

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

- פרשת ויגש - הדלקת נרות 4:13

December 21, 2012

ח' טבת תשע"ג

ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

הדלקת נרות 4:13

מנחה 4:20

שקיעה 4:31

שבת פרשת ויגש

שחרית השכמה 7:30

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:37

גמרא שיעור 3:15

מנחה 4:00

שקיעה 4:31

מעריב 5:13

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/23-12/28-

Sunday Asara B'Teves

Fast begins: 6:07 AM

Shacharis: 7:45 AM

Mincha: 4:00 PM

Fast ends: 5:12 PM

שחרית

Sunday 7:45

Mon, Thurs 6:20, 7:45

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

מנחה - מעריב

Mon-Thurs 4:25

מעריב

Mon-Thurs 8:00

NEXT WEEK:

שבת פרשת ויחי

הדלקת נרות 4:17

מנחה 4:20

שקיעה 4:35

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by Dr. Yehuda Eliezri commemorating the yartzheit of his father Harav Avraham ben Harav Dovid and by Yossi Stern commemorating the yartzheit of his father Yitzchak Issac ben Yosef Ben Tzion

Rabbi Gottlieb's Friday night Shiur has been canceled for this week

Bais Torah now has a 7:30 AM Shabbos Hashkama Minyan!

BAIS TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM Shabbos morning from 10:15– 11:15 in the Beis Medrash. Children ages 4-9 are invited to attend and join in games and Parsha lessons!

AVOS U'BANIM THIS MOTZOEI SHABBOS AT 6:30 PM Enjoy Torah learning - hot pizza - prizes for all! Bring your children - bring your grandchildren. **This week's learning is sponsored by Abe and Phyllis Frankel in honor of their grandchildren.** For only \$50 you can sponsor the night of learning. to be a sponsor please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com or the shul office.

Come hear **RABBI FRAND** in a live video hook up **every Thursday night at 8:45** in the shul simcha room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bais Torah and Sha'arei Torah have started a joint **night Seder program from 8:15 pm to 9pm**. If you are interested in participating in this unique chavrusa program on Tuesday nights please contact Aviva at the Shul office

Shabbos Parshas Vayechi, December 28th is the "Gala Carlebach Shabbos" featuring Eitan Katz. Join us for Kabbolas Shabbos, Friday night meal, (reservation required), an inspiring "Tisch," and beautiful Shabbos morning davening. The excitement continues motzoei Shabbos with a concert by Eitan Katz (tickets required). **To make reservations for Shabbos meal, and different pricing options for tickets please call Aviva in the shul office: 352-1343, Deadline is December 27.**

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, January 13, 2013 join Bais Torah on a trip to both the Jewish Museum and the Museum of the City of New York. Details to follow.

Motzoei Shabbos January 26th at 8:30PM Join us for a fascinating lecture: "**Megilas Esther - The Things They Didn't Teach You In Grade School,**" presented by Author and Professor of Tanach at Yeshiva University Rabbi Hayyim Angel.

MAZAL TOV

Leiby and Devorah Pomerantz on the birth of a son

Carl and Sara Markowitz on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Stevie Paul, son of Batya and Nachi Paul

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner- הינדא 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 ריזל

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמר

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher
nishmas Feigel bas Men-
achem Mendel, meets
Shabbos afternoon 45
minutes before Mincha

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

Tuesday

8:15 PM Sha'arei Torah
Chavrusa Program

Wednesday

8:15 PM Navi Yechezkel
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb-

Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mish-
nayos class-

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Vayigash Saving Israel

At the beginning of this week's Parashah, VaYigash, we find Yehudah, the son of Yaakov, approaching Yoseph, burning with anger. He realizes that he and the other brothers are being punished by HaShem for the sale of Yoseph, but he resents the manner in which they have been treated by the sovereign of Egypt. He had no reason to interrogate them regarding personal family matters. "Were we interested in marrying your daughter, or did you want to marry our sister?" But he puts these feelings aside, and, realizing the terrible effect that the loss of Binyamin would have upon their father, he offers himself to Yoseph as a slave to Yoseph, "and let the lad go back home with his brothers." (Bereshis 44:33) At this point, Yoseph believes that the brothers have passed his test, his feelings are moved to the extent that he cannot hold back any longer, and he reveals his identity to his brothers. Yehudah has saved his father, Israel.

I've been reading a book called "Saving Israel" by Daniel Gordis, the sub-title of which says it all: "How the Jewish People can Win a War that May Never End."

The author recounts a number of stories about his own children. He writes that when his daughter, Talia, was about seventeen, she went with her high school class to Poland. Upon their return, they had an assembly, and the girls recounted that while they were in Poland, one of their teachers told them a story about a previous class that had made the trip fourteen years earlier. One day, while in Krakow, the girls noticed a man selling "Jew Dolls." Some of the girls noticed that the books the doll was holding looked remarkably authentic. It turned out that the pages of the books had come from an actual Sefer Torah, which had been cut up to make the dolls. The girls discovered that Bereshis, Shemos and Vayikra still remained. They resolved to smuggle what was left out of Poland and bring it back with them to Israel. They needed to smuggle it out of Poland, because it was "illegal" to retrieve stolen Jewish property. They brought the remnants of the Sefer to a place in Israel where that type of restorative work was done. However, because the cost of such work is very high, it wasn't done, and the Sefer had languished in that shop for fourteen years. Talia's class had decided that now that the Sefer Torah was in Israel, it simply had to be repaired and used, no matter what the cost. Upon their return, they got to work; the money was raised, and the job was completed over many months.

The author writes, "It was, I believe, because on some level they've intuited that Israel is about life, about recovery. Leaving a Torah in Poland, to be cut up by a doll-maker, would have been to deny the possibility of the redemption of Jewish life that had once existed there. The Torah, for these religious girls, represented that life, now mostly extinguished...The Torah had to come home. It needed to be brought back to life."

Gordis also writes about his son, Avi, who was once involved in a school project with another school, of a secular orientation. He was to partner with a student from the other school to study something of Jewish origin. They had begun the study of Mishnayos from Maseches Berachos, when the secular student asked, "What is the Shema?" At first, Avi thought that he was asking about the Laws of "Krias Shema," but he finally realized that his fellow student had simply never heard of the "Shema," which expresses the Unity of G-d, one of the most basic ideas in the philosophy of Judaism!

The secular leaders who set up the public school system in Israel have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams! They have created a generation of ignoramuses, who are completely cut off from the religious origins of Judaism. It is this fact that is most dangerous for the future of Israel, that a large portion of the population has nothing to say about the uniqueness of Judaism, which should be on the lips of every citizen of Israel.

The following ideas appear at the end of "Saving Israel.":

"The word 'Israel' means something. It is the biblical name that G-d gave Jacob after he wrestled with the angel. 'Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with beings divine and human, and have prevailed' (Bereshis 32:29) The very name 'Israel' connotes wrestling, struggling, grappling, the interaction of the human with what is beyond human...The real challenge facing Israel is to produce a society worthy of its name...This task will not be simple. For too long, those who care about Israel have assumed that Israel's necessity, and its character, were beyond debate. They are not. But it is not yet too late to recover. For thousands of years, Jews have thrived on intense debate, on the cultivation of ideas, on disagreements that, though painful, often have led to greatness. They must do so once again."

"Now is the time to reinvent Zionism, to re-create the conversation about why the Jews need a state and to ask what they are willing to do to preserve it. Nothing more ambitious is possible. And nothing less will suffice."

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

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