

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת מטות-מסעי - פרקי אבות פרק ב'

July 20, 2012

ראש חדש אב תשע"ב

## ערב שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי

מנחה 7:00

### הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 8:05

שקיעה 8:23

## שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:22

פרקי אבות שיעור 6:20

הלכה שיעור\*\* 7:10

מנחה 7:55

שקיעה 8:23

מעריב 9:05

## Weekday Schedule:

### שחרית 7/20-7/27

Sunday 7:45

Mon,Thurs 6:20,7:45

Tues, Weds Fri

6:30,7:45

## מנחה -מעריב

Sun-Thurs 8:10

## Next Week:

## שבת פרשת דברים

מנחה 7:00

### הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual lighting time 7:59

שקיעה 8:17

## WHAT'S NEW

**This week's Kiddush is sponsored by** Max and Beverly Rubinstein in commemoration of the yartzheit of his mother Rasia Gittel bas Yosef Reuven

**סעודת שלישיית** is co-sponsored by Ed Levi and Sandy Lieder for the yartzheit of their father, Hachaver Yehuda ben Hachaver Meir HaLevi

**SPECIAL YOM IYUN This 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." This Yom Iyun sponsored by Dr. Bracha and Moshe Ollech in memory of their parents Ruth Tager, Marvin Hochbaum and Nathan Ollech.

**Tisha B'av-Sunday July 29** Bais Torah will have a whole afternoon of video presentations beginning at chatzos:\$15.00 per person and \$10 for children under 15

1:10 PM **Making Tisha B'Av Meaningful to Us Today** (a YU / OU presentation)

3:10PM **Some Who Lived** -a Steven Spielberg production (testimonies from Holocaust survivors)

4:10 PM **Diplomats of the Damned**( four diplomats, saviors of Jews and others persecuted by Nazism)

5:00 PM **Iranium** (the threat Iran poses to the world)

6:00PM **Chofetz Chaim Heritage** Foundation presentation with Rabbis Rietti, Pliskin and Brezak

**SEATS ARE GOING FAST for the bus to the Siyum Hashas August 1.**Make your reservation today price will be **\$22 round trip** payable to BaisTorah paid in advance to secure a seat on the bus. Price may rise to \$25 if all seats are not reserved. Call Aviva at the shul office or email [Aviva@baistorah.org](mailto:Aviva@baistorah.org)

Sunday, **August 26 join Bais Torah at the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the 9-11 Memorial** in Battery Park. **Reservations and payment must be in by July 31.**Cost is \$35.00 per person (which includes a bus). Mail checks to Aviva at the Bais Torah office, or to Doris Newman 11 Kupperman Lane Monsey, NY 10952

## MAZAL TOV

Max and Beverly Rubinstein on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Ethan Julian, son of Ellen & John Lasko of Florida

Max and Beverly Rubinstein on bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Brianna Rose, daughter of Esther and Kenneth Rubinstein of New York City.

Mel and Betty Sinowitz on the birth of a grandson born to their children Uri and Jenny Sinowitz of Jerusalem

Henry and Ann Shapiro on the birth of a great-great grandson born to their grandchildren, Danny and Jenny Levy of Teaneck.

Josef and Barbara Fischer on the birth of a great grandson born to Yishai and Tal Weissman. The grandparents are Haim and Atara Weissman of Nof Ayalon, Israel.

## NICHUM AVEILIM

Hilda Zauderer on the petirah of her husband, our member, Ben Zauderer

Carol Stern on the petirah of her father, our member, Ben Zauderer

## 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

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 Matos -Masei Journey of a Sefer Torah

Parashas Masei deals with the travels of the People of Israel in the Wilderness until they reached the brink of the Holy Land, "Arvos Moav." It is possible to contemplate similar wanderings of a Sefer Torah from Europe, which became a Moral Wilderness in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, until it reached its home in the Holy Land. This essay traces the history of just such a Sefer, which fortunately was saved among thousands that were lost, into the murderous and plundering hands of the Nazis, May their names be erased.

The Gemara in Maseches Shabbos 115b declares that a Sefer Torah that is mainly deteriorated, but retains 85 letters, a word here and a word there, combining to the same number of letters as the Section, "Vayehi Binso'a HaAron" - (BaMidbar 10:35-36), should be preserved. The Sefer Torah in question was written in 1923 in Germany, in memory of the daughter of the great great-grandfather, from whom the "Bachur HaBar Mitzvah," who was to read from the Sefer, is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation. It had been written in Koln, and it had been used in the city where the aforementioned ancestor was one of the leaders of the community.

In 1938, the family succeeded in escaping from Germany, just a few hours before the Nazis arrived to arrest them, leaving all their belongings in Germany, except for the Sefer Torah which they managed to take with them. The escape from Germany was accomplished by means of a large bribe paid to a truck driver who transported a large load of potatoes to Belgium. The truck had a double wall, behind which hid the great great-grandfather, and several other relatives. The Sefer Torah was especially heavy, as those individuals who had performed "Hagbahah" (lifting it up after it was read so that the congregation could see it) with it, would testify. It lay throughout the entire trip, on the body of the great great-grandfather, who lay in a state of great stress and overcrowding, in the dark, with hardly any ability to breathe, until they reached the Belgian border. The Sefer Torah remained for two years in Belgium, in a synagogue in Antwerp, before departing by boat for the shores of Brazil. On the ship it was used for Torah Reading every Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh, and Mondays and Thursdays. When it reached Sao Paulo, the Sefer was transferred from shul to shul, as the family moved.

When the Sefer was quite aged, it was inspected and disqualified for Torah Reading, and a recommendation was made that it be buried as "Shemos" (textual material containing the Name of G-d) in a cemetery in Brazil. Fortunately, this was not carried out. From that time, for forty years, the Sefer was never read from (until 2001). Eleven years ago, in 2001, the Sefer was flown to Eretz Yisrael. At that time, it was in terrible shape, full of fungus, stained black on most of its pages from the ink, and without handles.

The Sefer was brought for repair to the "Os (Hebrew Letter) Institute," because it qualified under the "85 Letter" Rule. After tremendous effort and expense, the Sefer was repaired, and validated for Torah Reading, and has been in use in a shul till today.

It was used for a family "Bar-Mitzvah," and the parashah read on that Shabbat contained the verses:

*"When the Ark would journey, Moshe said, 'Arise, HaShem, and let Your foes be scattered, and let those who hate You, flee before You.'"*

*"And when it rested, he would say, 'Reside tranquilly, O, HaShem, among the myriad thousands of Israel.'"* (BaMidbar 10:35-36)

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

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