

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

ערב שבת פרשת וישב הדלקת נרות 4:11

December 16, 2011

כ' כסלו תשע"ב

WHAT'S NEW

ערב שבת פרשת וישב

4:11	הדלקת נרות
4:20	מנחה
4:29	שקיעה
8:00	הלכה שיעור

שבת פרשת וישב

8:00	דף היומי
8:45	שחרית
9:34	סוף זמן ק"ש
3:15	גמרא שיעור
4:00	מנחה
4:29	שקיעה
5:11	מעריב

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/18-12/23

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 חנוכה פרשת מקץ

3:00	Early מנחה
4:14	הדלקת נרות
4:15	מנחה
4:32	שקיעה

This Week's Kiddush is sponsored by Max Rubinstein and Florence Weber commemorating the yartzheit of their father, Rav Shmuel Moshe ben Yehuda

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Bert Sirote commemorating the yartzheit of his father, Yosef Chaim ben Avrohom. Cosponsoring is Moshe Rosenbaum in celebration of his father Mendel's special birthday.

AVOS UBANIM Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Vayeshev, December 17 at 6:15 PM in the Bais Medrash. Come learn with your son or grandson and enjoy hot pizza and fabulous prizes! This week's learning is sponsored by Reuven and Shoshana Bekermus. Sponsorships are available for \$50. If you would like to sponsor, please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com. More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

The next **Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush** is coming up soon! **Shabbos Chanukah**, Parshas Miketz, December 24. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in December or January, why not help sponsor our Kiddush and celebrate with your Bais Torah family! Sponsorships are \$18 per name or couple, and signing up couldn't be easier, just call Aviva in the shul office (352-1343 or Aviva@baistorah.org) or speak to Michael Kronenberg or Jack Gross, deadline is December 20

The Kosher Food Pantry canned fruit collection date is January 9. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

Be a Part of History! **The Worldwide Siyum HaShas** is Aug 1, 2012 at MetLife Stadium. Contact Steve Fessel for reservations and details.

Join the Chanukah Toy Drive, donations of toys or checks are accepted until the first night of Chanukah, Tuesday December 21. Please contact Dovid Katz for more information email Dovidkat@gmail.com or 729-5329

MAZAL TOV

Moe and Bayla Tilson on the birth of a grandson born to their children Benjay and Miri Tilson of Los Angeles

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 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

Felise Katz's father-
חיים בן חנה

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher
nishmas Feigel bas Men-
achem Mendel, meets Shab-
bos afternoon 45 minutes
before Mincha

Sunday:

6:30 AM Daf Yomi-
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Miseches Pesachim -
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Sun-Thurs:

10:00 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Mon-Friday

5:25 AM Daf Yomi I -
Rabbi Avromy Fein

7:00 AM Daf Yomi II-
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

8:25 AM Navi Shiur-
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur-
Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Wednesday

8:15 PM Melochim Beis-
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00PM Women's Mishnayos
class-Tumah and Tahara-
Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Vayeshev The Beginning of the Exodus

The roots of the Exodus, the first Redemption of the People of Israel, can be found in this week's Parashah, Vayeshev. The Parashah begins, "וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם אֲבִיו בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן – " *Yaakov dwelt in the land in which his fathers lived, in 'Eretz Canaan.'* Rashi comments, "Yaakov wished to finally live in peace. There sprang upon him the misfortune of Yoseph; The Holy One, Blessed be He, said, 'It is not enough for the Righteous that which is prepared for them in the Next World; they wish to have an easy time in This World as well.' "

Major fault can be found in each of the three main characters in the story: Yaakov, Yoseph and the brothers. We saw already in the Chumash that Yaakov did not excel in concealing which of his wives he loved the most. In this Parashah, we see the same character trait regarding his sons. He makes no secret of the fact that he loves Yoseph, the son of Rachel, more than his other sons, as we see in the following text, "And Yisroel loved Yoseph more than any of his other sons, for he was the son of his old age, and he made him a coat of many colors."

The brothers were faced with a family in which their father clearly showed favoritism to one of their brothers, born to his favored wife, and they were portrayed as slaves to their brother in both of his dreams. Furthermore, they were the objects of his slander against them, that they ate parts of a living animal, that they degraded the sons of the handmaids, calling them slaves, and that they broke all moral boundaries by committing incest (for each of which Yoseph was punished; for the "parts from a living animal," accusation, he was punished by the fact that his brothers "slaughtered a young goat" to obtain its blood with which to fool their father, regarding the "calling their brothers slaves" allegation, he was sold into slavery, and as punishment for the accusation regarding their sexual misbehavior, he was punished in Egypt by having to deal with his master's wife's attempt to seduce him.)

From where did Yoseph get his accusations? Did he actually see his brothers engaging in the acts he described? That would be very hard to believe! Especially with regard to the "Ever-min-Ha-Chai" and the "Arayos" allegations! He must have seen them behaving in a certain manner, and with his dreamer's imagination, over-interpreted what he saw.

From Yaakov's point of view, didn't he ever hear that it's not wise to visibly favor one child over another? And didn't he know that there was intense dislike between the brothers and Yoseph? If so, why did he send Yoseph into the lions' den?

From all of the above, it seems obvious to me that HaShem must have been manipulating events and personalities from behind the scenes, entering the consciousness of the actors, to draw Yoseph to Mitzrayim and place him in a position of great power.

For after all, these were hardly average human beings. Yaakov was called the "bechir shebeavos," the most favored of the forefathers, the Man of Truth, whose visage was engraved upon the Heavenly Throne. Yoseph was called "Yoseph HaTzaddik," Yoseph the Righteous," for he withstood the corrupt culture of Egypt, and the temptation of seduction by the wife of Potiphar, supported by the image of his father, Yaakov. And Yoseph's brothers were the founders of the "Shivtei Kah," the "Tribes of G-d."

But despite the greatness of the Tribes, HaShem had their ancestors, at the stage of going down to Egypt, act out of their character traits, for He wanted Israel to taste the flavor of slavery, so that they would have compassion for their slaves and "remember that they too were slaves in Egypt" and that "HaShem always seeks the downtrodden" (Kohel 3:15).

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

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rear washing station and the Simcha Room.

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