

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת נח - הדלקת נרות 5:50

October 19, 2012

ג' חשוון תשע"ג

ערב שבת פרשת נח

הדלקת נרות	5:50
מנחה	6:00
שקיעה	6:08

שבת פרשת נח

דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:57
Halacha Shiur	4:50
מנחה	5:35
שקיעה	6:07
מעריב	6:49

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 10/21-10/26

שחרית

Sunday	7:45
Mon, Thurs	6:20,7:45
Tues, Weds, Fri	6:30,7:45

מנחה-מעריב

Sun-Thurs	5:50
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NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת לך לך

הדלקת נרות	5:41
מנחה	5:50
שקיעה	5:59

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

טעודה שלישיית is sponsored by Yosef and Talia Hendler celebrating the sheva brachos of their children, Batsheva and Binyamin Weinstein.

Bais Torah is forming a Hashkama Minyan for Shabbos morning. The projected start date will be IY"ח **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 THIS Motzoei Shabbos October 20th** at 8 pm with all those interested in participating in the Minyan to discuss the details.

Please join Bais Torah **THIS Motzoei Shabbos, October 20, at 8:30 pm**, for a presentation by Tsvi Zwickler (son of Bais Torah founding members Sam (a"ח) and Ruth Zwickler) resident of, and Associate Director of Overseas Development for Beit Orot. He will be speaking about "The Renewal of Jewish Life Atop Har Hazeitim." The evening's collation is being sponsored in memory of Shprintze bas Moshe Gedalia.

Celebrate with us! The next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush is Shabbos Parshas Vayera, November 3. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in October or November help support our weekly Kiddush! Please contact the shul office 352-1343 or email aviva@baistorah.org. to be included. The deadline is Monday October 29.

Rabbi Gottlieb's Navi Yechezkel shiur will resume Wednesday evening, **October 31 at 8:15pm** in the Simcha room. Possible time changes will be discussed at the first Shiur. All are welcome to attend.

Bais Torah's **ANNUAL AVOS U'BANIM PROGRAM** begins Motzoei Shabbos, **November 10th at 6:45 p.m.** Enjoy Torah learning - hot pizza - prizes for all! Bring your children - bring your grandchildren. **Sponsorships are available** for only \$50 you can sponsor the night of learning. For more information or to be a sponsor please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com or the shul office. Stay Tuned! Special Guest November 17 at 6:30pm: The World Renowned Rabbi Mitzman Illusion show!

The next Kosher Food Pantry collection date is November 12. Bais Torah's commitment is 140 cans of fruit for the month. The Food Pantry cannot accept cans with expired dates.

MAZAL TOV

Yosef and Talia Hendler on the marriage of their children Batsheva and Binyamin Weinstein

Avromy and Renee Fein on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Yehuda and Shoshana Fein in Israel.

Mrs. Lottie Herrmann on the occasion of her 90th birthday

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson - יהונתן 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

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 רייזל

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets Shabbos afternoon 30 minutes before Halacha Shiur

Sunday:

6:25 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 October 31st

Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mishnayos class-Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Noach- "Noach and the "Zoo Rabbi"

This Shabbos, we will read Parashas Noach, the Torah's account of the Voyage of Noach's Ark, a vessel constructed by human hands, carrying the family of the builder and representatives of the entire animal kingdom. This ship sailed the raging high seas during the "Mabul," the Flood, during which the entire human race and the animal kingdom (except the fish), were destroyed by drowning, because of the corruption of humanity, who somehow led the animals to follow their lead. After the "Mabul," Noach sent forth a dove to verify that it was safe to emerge from the "Tevah."

Several years ago, we heard that a shul in Washington Heights had organized a tour of the Bronx Zoo, to be led by Rabbi Natan Slifkin, known as the "Zoo Rabbi," because of his expertise in zoology and his status as a Talmid Chacham. My wife and I decided to join the tour, and we were not disappointed. Rabbi Slifkin, who is a prolific author, had brought along four of his works, all of which I purchased.

I would like to cite material from two of his books: "Man and Beast" and "The Challenge of Creation," subtitled: "Judaism's Encounter with Science, Cosmology and Evolution." It is most probably the last word of the second subtitle that is mainly responsible for the controversy surrounding the author and his works.

In "Man and Beast," Rabbi Slifkin cites the eighteenth century Kabbalist Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato, on two types of souls, the lower form of which is called the *nefesh* and the higher, unique to the human being, the *neshamah*:

There is a type of *nefesh* in man which is the same as that which exists in all living creatures, and is responsible for natural feelings and intelligence. This *nefesh*, which exists in all living creatures...is responsible for the senses, as well as for the intelligence that is appropriate for each species. For amongst animals themselves there is great variety in their intelligence; and the intellect of man is very different from them all. ("Derech HaShem," 3:1:1)

Of all the things that exist, it is man alone that consists of two absolute opposites, namely a spiritual soul (the *neshamah*) and a physical body, which is not found in any other creation. One must be careful not to mistakenly think that other animals are the same as man in this respect. For the soul of an animal is a physical entity, albeit the most ethereal of physical entities. Man also possesses this animal soul, since he is a living creature. However, aside from this, man has a Higher soul, an entity unto itself, entirely separate from the body and far removed from it. Only by virtue of G-d's decree does this soul enter man's body and attach to it... ("Derech HaShem," 1:5:1)

Ramban explains why a different utterance was made for the creation of man:

"And G-d said, Let us make man" – A separate utterance was devoted to the making of man because of his exalted status; his nature is not like the nature of the beasts and animals that G-d created with the preceding utterance. (Ramban, Commentary to Genesis 1:26)

Rav A. Y. Kook, did not require that the Biblical account of Adam and Chavah in Gan Eden be taken literally:

It makes no difference for us if in truth there was in the world an actual Garden of Eden, in which man delighted in an abundance of physical and spiritual good, or if actual existence began from the bottom upwards, from the lowest level of being towards its highest, an upward movement. (Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook, *Letters* 134, pp 163-164)

To reconcile Jewish dating with convincing scientific evidence that *Homo Sapiens* have been around for more than 100,000 years, an approach would be if just under 6,000 years ago, a *neshamah* was implanted in Adam HaRishon.

Rabbi Slifkin's concludes "The Challenge of Creation" as follows:

Each generation attains new insights into both Torah and the natural world. The revelations of science, which have challenged scientists to account for the extraordinary lawfulness of the universe, have enhanced our appreciation of the wonders of G-d's creation. They have enhanced our grasp of the unity of existence. And they have also enhanced our understanding of the "creative wisdom" of G-d, as Rabbi Hirsch phrased it. There is grandeur in this view of Creation.

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

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