

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת במדבר - פרקי אבות פרק ו'-שבועת

May 25, 2012

ד'סיון תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת במדבר

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 7:59

שקיעה 8:17

שבת פרשת במדבר

ערב שבועת

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:11

מנחה 2:00

מנחה 7:50

שקיעה 8:18

מעריב 9:00

הדלקת נרות

Not before 9:09

1st Day of Shavuos

שחרית 4:45 and 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:11

דף היומי 7:25 PM

מנחה 8:10

הדלקת נרות

Not before 9:05

2nd Day of Shavous

דף היומי 7:45

שחרית: 8:30

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:11

Not before יזכור 10:15

מנחה : 8:10

מעריב 9:03

שחרית Week of 5/29-6/1

Tues, Weds, Friday 6:30, 7:45

Thurs 6:20, 7:45

מנחה - מעריב 8:10

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

There is **NO סעודת שלישיית** in shul this week. It should be eaten at home before 5:13 PM. There will be **Neilas Hachag with a siyum on Seder Kodashim on the second day of Yom Tov (Monday) after Mincha.**

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

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

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

Save the Date! Sunday, August 26 join Bais Torah at the **Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park.** Some of the Special Exhibits include "Filming the Camps: From Hollywood to Nuremberg" rare footage of the liberation of Dachau with detailed directors' notes, narratives describing burials at Falkenau, and the documentary produced as evidence at the Nuremberg trial. Also "Emma Lazarus: Poet of the Exiles," her Sephardic background, her American roots, and her work for Jewish causes and a Jewish homeland. More details about the trip to follow!

MAZAL TOV

Bert and Alice Sirote on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Yair Eitan, son of Yossi and Kira Sirote of Raanana, Israel.

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**

Tova Eizik's grandson - **שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל**

Leni Loebenstein - **הילני בת רחל**

Ben Zauderer - **בנימין בן בילה**

Chana Mayerfeld- **חנה פרומה בת יהודית גיטל**

Larry Seligson- **אריה לייב בן רבקה**

Larry Seligson's son- **פראל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל**

Felise Katz's father- **חיים בן חנה**

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets Shabbos afternoon 30 minutes before Pirkei Avos Shiur

Sunday:

6:30 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara 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

Thursday

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

Shavuos "Yom HaAtzmaus" and "Yom Yerushalayim"

Shavuos marks the end of the 49-day count of "Sephiras HaOmer." Included in these 49 days are two days of modern, but Eternal, significance: "Yom HaAtzmaus," the Day of Independence of the State of Israel, following the "Milchemes HaShichrur," on 5 Iyar 5708 (May 14, 1948), and "Yom Yerushalayim," on 28 Iyar 5727 (June 9, 1967), when the City of Yerushalayim was recaptured from the Arabs in the Six Day War of 1967.

I would like to discuss briefly the lives of two heroes of Modern Zionism, Theodor Herzl (1860-1904), of Budapest, Hungary, without whom many say there would be no State of Israel and Yechiel Michael Pines (1842-1912), of Grodno in Russian-held Poland, who was one of those great individuals who accurately identified religion as the Source of Zionism.

Theodor Herzl: "In 1894, Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish captain on duty with the French General Staff, was accused of spying for Germany. It was Herzl's duty as correspondent to provide his paper in Vienna with an account of the trial of Dreyfus and its effect on the public life of France. He was present at the Ecole Militaire at the famous dramatic scene when Dreyfus was stripped of his epaulets and drummed out the gate in disgrace. For Herzl this moment was a hammer blow, and the howling of the mob outside the gates of the parade ground, shouting "a bas les Juifs," transformed him into the Zionist that he was to be."

"In August, 1897, more than 200 delegates from all over the Jewish world answered his call to come to Basel, Switzerland, to found the World Zionist Organization. Here its purpose was proclaimed: 'Zionism seeks to secure for the Jewish People a publicly recognized, legally secured, home in Palestine.'"

First Entry in His Diary: "Shavuot, 1895 – I have been occupied for some time past with a work which is of immeasurable greatness. I cannot tell today whether I shall bring it to a close. It has the appearance of a gigantic dream. But for days and weeks it has filled me, saturated even my subconscious; it accompanies me wherever I go..."

Herzl wrote an essay called "The Jewish State." I will cite only the first sentence of this great essay, a sentence in its middle, and its last paragraphs, to give a taste of its historic significance:

"Preface: The idea which I have developed in this pamphlet is an ancient one: It is the restoration of the Jewish State..."

"The Jews who will it shall achieve their State..."

"The world will be liberated by our own freedom, enriched by our wealth, magnified by our greatness. And whatever we attempt there for our own benefit will redound mightily and beneficially to the good of all mankind."

It is well known that Theodor Herzl was not a Torah-observant Jew. However, Felix Lehmann has reminded me that – **הרבה שלוחים למקום** – "The L-rd has many messengers."

Yechiel Michael Pines: His education was quite unusual, for it included an excellent grounding in the Jewish classics of Bible and Talmud, but also a thorough exposure to modern culture. Rare indeed was the individual who could debate with the leading representatives of Russian Jewish "enlightenment" in their own language. The following is an excerpt from an essay by Pines entitled "Religion is the Source of Jewish Nationalism (1895):"

"Science and education are no less precious to me than they are to you, secularists. I set a high value on this divine light which has been given us by our Creator at our birth. I, too, no less than you, would like to see the Jewish people advance in scientific knowledge and in worldly education, for I know how important such advance is in improving human nature... But knowledge divorced from faith is not what I consider a desirable goal..."

"Nor have you, the secularists, any monopoly on the Zionist sentiment. I am as much a Lover of Zion as you are, not a whit less. But mine is not the Love of Zion which you have abstracted from the whole Jewish tradition to set it up in a separate existence. Any other people can perhaps have a national aspiration divorced from its religion, but we, Jews, cannot..."

"The nationalism I represent is the nationalism of Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi and of Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman, of blessed memory, a national sentiment organically integrated in faith, nationalism whose soul is the Torah and whose life is in its precepts and commandments."

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

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