

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת קרח - פרקי אבות פרק ד'

June 22, 2012

ב' תמוז תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת קרח

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 8:14

שקיעה 8:32

שבת פרשת קרח

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:11

פרקי אבות שיעור 6:25

הלכה שיעור** 7:15

מנחה 8:00

שקיעה 8:32

מעריב 9:14

Weekday Schedule:

שחרית Week of 6/24-6/29

Sunday 7:45

Mon, Thurs 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds, Fri

6:30, 7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs 8:20

Next Week:

שבת פרשת חקת

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual lighting time 8:15

שקיעה 8:33

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by all those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations. Mazal Tov to all the celebrants, thank you for supporting our weekly Kiddush. The list of Sponsors is attached.

סעודת שלישיית is available for sponsorship

***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.

General Membership Meeting and Elections will take place motza'ai Shabbos June 30 at 10:30 pm. All members in good standing are urged to attend.

The new 2012-2013 KOSHER DISCOUNT CARD is now available! Great savings and giveaways at places you already shop! Only \$20.00, and the card is valid for one year! Proceeds benefit Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. For more information and to purchase the card call Aviva in the shul office or Leslie Goldress. 352-3257

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is **July 9**. Bais Torah's commitment is **130 cans of fruit** for the month. The Food Pantry cannot accept cans with expired dates

Join us! **Mostly Mozart Concert at Avery Fisher Hall Tuesday, August 14th at 8 p.m.** Osmo Vänskä, conductor, Rudolf Buchbinder, piano. Featuring: MOZART: Symphony No. 32, BEETHOVEN: Piano Concerto No. 3, SCHUBERT: Symphony in C major ("Great") There is a **pre concert piano recital at 7 p.m.** BEETHOVEN: Sonata No. 23 ("Appassionata") Tickets are **\$55.00 each payable in advance to Bais Torah** All reservations and checks must be in by July 10th. For information and tickets Contact: Sandy Thurm sfthurm@optonline.net 368-3418

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. For details please contact Doris Newman or David Lehmann.

MAZAL TOV

Elliot and Roberta Shapiro on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Avi and Stacey Shapiro of Yerushalayim.

Moshe and Eileen Frommer on the birth of a grandson born to their children Eli and Aviva Frommer

Edwin and Ruth Levi on the engagement of their granddaughter, Channa Katzenstein daughter of Adele and Naftoly Katzenstein, to Eli Mandelbaum

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 - 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 - רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Felise Katz's father - חיים בן חנה

Ed and Helen Furman's son in law רפאל צבי בן עיטא לאה

Manny Mayerfeld מנחם בן קילה

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zeker 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 Mischeles 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-will resume in the fall

Thursday

8:00PM Women's Mishnayos class-Will resume in the fall

Parashas Korach – “Rebel Without a Cause”

An explanation which appears in “Ma’ayan Bais HaSho’evah,” by Rav Shimon Schwab, ZT”L, late rabbi of K’Hal Adas Yeshurun, relating to this week’s parashah, is the following: On the first verse in the parashah, “And Korach took, son of Yitzhar, son of Kehas, son of Levi, together with Dathan and Aviram...” (BaMidbar 16:1) Rashi comments: “ ‘ VaYikach Korach’ – He took himself to one side, to become separated from the congregation, to protest the assignment of the Priesthood.” The question is, “In Scripture there is no mention of ‘taking oneself;’ there is only mention of ‘taking’ in general. The matter requires explanation.” Rabbi Schwab explains, “It seems that Rashi wanted to hint by the insertion of the word “himself” that until the jealousy that is described in this parashah entered his heart, Korach did not have a ‘private domain’ of ‘himself’ in his soul, for he was wise and possessed of the Holy Spirit. He belonged to the group which carried the Holy Ark which, in truth, carried its carriers, and he was totally dedicated to the Service of HaShem. At the time of the construction of the Golden Calf, Moshe cried out, ‘Whoever is for HaShem, come to me!’ he had also run to Moshe’s side. But this is the nature of the jealousy and desire for honor which can remove a human being from his world (Avos, Chapter 4: Mishnah 28), as Korach turned into another person, and then, for the first time, encountered ‘himself.’ The Torah said “And Korach took” and Rashi explained, ‘took himself,’ an entity that hitherto did not exist.” Indeed, how far Korach was from his initial personality is indicated by permuting the letters of his name: “Kuf,” “Resh,” “Ches” - Korach – to “Resh,” “Ches,” “Kuf” – Rachok – Far.

With his “Ruach HaKodesh,” Korach saw that the great Prophet Samuel would descend from him, and he thought that this would protect him from the consequences of his rebellion, Unfortunately for him, he failed to realize that his sons carried his great genes, and that they would do “Teshuvah.” And that every Monday, at the end of Shacharis, we conclude the Service with the Song that the Levi'im would sing in the Holy Temple (Tehilim 48), “A song, a psalm by the sons of Korach: ‘Great is HaShem and much praised, in the city of our G-d, Mount of His Holiness...”

