

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

שבת פרשת משפטים הדלקת נרות 5:14

February 17, 2012

כה'שבת תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת משפטים

הדלקת נרות 5:14

מנחה 5:20

שקיעה 5:32

הלכה שיעור 8:15

שבת פרשת משפטים

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:29

מברכים החדש אדר

גמרא שיעור 4:20

מנחה 5:05

שקיעה 5:34

מעריב 6:16

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/19-2/24

Sunday שחרית 7:45

Monday שחרית 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds שחרית 6:30, 7:45

Thurs ראש חודש שחרית 6:10, 7:35

Fri ראש חודש שחרית 6:10, 7:35

Sun-Thurs מנחה-מעריב 5:25

Mon-Thurs מעריב 8:00

Next Week:

שבת פרשת תרומה

הדלקת נרות 5:22

מנחה 5:30

שקיעה 5:40

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שליטת is available for sponsorship

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 in the simcha room. This week's sponsors: **Marty and Carol Ginsberg** in honor of the 11th birthday of Tamar Bryks, **Charlie Grandovsky** in memory of his mother, Golda Rivka bas Chizkiyahu Hakohen, and an Anonymous sponsor. Thank you to all those who participated and sponsored the program!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Please fill out your Mishloach Manos forms 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!

Bais Torah 33rd Annual Siyum Mishnayos is Sunday March 4 at 6 PM. Honoring Mordechai Rudman with special guest speaker Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz who will discuss "Why is My Megilla Missing Half Of the Words?" For reservations call the shul office 352-1343 or Yussie Fischer 425-2785 or Moshe Kranzler 352-8410.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!! The Annual **Bais Torah Dinner is May 6** at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern, honoring Dr. Yehuda and Judi Eliezri, other awardees include Sandra Thurm, Simcha Friedman and a memorial tribute to Manny Frankel a"h

MAZAL TOV

Yussie and Fayge Deutsch on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Miriam and Meir Deutsch. Their first girl after four boys!

NICHUM AVEILIM

Barbara Marburger on the petirah of her mother Alice Stern

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, I'z'echer 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 Mischeches 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 Mishpatim - "Mishpat U'Tzedakah"

We find in Parashas Vayera the following justification for revealing to Avraham HaShem's intention to destroy Sodom: "For I have known him intimately, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the ways of the L-rd, to do Righteousness and Justice; to the end that the L-rd may bring upon Avraham that which he has spoken of him." (Bereshis 18:19) This is immediately followed by "And Avraham drew near, and said: 'Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep away and not forgive the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? It is far from You to act in this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked; it is far from You; shall the Judge of all the earth not act justly?' " (Bereshis 18:23-25)

Rashi comments at the beginning of Parashas Mishpatim, where the Torah discusses the Laws of the Hebrew Indentured Servant, "Just as those were given at Sinai, so were these." This statement seems, at first glance, somewhat absurd, for the Utterances include: "I am HaShem, your G-d..." (Shemos 20:2), "Remember the Day of Shabbos, to keep it holy..." (Shemos 20:8), "Honor your father and your mother..." (Shemos 20:12) These seem to be on a level far higher than the Laws of the Indentured Servant! But the explanation is simple; from the perspective of the Torah, there is no distinction between the loftiest of the Commandments, and those regarding honesty in business dealings. That is why the Sanhedrin, the Supreme Court of Jewish Law, which dealt with all aspects of Jewish Life, was co-located with the Temple, the earthly seat of the Divine Presence.

Ramban elaborates on the connection between the Ten Utterances and Parashas Mishpatim, as follows: "The essence of the 'Mishpatim,' is contained in the final one of the Ten Utterances, 'You shall not covet.' (Shemos 20:14) For, if one does not properly understand the private property status of a house, or a field, or other property, he will think that it is his, and he will desire it, and take it for himself. Therefore, the Torah said, '...place before them' (Shemos 21:1) fair laws regarding private property and put them into practice among them, and they will consequently not desire that which is not legitimately theirs. And so it says in Midrash Rabbah that 'the entire Torah is dependent on fair property law, and it was for that reason that the Holy One, Blessed Be He, placed the laws of private property right after the Ten Utterances.'" (Shemos 21:1)

Rabbeinu Yerucham gives an example of משפט, Justice, as understood in Jewish Law, the idea and the reality, as towering over Justice in non-Jewish legal systems. "A גנב, thief, who steals an ox or a sheep and sells or slaughters the animal, has to pay a גזר, fine, of 'four or five' times the worth of the animal; four for the sheep and five for the ox. Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai explains that the Omnipresent takes into consideration the honor of his creatures, even the thieves. The thief probably had to carry the sheep! And this diminution of his self-respect is the reason for the diminution of his fine. But who ever heard of considering the self-respect of the criminal, as a factor in determining his punishment!?"

"The Laws of HaShem are Truth" (Tehilim 19:11). Divine Justice is Absolute Truth, without any compromise. "Anyone who says that the Holy One is a Compromiser should have his life compromised!" (Bava Kamma 50a) – (although the idea of compromise, is a fundamental one in Jewish law). But nevertheless, they are permeated with consideration and mercy. Strict Justice combined with human consideration is the essence of Divine Justice. HaShem's Law is permeated to such an extent with human consideration that even the small consideration of the feelings of the גנב who has to carry the stolen sheep on his shoulder is not overlooked in the deliberations of the Justice of the Torah..." (Da'as Torah Shemos Mishpatim Pg. 228)

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

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