

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

Scholar in Residence-
Bar Mitzvah of Simcha Baruch Shtaygrud

November 9, 2012

כ"ד חשוון תשע"ג

ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

הדלקת נרות 4:24

מנחה 4:30

שקיעה 4:42

שבת פרשת חיי שרה

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:09

מברכים החודש כסלו

מנחה 4:00

שקיעה 4:41

מעריב 5:40

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 11/11-11/16

שחרית

Sunday 7:45

Monday 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds, Fri
6:30, 7:45

ראש חודש Thursday
6:10, 7:35

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs 4:30

מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00

NEXT WEEK:

שבת פרשת תולדות

הדלקת נרות 4:18

מנחה 4:25

שקיעה 4:36

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Avraham and Sarah Shtaygrud in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son Simcha Boruch.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

There will be an appeal this Shabbos for **Achiezer**, an organization in Far Rockaway/ Five Towns that is coordinating relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Many people have lost their homes and cars and need housing, clothes and clean up.

Scholar in Residence is this week! 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.

Bais Torah's **AVOS U'BANIM PROGRAM** begins **THIS** Motzoei Shabbos, **November 10th at 6:45 p.m.** This week's learning is sponsored by **David and Judy Rhine**. 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 about the program or to be a sponsor please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com or the shul office.

We are looking for multiple **sponsors** for a very special Avos U'Banim with **Special Guest-The World Renowned Rabbi Mitzman Illusion show!** Join the learning and fun on Motzoei Shabbos November 17 at 6:30pm: Please contact Jonathan Rosenstock (jonathan.rosenstock@yahoo.com) or the shul office if you would like to be a part of this special opportunity!

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

Please Join us on **Motzoei Shabbos November 17 at 8:30 PM** as Bais Torah and Lema'an Achai present a very special lecture and multi-media presentation by **Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski: "The Gift of Wisdom."** All are welcome to attend, admission is free.

MAZAL TOV

Avraham and Sarah Shtaygrud on the bar mitzvah of their son Simcha Boruch

Ralph and Esther Gable on the birth of a grandson born to their children Achiezer and Aviva Gable

Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the birth of a grandson born to their children Yoni and Rena Merl of Highland Park, NJ

Laurence and Gloria Gordon on the engagement of their son Yaacov to Stefanie Syat

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'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-

Thursday

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

Parashas Chaye Sara "They were also Involved in that Miracle"

"Rabbi Akiva was teaching Torah but the class was feeling drowsy. He tried to wake them up by proposing a riddle: 'What was the merit of Esther that she ruled over one hundred twenty seven provinces?' He asked and he answered, 'It was in the merit of her great ancestress Sarah, who lived one hundred twenty seven years, that she ruled over one hundred twenty seven provinces.' " (Midrash Rabbah; Chaye Sarah, Section 3)

Remaining within the realm of Rabbinically ordained festivals, the Holiday of Chanukah, "Chag HaUrim," the Holiday of Lights, is rapidly approaching. The Daf Yomi has recently learned the Section on Chanukah, found in Maseches Shabbos (as opposed to Purim, which, strangely, has a whole Masechta, Megilah, dedicated to its discussion). In any case, the Gemara begins the discussion with the statement that the definition of the Mitzvah of lighting Chanukah lights is "Ner Ish U'Baiso," which means that the minimum requirement for the Mitzvah is that one person light one light per night.

The Gemara then states that one who wishes to perform the Mitzvah with special care, has **everyone** in his household light. The "Mehadrin min HaMehadrin," those who wish to perform the Mitzvah of lighting the lights of Chanukah with extra-special care, should have everyone in the household light multiple lights.

Later, the Gemara states that a woman certainly lights the Chanukah lights, and cites the opinion of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi, who says, "Women are obligated to participate in the Mitzvah of "Ner Chanukah" because "**they were also involved in the miracle.**" Rashi comments on the role of women, "For the Greeks had decreed that all virgins who were to be married had to submit to the Greek official first, and it was by the action of a certain woman that a miracle occurred ending that barbaric practice."

Recall now that "Sarah Imenu" had to endure the experience of being taken captive by two immoral kings twice, first by the Pharaoh of Egypt, then by Avimelech, King of the Philistines. These kings were deceived to some extent by Avraham and Sarah, who claimed that Sarah was his sister, out of the certain fear that Avraham would be killed if the truth were known. In each case, HaShem intervened miraculously, to protect Sarah, so that it could be said of her that she was involved, nay, more than involved; she was the central figure in the miracle.

The Ramban comments on these incidents, "Know with certainty that Avraham Avinu sinned greatly, though inadvertently, for he brought his righteous wife into the danger of committing a great sin, out of his fear that he would be killed. He should have had more trust in HaShem that He would save him and his wife... for HaShem has the power to assist and to save."

Dwarfing that miracle in degree and in kind was the miracle of the birth of Yitzchok. When Avraham was informed by one of HaShem's Malachim "I will surely return to you at this time next year and behold Sarah your wife will have a son" (Bereshis 18:10), Scripture informs us "Now Avraham and Sarah were elderly, well on in years. And the youthful manner of women had left Sarah" (Bereshis 18:11). To magnify the miracle, Scripture tells us Sarah's thought upon hearing this, "And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, 'After I have withered should I again have delicate skin? And my husband is old!'" (Bereshis 18:12) When Yitzchok is born, the Torah describes the joyous moment as follows: "And HaShem remembered Sarah as He had said, and HaShem did for Sarah as He had spoken. And Sarah conceived and bore a son for Avraham." (Bereshis 21:1-2) "And Sarah said, 'HaShem has made laughter for me; all who hear of it will laugh for me.'" (Bereshis 21:6) Rashi comments on the expression "will laugh for me" – "They are made joyful because of me." "The Midrash says, 'Many barren women were remembered with her, many sick people were healed on that day. Many prayers were answered with her prayers, and there was much joy in the world.'" (Bereshis Rabbah 53:8) Sarah's joy overflowed, "And she said, 'Who is the One Who said to Avraham, 'Sarah would nurse children'? For I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

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