

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

שבת פרשת יתרו הדלקת נרות 5:06

February 10, 2012

ז' שבט תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

הדלקת נרות 5:06

מנחה 5:15

שקיעה 5:24

הלכה שיעור 8:15

שבת פרשת יתרו

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:33

גמרא שיעור 4:10

מנחה 4:55

שקיעה 5:25

מעריב 6:07

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/12-2/17

Sunday שחרית 7:45

Mon, Thurs שחרית 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds, Fri שחרית 6:30, 7:45

Sun-Thurs מנחה-מעריב 5:15

Mon-Thurs מעריב 8:00

Next Week:

שבת פרשת משפטים

הדלקת נרות 5:14

מנחה 5:20

שקיעה 5:32

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישית is available for sponsorship

Avos Ubanim Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Yisro February 11 at 7:15 PM in the Bais Medrash. This penultimate week's learning is sponsored by **David and Ruth Lehmann**.

A special grand finale of this season's **Avos U'banim** program will take place on **Motzoei Shabbos Feb 18** featuring a special live show presented by the Parrot Rebbe shlit"a. Learning will begin at 7:15 PM and the show will begin at 7:45 PM

Matzah Baking with Bais Torah is THIS SUNDAY February 12 at the Shatzer Matzah Factory. **Baking begins at 2 PM**. To order Matzos for Pesach use the sign up sheet in shul, or call the Lieders at 352-0122 or email eiointo-va@optonline.net. **This is the last chance for orders!**

Mishloach Manos forms have been mailed out. Please fill them out and return to the office as soon as possible. Deadline is **February 24**.

The next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush is Shabbos Parshas Tezaveh, March 3. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February or March help support our weekly Kiddush for only \$18 per name or couple. Call Aviva in the shul office to join in!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Bais Torah Annual **Siyum Mishnayos** is March 4. Invitations are on the way.

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is March 12. Bais Torah's commitment is 120 cans of fruit for the month.

Relatives out-of-town? Mechutanim? Children? Business Associates? If you would like to send them something special and calorie-free for Purim, the **Tomche Shabbos Executive card** is the answer! For \$20 you can send a magnificent card that shows your commitment to those less fortunate, while sending your wishes for a happy Purim with flair! Cards are available at the shul office or call 352-1343.

MAZAL TOV

Susan and Aron Schiller on the birth of a great-grandson born to their grandchildren Avigail and Baruch Zvi Teller, children of Naomi and Howie Apfel.

Yussie and Barbara Fischer on the engagement of their granddaughter Adina Feldman to Yosef Zelinger of Monsey. Adina is the daughter of Aaron and Devora Feldman of Atlanta

Steve and Noga Romer on the birth of twin grandsons born to their children Abe and Naomi Romer

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner- תודרוס בן הינדא

Henry Shapiro- חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Bob Schore - חיים ראובן בן - הענדל יהודית

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 Menachem Mendel, meets Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before Mincha

Sunday:

6:30 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Mischech 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 Navi Yechezkel
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

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

Parashas Yisro Two Fathers-in-Law

Sefer Shemos opens, circa 3500 B.C.E. with Pharaoh searching for a solution to his "Jewish Problem," whereby the Jews are multiplying and thriving in the Province of Goshen, and he fears that they will become a "fifth column." A trusted advisor, the Prophet Bilaam, suggests the idea of drowning the Jewish male babies in the Nile. Iyov, another advisor, cannot bring himself to actively oppose it, and remains silent. Yisro, a third advisor, registers his protest by fleeing Egypt. Each advisor receives his due "reward;" Bilaam, death by the sword, Iyov, a rigorous test of his faith and Yisro, appointment first as Priest of Midian, later becoming the father-in-law of Moshe and finally, by conversion to Judaism. Earlier, ca. 3650 B.C.E., the Chumash describes Lavan, the father-in-law of Yaakov. The Pesach Haggadah has some very harsh things to say about him; specifically, that he was worse than Pharaoh, who only wanted to destroy the Jewish males whereas Lavan wanted to "uproot everything."

Lavan cheated Yaakov repeatedly and viewed him essentially as his slave. That is why he objected strenuously to Yaakov's departure with his family, for he knew at least one principle of Torah, "What a slave acquires, belongs to his master." He did not recognize the separate identity of his son-in-law, nor in his great spiritual potential. Lavan was an inveterate sinner and although Yaakov would later say, "I lived in the house of Lavan, yet observed all the commands of the Torah," Lavan took no notice of his son-in-law, nor did he attempt to learn from his ways. Lavan had seen an example of kindness in the hospitality of Avraham, and empathy for human suffering in Avraham's attempt to head off the destruction of Sodom. And he was aware of the great spiritual act performed by Avraham and Yitzchak at the "Akeidah." He knew that his own sister, Rivkah, favored Yaakov as the spiritual heir of Yitzchak. Yet he rejected the G-d of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov and attempted to enslave Yaakov, one of the "Avot;" in fact, the "Bechir She-BeAvot," the most favored of the Forefathers, of the Jewish People.

This week's Parashah begins "And Yisro, Priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moshe, heard..." (Shemos 18:1) The Midrash asks, "What did Yisro hear, in particular, that attracted him to the Jewish People?" And the Midrash answers, "He heard of the splitting of the Sea of Reeds and of the destruction of Amalek." (Mechilta) But the Midrash knows, from earlier events described in the Torah, of the beginning of his relationship with Moshe, how Moshe had come to the aid of his daughters at the well, displaying empathy with the weak and great courage. We know that Yisro so valued those sterling qualities that he chastised his daughters, "How could you leave such a man!?" (Shemos 2:20), and gave one of them, Tziporah, to Moshe as his wife. Yisro knew that Moshe had been summoned by G-d Himself to go to Egypt to lead his people, downtrodden and oppressed slaves, out of that land. And when Moshe came to him respectfully to ask his permission to take his family with him as he left on that mission to save his brothers, Yisro responded, "Go in peace." (Shemos 3:18) We see in the text of the Torah how each took pride in the other. As Chazal point out, in Parashas Shemos, Moshe took honor in being the son-in-law of Yisro, as it says (Shemos 4:18), "And Moshe went and returned to Yeser, his father-in-law..." while in Parashas Yisro, the father-in-law took pride in the son-in-law, for in today's Parashah he is described as the "father-in-law of Moshe." (Shemos 18:1)

Far from rejecting the Torah and its Author, Yisro actually **added a section** to it. It was he who suggested the idea of a multi-tiered judicial system to Moshe, and told him "I am giving you this advice, and may G-d be with you." (Shemos 18:19), which the Midrash interprets as "Go to the Almighty, and seek confirmation of the idea." Earlier we find "And Yisro said, 'Blessed is HaShem, for He saved you from the hand of Egypt and from the hand of Pharaoh...'" and "Now I know that HaShem is greater than all the gods..." (Shemos 18:10-11) Lavan had the example of the righteous Yaakov before him for many years, and was blind to it. Yet it took Yisro only one incident at a well to become joined in love with his future son-in-law and with the G-d of Israel.

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

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