

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וילך - הדלקת נרות 6:36

September 21, 2012

ה' תשרי תשע"ג

ערב שבת פרשת וילך

הדלקת נרות	6:36
מנחה	6:45
שקיעה	6:54

שבת פרשת וילך

דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:46

Drasha שבת שובה 5:00

מנחה	6:20
שקיעה	6:52
מעריב	7:34

Weekday Schedule:

שחרית Week of 9/23-9/28

סליחות

Sunday 7:20

Monday 5:50, 7:20

Tues ערב יום כיפר
6:15, 7:30

Thurs 6:15, 7:40

Fri: 6:30, 7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun, Mon, Thurs 6:35

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת האזינו

הדלקת נרות	6:24
מנחה	6:30
שקיעה	6:42

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship

*Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos Shuva Drasha: "Return to Sender: Damaged Goods" is at 5pm. All are invited to attend.

Kibbudim for Yom Kippur and year round will be auctioned off Kol Nidre night.

Bais Torah's beautiful *succah* is almost complete. Be a part of this great mitzvah by helping to sponsor it! Please contact Steve Fessel or Michael Kronenberg.

Bais Torah is forming a **Hashkama Minyan** for Shabbos morning. The projected start date will be IY"H Shabbos **Parshas Vayera November 3rd**. If you are interested in participating in this minyan on a regular basis, please call Aviva at 352-1343 or email aviva@baistorah.org. There will be a meeting after Succos with all those interested in participating in the Minyan to discuss the details.

Yom Kippur Schedule 5773-2012

Erev Yom Kippur Tuesday, September 25:

Mincha 3:00 PM

Candlelighting 6:29 PM

Kol Nidrei 6:35 PM

Fast Begins 6:45 PM

Yom Kippur Wednesday, September 26:

Shacharis 8:30 AM

Sof zman Krias shema 9:47 AM

Yizkor not before 11:30 AM

Mincha 4:45 PM

Neila 6:15 PM

Fast Ends 7:28 PM

MAZAL TOV

David and Carol Abramczik on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Pinchos Meir Abramczik, son of Rabbi Shimon and Huvi Abramczik of Los Angeles.

Peter and Felise Katz on the birth of their grandson born to their children Eli and Elana Katz.

Elliot and Roberta Shapiro on the birth of a granddaughter Dina Bracha, born to their children, Duvie and Chanie Shapiro of Yerushalayim.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's
grandson- הונתן משה-
בן זבורה 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

Chana Mayerfeld- חנה-
פרומה בת יהודית גיטל

Larry Seligson-
אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-
רפאל אפרים בן סימא-
פריעדל

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

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס ליאן בן ריזל

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zcher
nishmas Feigel bas Men-
achem Mendel, meets Shab-
bos afternoon 30 minutes
before Pirkei Avos Shiur

Sunday:

6:25 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 Vayelech "Shabbos Shuvah" - The Power of Teshuvah

There is a debate between non-believing scientists and scientists, indeed any rational individuals who also believe in G-d, as to whether the concept of "Intelligent Design" is a valid one. In fact, anyone who prays from the Hebrew "Siddur" clearly affirms that concept. For he recites a blessing each morning:

"Blessed are You, HaShem, our G-d, King of the universe, **Who fashioned Man with wisdom**, and created within him many openings and many cavities. It is obvious and known before Your Throne of Glory that if but one of them were to be ruptured or but one of them were to be blocked, it would be impossible to survive and to stand before You. Blessed are You, HaShem, Who heals all flesh and acts wondrously."

Many brilliant scientists, including Crick and Watson, of DNA fame, and Stephen Hawking, a theoretical physicist who wrote "A Brief History of Time," subscribe to the notion that earth was visited by aliens, who planted here seeds from which would grow intelligent life. It makes their brilliance sound like foolishness.

In addition, the incredible fine-tuning of natural constants, such as the gravitational constant, which, if it were to vary by the slightest fraction, would make the structure of the universe untenable, is explained by some scientists by string theory and parallel multi-verses of astronomical number, each with its own set of natural constants.

The notion of creation "ex nihilo," עיש מעין was also considered far-fetched by modern scientists, until they came up with the notion of singularities and "black holes."

In addition to the Covenant of Torah that spans the generations, another example of a fundamental reality in Judaism that is time-independent is "Teshuvah," Repentance. In a lecture delivered in Av of 5746 entitled "Fast Days, Eretz Yisroel and Teshuvah," Rav Shimon Schwab, ZT"l, former Rav of Congregation K'hal Adath Jeshurun included the following remarks:

"The Chachamim say that *Teshuvah* was created before the world was formed. This is a very strange statement indeed! How could anything have been created before the world itself came into being?"

"When we speak of the creation of the world, we believe that it was from 'Yesh MeAyin,' a tangible reality out of nothing. This is possible only for the Almighty, with His infinite powers..."

"Yet this is the wonder of *teshuvah*. If someone fully and sincerely repents, then HaShem considers it as if the crime had never been done. Instead of 'Yesh MeAyin' we have 'Ayin MeYesh.' He turns the 'Yesh' of the crime into an 'Ayin' – a negation of an act that had already taken place. So in this sense, *teshuvah* was created before the formation of the world. Because *teshuvah* returns conditions to where they were before the Creation, to the status of 'Ayin.' The misdeed is considered null and void."

"This explains the statement of Chazal that - "Whoever says that King David sinned is mistaken." On the surface, it seems strange for the Chachamim to have come to this conclusion. After all, the Tanach is very direct in its description of David's actions; it does not whitewash anyone. Certainly it is clear from the Tanach that David committed some חטא with regard to Batsheva. Why, then, is it wrong to think that David did do something improper?"

"The answer is that David sinned, but he also did Teshuvah. And, as we have said, once someone has repented whole-heartedly and has committed himself to not repeating his mistake, it is as if he has not sinned at all. Consequently, once David did Teshuvah,

any sin he may have committed is wiped off the books. Therefore Chazal can truthfully say that he did not sin at all."

This may be silly and naïve on my part, but if one wishes to go to physics to explain spiritual matters, one can perhaps invoke quantum mechanics, in which a particle can be here and there at the same time, so can an individual be sinful and righteous, provided he does Teshuvah.

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

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