

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת בהר-בחקותי - פרקי אבות פרק ה'

May 18, 2012

כו' אייר תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת בהר- בחקותי

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 7:53

שקיעה 8:11

שבת פרשת בהר- בחקותי

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:13

מברכים החדש סיון

פרקי אבות שיעור 6:05

הלכה שיעור** 6:55

מנחה 7:40

שקיעה 8:12

מעריב 8:54

Weekday Schedule:

שחרית Week of 5/20-5/25

Sunday 7:45

Mon, Thurs 6:20, 7:45

Tues ראש חודש
6:10, 7:35

Weds, Fri 6:30, 7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs 8:00

Next Week:

שבת פרשת במדבר-ערב שבועות

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual lighting time 8:00

שקיעה 8:18

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is co-sponsored by Allen and Miriam Nussbaum in honor of their grandson, Moshe Zecharia (Zac) Nussbaum, bringing a wimple to Bais Torah, and by Dr. Moshe and Bayla Tilson in honor of the birth of their two grandsons.

סעודת שלישיית is co-sponsored by Diane Schmeltz commemorating the yartzheit of her son, Binyomin Ze'ev Ben Yitzchok, and by Larry Seligson commemorating the yartzheit of his wife Sima bas Avraham Yaakov

***Rabbi Gottlieb's Contemporary Halacha shiur for the upcoming weeks is "A special series on the evolution of halacha." The shiur takes place Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before mincha.

Bais Torah's Graduation, Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush will be Shabbos Parshas Korach, June 23. If you would like to honor a graduate or are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in June or July help support our weekly Kiddush for only \$18 per name or couple. Call Aviva in the shul office to join in. Deadline is June 19

Leyl Shavuos at Bais Torah: Rabbi Gottlieb has prepared fascinating shiurim relating to "**Forgeries, Frauds, and Feuds: Notable seforim of Dubious Origin**"

12:30-1:45 There's something Rotten in Berlin: The infamy of the Besamim Rosh

2:00-3:15 The Unholy Writ: The Case of the Counterfeit Yerushalmi Kodashim

3:30-4:45 The Cabalah Canard: The Controversy Surrounding the Zohar

Torah Conference Network featuring live shiurim: Rabbi Yissochor Frand Thursday nights and Yisroel Reisman motza'ei Shabbos **will resume after the summer.**

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** date is June 4. Bais Torah's commitment is 120 cans of fruit for the month

MAZAL TOV

Stuart and Pamela Erdfarb on the birth of a grandson born to their children Ari and Ilana Erdfarb

Moe and Bayla Tilson on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Meir Baer, son of Yael and Yehuda Jacoby of Bergenfield. Mazal Tov to the great grandmother Rebecca Tilson

Allen and Miriam Nussbaum on the occasion of their grandson, Moshe Zecharia (Zac) Nussbaum, bringing a wimple to Bais Torah. Mazal tov to the parents Jeremy and Keren Nussbaum

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's
grandson- הונתן 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 - הלני
בת רחל

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן
בילה

Chana Mayerfeld- חנה
פרומה בת יהודית גיטל

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
Shabbos afternoon 30
minutes before Pirkei
Avos Shiur

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 Mish-
nayos class-Tumah and
Tahara
Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Behar Bechukosai

"Shemirah" and "Zechirah," Guarding and Remembering

Parashios Behar-Bechukosai begin with the following Command: "...When you enter the Land which I am going to give you, make sure that the Land observes a rest period, a Shabbos of HaShem." (Vayikra 25:2) Just as the People of Israel, G-d's Holy Nation, observes Shabbos by working six days, and then observing a Day of Rest, so too the Holy Land of Israel should observe the Shabbos in a similar way, "Six years you shall sow the Land, and six years you shall prune your vineyards, and gather their produce. But in the seventh year, a Shabbos of Shabbasos shall there be for the Land, a Shabbos of HaShem, during which you shall not sow your fields nor prune your vineyards...since it is a Year of Rest for the Land." (Vayikra 25:3-5)

And in the "Yovel" year, Man and Nature come together. "You shall count seven sabbatical years; that is, seven times seven years, and this period of seven cycles of seven years shall be forty-nine years. Then, in the following year, on the tenth day of the seventh month, you shall make a declaration with the ram's horn, and this proclamation with the ram's horn is thus to be made on Yom Kippur. You shall sanctify the fiftieth year, declaring emancipation of slaves throughout the Land. This is your 'Yovel' (Jubilee) Year, when each man shall return to his hereditary property and to his family. During this 'Yovel,' fiftieth year, you shall not sow the Land... Thus, when you sell land to your neighbor or buy land from him, do not cheat one another... Since he is selling it to you for the number of crops, you must increase your payment if it will be for many years and decrease it if there are few... You will then not be cheating one another. You shall fear your G-d, for I am HaShem, your G-d." (Vayikra 25:8-11, 14-17) The initial portion of Parashas Behar ends with the following verse: "If you perform My decrees and guard My laws and perform them, then you shall dwell securely on your land." (Vayikra 25:18)

The novel idea that millions of Jews, all over the world, would be learning the same folio (daf or "blatt" in Yiddish) at the same time was suggested first by Rabbi Yehuda Meir Shapiro in 1923 at the First World Conference of Agudath Yisrael. The number seven continues to have special significance because at this rate, one would complete the entire Talmud in seven and a half years. The last "Siyum HaShas" took place on March 1, 2005 with an estimated 120,000 in attendance worldwide, using local indoor arenas. The next local "Siyum" will be held, IY"H, on August 1, 2012, at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

The "Daf HaYomi" is now situated roughly in Maseches Tamid, which is an account of daily Temple activities. The first Mishnah begins, "The Kohanim would stand guard in three places in the Holy Temple..." (There were 21 guard stations for the Levi'im as well, but this Mishnah is focusing on the activities of the Kohanim.) These guards were not posted to protect against theft; rather (according to an ArtScroll footnote), it is the honor of the Temple from which the nation may never divert its attention, as we find in Il Kings 11:6, "...and you shall guard the house from inattention." Others add that the stationing of guards promotes the general sense of honor and esteem in which the Temple is held, inasmuch as "a palace that has guards cannot be compared to a palace that does not have guards." (Rambam, Hilchos Bais HaBechirah)

In Parashas Bechukosai, after a period of severe punishment that the People of Israel suffers for the violation of "Shemirah" and "Yovel" Laws, we find that HaShem forgives them and says, "And I remember the Covenant of Ya'akov, and even the Covenant of Yitzchok and even the Covenant of Avraham will I remember – and I will remember the Land." And we are commanded "...in order that you remember the day you left Egypt all the days of your life" and "Remember the Day of Shabbos to keep it holy."

Thus we see that there are two ways of keeping important ideas and individuals alive before the mind's eye: "Zechirah," remembering, that we are commanded to use in relation to important events, such as the Revelation of HaShem at Mt. Sinai and the Day that "we" left the land of Egypt, and our parents and other beloved individuals, And also "Shemirah," continuous guarding of precious items that have been left to our responsibility, such as our family, and our relationship with HaShem and His Torah. And the night of Pesach is called "Layl Shimurim," the night that HaShem watches closely over us, and we ask Him to appoint angelic messengers to watch over Yerushalayim "all day and all night."

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

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