

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת בלק- פרקי אבות פרק ו'

July 6, 2012

טז' תמוז תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת בלק

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 8:13

שקיעה 8:31

שבת פרשת בלק

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:13

פרקי אבות שיעור 6:25

הלכה שיעור** 7:15

מנחה 8:00

שקיעה 8:31

מעריב 9:13

Weekday Schedule:

שחרית 7/8-7/13

Sunday*** 7:45

Mon,Thurs 6:20,7:45

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

מנחה-מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:20

Next Week:

שבת פרשת פנחס

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual lighting time 8:10

שקיעה 8:28

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

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.

Sunday July 15 at 10 a.m.: A Morning at the Spring Valley Holocaust Museum and Study Center- the 2 hour program will include a tour of the exhibit with museum educator Rick Leibert, audio-presentation of "The Hiding," and a lecture/discussion led by Rabbi Gottlieb on Responsa of the Holocaust. If you are considering joining us, please contact Aviva at 352-1343 or aviva@baistorah.org, it will help the Museum plan for our visit.

Sunday July 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Bais Torah Rabbi Bezalel Rudinsky, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivas Ohr Reuven: will speak about "Transforming the Flames of Devastation into the Forge of Restoration."

Tisha B'av-Sunday July 29 beginning at chatzos Bais Torah's Tish'a B'Av video presentation. Details to follow.

Join us! **Mostly Mozart Concert at Avery Fisher Hall Tuesday, August 14th at 8 p.m.** MOZART,BEETHOVEN,SCHUBERT:. There is a **pre concert piano recital at 7 p.m.** Tickets are **\$55.00 each payable in advance to Bais Torah. All reservations and checks must be in by Tuesday, 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, . Also "Emma Lazarus: Poet of the Exiles," .We will also stop at the **9-11 Memorial** before our return trip home. Cost is **\$35.00 per person** for bus and museum entry For details please contact Doris Newman or David Lehmann.

Rebecca Srulowitz was incorrectly listed on the list of graduates. She graduated from Barnard College.

*** שבועה עשר בתמוז Fast of the 17th of Taamuz

Fast begins: 4:20 AM

Shacharis 7:45 AM

Mincha 8:05 PM

Maariv: 9:00 PM

Fast ends 9:11 PM

MAZAL TOV

Irwin and Eve Hollander on the birth of a granddaughter, Maya Yehudit, born to their children Zvi and Jodie Hollander of Teaneck.

Stuart and Pamela Erdfarb on the birth of a grandson, Yehuda Menachem, born to their children Amichai and Jody Erdfarb

Michael and Rena Rossman on the birth of a grandson born to their children Karen and Dov Rush

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson- **הונתן 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 - ביילה**

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'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

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 Balak- Bilaam's Donkey and Some Other Animals

Chaza"l teach that it is forbidden to make fun of anyone outside the context of "avodah zarah," idol worship. That is why we find the Torah making fun of Bilaam, the idolatrous prophet of Midian, for ignoring the straightforward command of HaShem not to attempt to curse the People of Israel (BaMidbar (22:12)) and also the criticism of his own donkey (BaMidbar (22:28,30)). In the time of the Mishnah, we find an individual, Rabbi Pinchas ben Yair, whose spiritual power was sufficient to transcend species difference and raise his donkey to the level where it refused to eat of produce that had not been properly tithed.

Included with Bilaam's donkey in the list of items created in the twilight of the first Shabbos (Pirkei Avos (5:8)) were the "Shamir," which was used by King Solomon to carve the stones of the Temple when iron tools, which have the characteristic that they take life, were disallowed for use in the Temple, as well as the "Ram of Avraham," which appeared at the precise instant necessary to save Yitzchak at the "Akeidah" (*Bereshis* (22:13)).

Fish play an important role in the Bible, as when a giant fish swallowed the Prophet Yonah (Yonah (2)), providing him with an ideal environment for prayer; fish represent fertility, and a giant fish, perhaps Yonah's, will be part of the menu for the righteous in "Olam HaBa" (Akdamus, recited on Shavuot).

Goats serve as a major component of the Sacrificial Service and, in particular, provide atonement for the People of Israel on Yom Kippur (*Vayikra* (16:7-30)), and on the other holidays.

Noach sent out a raven to determine whether the Mabul was over, but that raven did not perform its mission, (*Bereshis* (8:7)) because it was fearful that Noach would take its mate. But a descendant of that raven provided food for Eliyahu when he fled to the Wilderness to escape Achav (*I Kings* (17:6)). The dove was the bird sent by Noach to perform the mission that the raven failed to perform (*Bereshis* (8:11)) and symbolizes the People of Israel in *Shir HaShirim* (2:14).

The face of the "nesher," the eagle, is one of the faces on the Throne of Glory, and its outstretched wings symbolize the Redemption of Israel.

The lion, whose face is also on the Throne of Glory, symbolizes "Malchus," Kingship over the animal kingdom, and is the symbol of the Tribe of Yehudah.

The "na-mer," the leopard, is the symbol of fierceness, and the "tzvi," the deer, epitomizes swiftness; the Jewish People is advised in Pirkei Avos (5:23), "Yehudah ben Tema said, 'Be fierce as a leopard, light as an eagle, swift as a deer and strong as a lion, to accomplish the will of your Father in Heaven.'"

The "chilazon," source of the aquamarine-blue color "techeiles" required in the curtains of the "Mishkan," as we find (*Shemos* 26:1), "You shall make the Tabernacle of ten curtains – twisted linen with **aqua-marine blue, purple and scarlet wool...**" and also in the "Tzitzis," in connection with which we find (*BaMidbar* 15:38), "...And they shall place upon the 'Tzitzis' of each corner a thread of aquamarine-blue wool." And concerning which the Talmud gives the following description, "The color 'techeiles' is similar to the sea, which is similar to the sky, which is similar to the Heavenly Throne"

The cow and the ox, the face of which was on the Heavenly Throne, which are major components of the Sacrificial Service, and which, as the red heifer, is the eternal source of purification for the Jewish People. The sheep, another major component of the Sacrificial Service, and which provides the wool that keeps us warm

The entire animal kingdom, which HaShem saw fit to create and to save on Noach's Ark, at the time of the "Mabul," which helps us in obvious and in unseen ways, each and every member of which was created for a purpose, for which we should appreciate them, and regarding which King David wrote, "You open Your Hand and provide willingly for the need of every living thing" (*Tehilim* 145:16).

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

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