,” by which the hero made very fast trips from place to place in a desert, by riding on the back of a giant worm. I don't remember how many repetitions it took before I realized that the author, apparently somewhat familiar with Hebrew, Scripture and Talmud, was making use of a Hebrew expression, “קפיצת הדרך” better transliterated as “Kefitzas HaDerech,” and meaning “Shortening of the Way.”

Rashi, in his commentary on Yaakov's activities as he set out from Be'er Sheva, on his way to the house of Lavan HaArami, needs to explain how Yaakov suddenly finds himself on Har HaMoriah. Rashi cites the Talmud in Chullin 91, which explains his sudden arrival there as having occurred because – the way was miraculously shortened for him.

Yaakov and Esav were brought up together, in the same way, by Yitzchok and Rivkah, which may have been a disastrous mistake, in that it violated the principle, as pointed out by Rav Shmshon Rephoel Hirsch, of “Educatе the youth according to his unique ‘derech’ – or special way.” Until they reached the age of Bar Mitzvah, the twins were behaviorally virtually identical. From that point on, however, they deviated radically in their life path. Yaakov remained an “איש תם ישב אהלים” – a person of complete innocence, a dweller in the “Tent of Torah.” Esav, however, left the “derech,” the way, of Torah, of spirituality, of attachment to HaShem, and chose the path of physicality, of weapons, of the hunt, of killing for the sake of killing.

Last Sunday was the Month of Chanukah. The heroes of that Holiday were the Chashmonaim, the Kohanim who, under the leadership of Matisyahu, the Kohen Gadol, and his heroic sons Yehudah and his brothers, defeated the Misyavim, assimilated Jews who had gone totally “off the derech.” Chanukah was a miraculous spiritual victory, by which the Jewish People re-dedicated the Holy Temple, and returned to the path of righteousness.

Recently a group formed in Monsey, called “Areivim,” the “Obligated,” based on the expression “כל ישראל ערבים זה לזה” – “All Jews are obligated one to another.” It is a powerful spiritual engine, run by Rabbi Shmuel Gluck, Rabbi “Ace” Klatzko and Rabbi Moshe Frankel. One example of their activities is the annual summer road trip, led by Moshe, who takes a group of young men who have shown signs of going “off the ‘derech’” like drug use, on a multi-state road trip in which they live and travel together in a positive environment, and come back devoted to each other, to their leader and to their People.

Rabbi Aaron Adler, a recent Scholar-in-Residence, made fascinating presentations but also gave a whale of a concert in Carlbachian music on Motzaei Shabbos. He said that his first exposure to Reb Shlomo was at a concert in Washington Heights, at Congregation Bais Medrash HaGadol, when he was nine (I happened to attend the same concert, along with a number of other former residents of the Heights). He recalled how, among many other venues, Reb Shlomo had injected his unique spirit into rallies of SSSJ (Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry) which may have played a small but finite role in bringing back millions of Russian Jews, who had been alienated from their religion for 50 years, to the “derech” of Teshuvah and Yahadus.

A recent visitor to our shul was Rabbi Gold, a one-man Ministry of Religion to the Israeli City of Aphula, which had become a religious wasteland. Now the city has yeshivos for boys and girls, several Orthodox shuls, and a Kollel, and the community is experiencing a religious resurgence which is transforming an area of Israel “from thick darkness to light.”

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

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The defibrillator is in a cubby in the coat room opposite the Hatzolah phone.