

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת לך לך - הדלקת נרות 5:41

October 26, 2012

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ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

הדלקת נרות	5:41
מנחה	5:50
שקיעה	5:59
שבת פרשת לך לך	
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	10:01
Halacha Shiur	4:40
מנחה	5:25
שקיעה	5:57
מעריב	6:39

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 10/28-11/2

שחרית

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

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs	5:40
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NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת וירא

הדלקת נרות	5:32
מנחה	5:40
שקיעה	5:50

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored in honor of Morty Appleton's "2nd Bar Mitzvah" (70th anniversary of the original) by his children and their families.

טעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

Bais Torah's new Hashkama Minyan for Shabbos morning. will IY"H begin **Shabbos Parshas Vayera November 3rd**. At 7:30 AM.

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, in conjunction with Community Synagogue will be hosting a Scholar in Residence Weekend Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah November 9th-10th featuring Dr. Marc B. Shapiro. After Kabbolas Shabbos at Bais Torah there will be a seudah (reservations required) and then Dr. Shapiro will speak in the main shul at 7:30 PM: "**Jacob Jehiel Weinberg: Between the Yeshiva World and Modern Orthodoxy.**" Shabbos morning davening and a reserved lunch will be held at Community Synagogue including a lecture at 1:15 pm: "Maimondes and Superstition." We return to Bais Torah for Mincha and seuda shlishis beginning at 4 PM, where Dr. Shapiro will discuss: "**Sense and Censorship: Is Historical Truth an Orthodox Value?**" At 8:30 Motzoei Shabbos the final lecture at Community Synagogue "**Rabbi Isaac Herzog: A Chief Rabbi to Remember**" Followed by refreshments.

For **reservations for Friday night** please contact Marilyn Sapir 369-3631 or Ruth Malinowitz 598-1977 or (561)338-0015. The cost is \$35 per person. For reservations for Shabbos lunch please contact Dr. Martin Gewirtz 425-7935 or Dr. Robert Bersson 425-1630

Bais Torah's **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.

HAVE A GOOD SHABBOS

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

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'zcher 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 Lech Lecha "Avraham Avinu" and Natural Law

At the beginning of Parashas Lech-Lecha, HaShem sends Avram on a journey to Eretz Canaan, to survey the Land that would ultimately be promised to his descendants. What was the merit of Avram that he would become the forefather of the nation of Israel? It was his great religious insight, as described in the following two Midrashim:

Terach had hidden Avram from Nimrod in a cave. At the age of three, he came out of the cave, and saw for the first time the beautiful world and asked, "Who created Heaven and Earth and me?" Seeing the sun providing light and warmth, he assumed that it was the Creator and prayed all day to the sun; at sunset, the moon and the stars appeared. He prayed all night to the moon and the stars, until daybreak. Then he said, "These have no independent power. There is a Master over them, and to Him I will pray."

Rabbi Yitzchok said, "The situation is analogous to one walking in the forest at night, who sees a palace brightly lit. He said to himself, 'This palace must have an owner.' Hearing this, the owner revealed himself and said, 'I am the owner of the palace.' Similarly, when Avram saw the magnificent world, he said, 'This world could not possibly exist without a supervisor.' The Holy One then appeared to him and said, 'I am the Master of the World.'" (Bereshis Rabbah 39)

As I did last week, in connection with Parashas Noach, I am going to invoke selections from Rabbi Natan Slifkin's wonderful book, "The Challenge of Creation," this time focusing on the close connection between scientific method and religious faith:

Rabbi Bachya Ibn Pakuda considered contemplation of the natural world a sure path to recognizing "G-d in the details:"

Reflection on the wisdom manifest in G-d's creations is the most accessible way of verifying His existence and the surest path to a true conception of Him. *Chovos HaLevavos, Sha'ar HaBechinah, Introduction*

The Netziv ties a permanent knot between nature and its author:

There are many secrets of nature which are discovered in every generation by scientists...in doing so, they give glory to the Holy One... Netziv, *Haamek Davar, Introduction to Genesis*

Albert Einstein lends his distinguished voice to the discussion:

You find it surprising that I think of the comprehensibility of the world, to the degree that we may speak of such comprehensibility as a miracle or eternal mystery. But surely, *a priori*, one should expect the world to be chaotic, and not to be grasped by thought in any way... Even if the axioms of the theory are posited by a human being, the success of such a procedure supposes in the objective world a high degree of order, which we are in no way entitled to expect *a priori*. Therein lies the 'miracle' which becomes more and more evident as our knowledge develops. And here is the weak point of positivists and professional atheists, who feel happy because they think that they have pre-empted not only the world of the divine but also that of the miraculous. Albert Einstein, *Letters to Maurice Solovine, 102*

Nobel Prize-winning physicist Eugene Wigner (1902-1995) comments on the un-natural quality of the "laws of nature:"

It is, as Schrodinger has remarked, a miracle that in spite of the baffling complexity of the world, certain regularities in the events could be discovered... It is not at all natural that "laws of nature" exist, much less that man is able to discover them. Eugene Wigner, "The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics in the Natural Sciences," p. 225, 227

Paul Dirac comments on the aspect of "beauty" in many fundamental equations:

It is more important to have beauty in one's equations than to have them fit experiment...because the discrepancy may be due to minor features... If one is ...getting beauty in one's equations, and if one has really a sound insight, one is on a sure line of progress. Paul Dirac, "The Evolution of the Physicist's Picture of Nature," *Scientific American, May 1963*

Rav Kook writes of the underlying pattern of evolution as moving upwards:

For evolution itself, moving upwards coordinately and undeviatingly from the lowest to the highest, demonstrates most clearly a pre-vision from afar – a pre-set purpose for all existence. Divine greatness is thereby enhanced and all the goals of faith confirmed, and trust in and service of the divine is all the more justified... Since all strives upwards and man has it in his power to improve and perfect himself and his world, he is manifestly thereby doing the will of his creator. Spiritual perfection is thus seen to be in the center of all existence... Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook, *Orot Ha-Kodesh* p. 565

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

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