

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

‘טו’ באב תשע”ב Aufruf of Stephen Gordon - פרשת ואתחנן- פרקי אבות פרק ד’

August 3, 2012

‘טו’ באב תשע”ב

ערב שבת פרשת ואתחנן

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 7:52

שקיעה 8:10

שבת פרשת ואתחנן

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק”ש 9:28

פרקי אבות שיעור 6:05

הלכה שיעור** 6:55

מנחה 7:40

שקיעה 8:08

מעריב 8:50

Weekday Schedule:

שחרית 8/5-8/10 Week of

Sunday 7:45

Mon,Thurs 6:20,7:45

Tues, Weds Fri
6:30,7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs 7:50

Next Week:

שבת פרשת עקב

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual lighting time 7:43

שקיעה 8:01

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Laurence and Gloria Gordon in honor of the aufruf of their son Stephen

סעודת שלישיית is co-sponsored by Seymour Lutwak commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Esther Malka bas Shlomo

Thank you to all those who made the Tisha B'av presentations so successful: Peter Katz for setting up the equipment and Akiva Gottlieb--Peter's right hand man, David Lehmann and Yis Helprin for tending to details Ronnie Herrmann--projectionist extraordinaire and Marilyn Sapir-- for working the front table. Thank you to Sandy Thurm for all her hard work coordinating the program

The **first board meeting of the new Bais Torah board** will take place **Wednesday August 15** at 9pm. Shul members in good standing who are not members of the board are invited to attend for the first half hour and raise issues that are relevant to the shul. Please contact Steve Fessel prior to the meeting.

The Daf Yomi Cycle begins anew! We are beginning shas again and now is the time to take advantage of the many daf yomi shiurim offered at Bais Torah

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 soon! **Cost is \$35.00 per person which includes the bus.** Mail checks to Aviva at the Bais Torah office, or Doris Newman, 11 Kupperman Lane Monsey, 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. This is a docent-led tour.

MAZAL TOV

Laurence and Gloria Gordon on the Aufruf of their son Stephen

Dovid and Rena Bussu on the bar mitzvah of their son, Eliezer

Ralph and Chana Gable on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Eliezer Bussu

Bert and Alice Sirote on the bas mitzah of their granddaughter, Aliza, daughter of Beth and Josh Mark of Jerusalem.

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

Rena Rossman's mother- שושנה בת לאה צירל

Leni Loebenstein - הלני 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 Va'eschanan – “The Measuring Line”

In Eichah, 2:8, we find *“Hashem resolved to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion. He stretched out the line and did not relent from destroying ...”*

In a modern kinah, for the tragedy of the Holocaust, Rabbi Shimon Schwab composed a lament including the following stanzas:

“[Remember] the finger motions of the savage officers: To the right – slave labor! To the left – the shadow of death;

[Remember] how the sharpshooters shot at those digging their own graves,

Lowering them to the depths in the agony of the grave.”

“With the cry of ‘Shema Yisrael,’ they gave up their lives for G-d, so that He might gather them in.

And until the very last day, they justified His judgment, and called out ‘I believe...’ and sang a song of trust.”

“O Living G-d! Merciful One! Comfort your congregation that yearns for You so mightily,

Let new light shine, let rays of glory grow, and May G-d's spirit hover.”

In Kinah 46, the final kinah of our selection, we find a bitter debate between the Ten Tribes, personified by “Oholah,” which means “her tent,” because HaShem had no part in her “temple” and the Kingdom of Yehudah, personified by “Oholivah,” which means “My tent is in it,” referring to the Bais HaMikdash, over who suffered more. But the kinah concludes on a note of hope,

“As it is written by the hand of Your Prophet: *“Therefore says HaShem, ‘I shall return to Yerushalayim with compassion, My House shall be rebuilt within it,’ says HaShem, Master of Legions, and a measuring line of construction shall be stretched over Yerushalayim.”*

The Haftarah of Parashas Va'eschanan speaks of the final Redemption of the People of Israel and begins, *“Be comforted, be comforted, My People – says your G-d. Speak [to her] and proclaim to her ... [that] she has received from the hand of Hashem double for all her sins.” (Yeshayahu 40:1)* The prophecy continues, *“Get yourself upon a high mountain, O herald unto Jerusalem, raise your voice in power, raise it, fear not, say to the cities of Judah, ‘Behold, your G-d!’ Behold! My Lord, Hashem, shall come with strength, and His arm will rull for Him; behold! His reward is with Him, and His wage is before Him, ...”* And again, we come to a reference to a measuring line, only here the reference is not to Jerusalem, but to the entire universe, *“Who has measured the waters in His fist, and meted out the Heavens with the span, and counted in large volume the dust of the earth, and weighed mountains in a scale and hills in a balance?” [Isaiah 40:12]*

“All the nations are as nothing before Him, as nothing and emptiness are they considered by Him. [Isaiah 40:17]

Except that from His infinite Majesty, Hashem was “metzamtzem,” He contracted Himself to the level of having a Chosen People, Israel, about whom Moshe says, *“For you are a holy people to Hashem, your G-d; Hashem, your G-d, has chosen you to be for Him a treasured people above all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. Not because you are more numerous than all the peoples did Hashem desire you and choose you, for you are the fewest of all the peoples. Rather because of Hashem's love for you and because He observes the oath that he swore to your forefathers, did He take you out with a strong hand and redeem you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.” [Va'eschanan 7:6-8]*

And that is why we hope and pray that the next Tisha B'Av will be celebrated as a true ‘Moed,’ in the holy city of Jerusalem.

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

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