Indeed, we find in Divrei HaYamim 1, 6:18-23, that Samuel was a descendant of Korach. How ironic! That a descendant of the one who tried to overturn the leadership of Moshe, the Man of G-d, should be the one who testified, perhaps most powerfully of all the great leaders of the Jewish People, regarding the Kingship of HaShem alone!

The Haftarah of Parashas Korach, according to both the Ashkenazic and Sephardic Communities, is taken from I Samuel, 11:14-12:22. In both the Parashah and the Haphtarah, the leaders of the Jewish People call upon HaShem to perform a miracle to verify the fact that their leadership was called for by G-d Himself. Driven to distraction by the intransigence of Korach, and in a manner very far from his usual modus operandi, Moshe calls for an unnatural death for Korach and his followers, resulting in an ensuing earthquake, which swallows the sinners alive. And in the Haphtarah, Samuel calls for a demonstration by HaShem that the people have sinned by demanding a king in the language of “Let us be like all the nations,” thereby rejecting the leadership of HaShem, and HaShem obliges with an unheard-of thunderstorm during the dry season in Israel.

Both the Parashah and the Haftarah teach the lesson that whoever our leaders are, they must be obeyed for “Yiptach b’doro ki-Shmuel b’doro,” and that our real leader is HaShem, the Master of the Universe. And that we should say with conviction the words in “Shemoneh Esray:” “...And rule over us, You, HaShem Alone, with Kindness and Mercy...”

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

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In Case of Emergency The red Hatzoloh phone is in the hallway on the wall between the rear washing station and the Simcha Room.

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

New Graduates

Tzipporah Benmergui (Lehmann granddaughter) graduated BY Ramat Shlomo
Evyatar Cohen (Wilens grandson) graduated Frisch
Rochel Gottlieb graduated High School
Rivka Hagler (Kirshenbaum granddaughter) graduated Nursery School
Ricki Katz graduated Stern/Yeshiva University
Sharon Kronenberg received an L.C.S.W.
Shlomo Kroopnick (Kirshenbaum grandson) graduated Yeshiva North Jersey
Gila (Lifschitz) Prince received a Masters in Accounting
Kaycee Rosenberg graduated BY of Ramapo (H.S.)
Meir Amram Rosenstock graduated Ner Israel H.S. (Baltimore)
Eitan Menachem Schmeltz graduated Yeshiva North Jersey (8th Grade)
Rivka Schwartz (Lehmann granddaughter) graduated YRSRH (8th grade)
Alex Seligson graduated BCDS (8th Grade)
David Selzer graduated Chicago Medical School
Boruch Levi Sinowitz graduation Pre-1A in Passaic, NJ
Rebecca Srulowitz graduated Baruch College
Dina Weiss (Abramczik granddaughter) graduated Shulamit H.S., Queens
Shira Zamore graduated Bruria High School

Birthdays

Shira (Lehmann) Benmergui July 16th
Yael Benmergui (Lehmann granddaughter) July 20th
Chana Bodenheim (Lieder granddaughter) July 23rd
Abe Frankel June 8th
Chana Frommer July 8th
Eileen Frommer July 13th
Laurence Gordon July 4th
Moshe Ranan Gordon June 16th
Shlomo Gottlieb June 20th
Yosef Gottlieb July 14th
Ken Gribetz June 3rd
Rachelle (Kronenberg) Haimowitz July 3rd
Yardena Leah Haimowitz (Kronenberg granddaughter) June 29th
Shlomo Herrmann (Kronenberg grandson) July 28th
Peter Katz June 23rd
Ayal Korczak (Greenblatt son-in-law) June 14th
Zahava Lieder July 7th
Mordechai Yosef Lisker (Kronenberg grandson) June 12th
Zev and Azriel Markowitz (Kronenberg/Markowitz grandsons) July 23rd
Esther Peikes (Lieder granddaughter) July 4th
Moshe Rosenberg June 1st
Yoni Saffra (Thurm grandson) July 6th
Daniel Schloss June 30th
Leora Schloss (granddaughter) July 19th
Aviva (Lehmann) Schwartz June 27th
Phyllis Siegel July 23rd

Anniversaries

Avi & Gila (Helprin) Cohen (18th) July 26th
Laurence & Gloria Gordon June 24th
Ken & Judy Gribetz June 25th
Paul & Rachelle (Kronenberg) Haimowitz June 27th
Chaim & Gayil Helprin (12th) June 28th
Yisroel & Bella Helprin (40th) July 30th
Ari & Michelle Lifschitz June 24th
Barry & Emily Lifschitz June 30th
Nissan & Rena (Kronenberg) Lifschitz June 28th
Jack & Betty Schloss June 29th
Steven & Shifra Strum June 15th
Edward & Ellen Tager (55th) June 19th
Daniel Schloss & Aviva Taubenfeld June 19th

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