

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וירא - הדלקת נרות 5:32

November 2, 2012

יז' חשון תשע"ג

ערב שבת פרשת וירא

הדלקת נרות	5:32
מנחה	5:40
שקיעה	5:50

שבת פרשת וירא

דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	10:05
Halacha Shiur	4:30
מנחה	5:15
שקיעה	5:49
מעריב	6:33

CHANGE CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 11/2-11/9

שחרית

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

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs	4:30
מעריב	
Mon-Thurs	8:00

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת חיה שרה

הדלקת נרות	4:24
מנחה	4:30
שקיעה	4:42

WHAT'S NEW

DUE TO THE BLACKOUT THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SHABBOS PARSHAS TOLDOS NOVEMBER 17. The list of celebrants is attached

טעודה שלישיית is available for sponsorship.

THIS Week Change the Clocks back 1 hour at 2 AM Motzoei Shabbos. The second Maariv Minyan at 8:00 PM will begin Monday November 5th.

NOTE THE CHANGE: Bais Torah's new Hashkama Minyan for Shabbos morning will begin at 7:30 AM. **Shabbos Parshas Toldos November 17th. At 7:30 AM.**

Rabbi Gottlieb's Navi Yechezkel shiur will resume Wednesday evening, **November 7 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: "Maimonides 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

MAZAL TOV

Jack and Rachel Gross on the birth of a grandson, Asher Avriel, born to their children Maytal and Oren Hassan in Israel

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'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 Vayera The Four Personalities

The early parashiyos in Sefer Bereshis tell us of disastrous punishments visited upon human populations.

In Parashas Noach, we find two of these cataclysmic events. In the beginning of the parashah, we read of the "Dor HaMabul," the "Generation of the Great Flood" who, as a result of their addiction to violence, perished in that great upheaval of Nature. At its end, the parashah gives the account of the "Dor HaHaflaga," the "Generation of the Great Dispersion" who, as a result of their tremendous, but misguided, attempt at consolidation, were dispersed to the four corners of the earth, and their languages made mutually incomprehensible to their speakers.

In this week's parashah, Vayera, we find the destruction of Sodom and Amorah by fire and brimstone, despite the attempted intervention by Avraham Avinu in their behalf.

I think it may be possible to relate these groups and the one individual to the four types of personality described in the fifth chapter of Pirkei Avot, as follows:

The people of the Dor HaMabul were in the category of those who believe "Sheli sheli v'shelcha sheli," "What is mine is mine, and what is yours is mine." Nothing matters but the individual. There are no rights but those defined by "might makes right." This generation was guilty because one man would take another's wife, but its fate was sealed because a man would steal his neighbor's house and everything he "owned."

The Dor HaHaflaga, the Generation of the Dispersion, was punished because it couldn't distinguish between the individual and the community. They said, "Sheli shelcha v'shelcha sheli," "What is mine is yours and what is yours is mine." The denial of the concept of individual property is the attitude, according to the Mishna, of the "am ha'aretz," the "proletariat." They had unity of a kind, but it was the mindless anti-human unity illustrated by the Midrash which says that the laborers on the Tower of Babel were more disturbed by the loss of a brick than the loss of a human being. Theirs was the unity of the totalitarian State; in order for humanity to progress, they had to be dispersed.

The citizens of Sodom and Amorah had the attitude of "Sheli sheli v'shelcha shelcha," "What is mine is mine and what is yours is yours." Now there is an opinion in the Mishna that this is a "midah beinonit," a "reasonable attitude," and indeed much of Seder Nezikin is concerned with the protection of individual property rights. But these people went to a terrible extreme. They set up a rigid distinction between the "I" and the "Thou," such that any attempt to reach out and assist the "other" brought forth condemnation and murderous outrage from the Sodomite and Amorites.

The final variation, "Sheli shelcha v'shelcha shelcha," "What is mine is yours, and what is yours is yours" is considered by the Mishna to be the attitude of the "chased," of the truly righteous person. And indeed Avraham Avinu was considered the "amud ha'chesed," the "pillar of kindness." He showed this by his interaction with his fellow human beings and, at the highest level, by his willingness to return his beloved son to the "Ribbono shel Olam," the "Master of the Universe."

I have a cousin, a Clinical Psychologist, who has an eclectic personality and was at one time "into" handwriting analysis. He had been in some correspondence with Rav Aryeh Levin, ZT"l (May his name be for a blessing), called the "Tzaddik," or "Righteous One," of Yerushalayim, because of his close involvement with Jewish soldiers imprisoned, and some hanged, by the British at the time of the establishment of the State of Israel. Indeed, the last embrace received by those hanged by the British was from Rav Aryeh, at the foot of the gallows. He took a sample of Rav Aryeh's writing to a professional handwriting analyst, who was astounded! He said that he had never before seen handwriting which showed no trace of ego, but of total "outer-directedness," which is probably as good a definition as any of what we call the "midah," the "characteristic," of "chesed," "selflessness."

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

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In Case of Emergency The red Hatzolah phone is in the hallway on the wall between the rear washing station and the Simcha Room.

The defibrillator is in a cubby in the coat room opposite the Hatzolah phone.

Happy Birthday

Yehuda Benmergui (Lehmann grandson) October 4th
Yehuda Bodenheim (Lieder grandson) November 11th
Robert Faigen (Fessel son-in-law) November 13th
Chaya Rochel Fessel November 10th
Steve Fessel..... November 16th
Ilana (Fessel) Friedman November 28th
Moishe Frommer November 11th
Akiva Gottlieb..... October 23rd
Mindy Gottlieb November 10th
Rachel Gottlieb October 1st
Robert Greenblatt..... October 6th
Natalie Ann (Greenblatt) Korczak..... November 1st
Felix Lehmann October 2nd
Chaya Lieder (granddaughter) November 19th
Rena (Kronenberg) Lifschitz November 8th
Yocheved (Kronenberg) Lisker October 2nd
Ayla Lutwak November 21st
Raizie Lutwak November 20th
Sara Markowitz..... November 4th
Snowball Markowitz (Sweet Sixteen) November 14th
Chaya Masha Peikes (new Lieder granddaughter) Oct. 4th
Avigayil Rosenberg (Bas Mitzvah)..... October 23rd
Leah Rosenberg October 31st
Ettie Rosenberg..... November 10th
Moishe Rosenwasser October 14th
Eitan Saffra (Thurm grandson)..... October 3rd
Ephraim Sochaczewski (Lieder grandson) November 10th

Happy Anniversary

Sandy & Joel Rosenwasser..... October 3rd
Sharon & Michael Kronenberg October 22nd
Felise & Peter Katz November 1st
Shana & Moshe Lutwak October 31st

The Kiddush is also sponsored by Peter & Felise Katz
in honor of the birth of their first grandson

Asher Gavriel Katz

born to Eli and Elana Katz and in honor of

Dovid and Daniella's engagement