

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת שופטים - פרקי אבות פרק א'

August 9, 2013

ג' אלול תשע"ג

ערב שבת פרשת שופטים

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות (early)	7:20
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:44
שקיעה	8:02

שבת פרשת שופטים

דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:31
Pirkei Avos Shiur	6:40
מנחה	7:30
שקיעה	8:01
מעריב	8:44

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 8/11-8/16

שחרית

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

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs	7:40
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NEXT WEEK:

פרשת כי תצא

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות (early)	7:20
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:35
שקיעה	7:53

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Yussie and Fayge Deutsch in honor of their children, Deena and Ari Weiss and family, who are making Aliyah.

סעודה שלישיית is co-sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg for the yartzheit of Sharon's father, Harav Dovid Yitzchak ben Harav Shimon Mordechai Bergstein, and by Peter and Felise Katz for the yartzheit of Felise's father, Chaim ben Leib.

Welcome Rabbi Avi Landa, who will be delivering the drashos in shul and pirkei avos shiur. Thank you Rabbi Yaakov Baldinger for giving the Daf Yomi Shiur Shabbos morning (and the rest of the week). Rabbi Ari Weiss will give the d'var Torah at seuda shlishis.

The Daf Yomi Shiurim this week will be sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg, L'zecher nishmas Sharon's father, Harav Dovid Yitzchak ben Harav Shimon Mordechai Bergstein. Felise Katz in memory of her father, Chaim ben Leib (Henry Loeser) To sponsor a day, a week or a month of Daf Yomi please call Aviva in the office 352-1343. **Sponsorships are available to everyone, regardless of participation in the shiur.**

The next **Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush** will be Shabbos Parshas Kitzei-tzei, August 17. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in August and September you can help support our weekly Kiddush! Sponsorship is \$18 per name or couple, and the **deadline to join is Monday, August 12. Please contact Aviva in the Shul office 352-1343** Or email: aviva@baistorah.org.

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

4th Annual Clothing Drive for Yad Leah Drop off for clothing: August 25th 8am to 6pm: 6 Misty Lane, EVERYTHING MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION• All moneys donated will defray shipping costs We also need baby clothes, towels and tablecloths• Please - **NO SHOES, NO SOCKS, NO UNDERWEAR** all clothing in good condition will be donated to Yad Leah of Passaic. It will then be packed and shipped directly to Yad Leah in Israel for those in need.

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Sisterhood Simcha Tea will be Tuesday evening **August 27, at 7:30 PM** at the home of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Gottlieb. All women are invited to join us for a fun -filled evening honoring bnos mitzvah, kallos and chassanim, with a special performance by Jewish comedienne Joan Weiner. We look forward to greeting you there! To have your simcha included please contact aviva@baistorah.org with all the information:

PLEASE NOTE: The Simcha Room will be undergoing renovations beginning on August 12, for approximately three weeks. Weekday davening will be in the main shul, and Shabbos Kiddushim and Seudas Shlishis will take place in the multi-purpose room.

MAZAL TOV

Steve and Noga Romer on the marriage of their children, Shelly and Ronnie Rosenbaum

Yussie and Fayge Deutsch on their children, Deena and Ari Weiss and family, making aliyah.

Moe and Bayla Tilson on their children's, Rachelle and David Schwartz and family, on their move back to Modiin Israel

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grand-
son-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner- הינדא בן הודרוס

Rosalie Kallner
שיינה רחל בת שרה הודל

Henry Shapiro-
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London
מנחם מנוש בן חנה פרידא

Bob Schore -
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

Tova Eizik's grandson -
שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Larry Seligson-
אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-
רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld
מנחם בן קילה
פנחס ליאן בן רייזל

Ruth Malinowitz
רבקה בת פריידא

Helen Furman
חנה בת תמר

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoon 30 minutes before Pirkei Avos 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

Tuesday

8:15 PM Sha'arei Torah Chavrusa Program

Wednesday

Women's Hilchos Shabbos Shiur
WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mishnayos
WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

Parashas Shophtim

"To declare that HaShem is Upright, My Rock in Whom there is no Wrong" (Tehilim 92:16)

Parashas Shophtim begins with the following Command, which warns the People of Israel against following a path which leads away from uprightness: *"Judges and Officers shall you appoint in all your cities, which HaShem, your G-d, gives you, for your tribes, and they shall judge the People with righteous Judgment. You shall not pervert Judgment, you shall not take into account the presence of someone with authority, and you shall not accept a bribe, for the bribe will blind the eyes of the wise, and make just words crooked."* (Devarim 16:18-19)

The Parashah closes with the Halachah of the "Eglah Arufah," the heifer killed by the axe. When a corpse, the victim of a murder, is found between two cities, five members of the Sanhedrin measure the distances between the corpse and the surrounding cities. The elders of the closer city take a heifer, with which no work has been done, into a harsh valley which is not capable of being worked, and they kill the heifer with an axe. After the approach of the "Kohanim," the elders wash their hands over the heifer, and state that they had no explicit guilt in the murder. Rashi explains that they mean to say that they did not know of the traveler and had no part in allowing him to go on his lonely way without food or escort. The "Kohanim" then recite the prayer, *"Atone for Your People Yisrael Whom You have Redeemed, HaShem"* (It is quite possible that the name "Yisrael" spelled "Yashar E-l" is a testimony by the People that **their G-d is Just and Upright**); *...then the blood will be atoned for them.* (Devarim 21:8) The Parashah concludes, *"But you shall remove the innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is upright in the eyes of HaShem."* (Devarim 21:9) This means that the community is still responsible to pursue the murderer for the purpose of executing him, lest the innocent blood defile the Land.

At the end of Psalm 92, *"Mizmor Shir Leyom HaShabbos," "A Psalm, A Song for the Day of Shabbos,"* whereby the men of Israel accept upon themselves the Holiness of Shabbos each week (the women of Israel have already accepted it upon themselves by kindling the Shabbos lights), we find, *"to declare that HaShem is Upright, My Rock in Whom there is no Wrong."* (Tehilim 92:16) In Moshe's final words to the People which he has shepherded for forty years, this is a major theme.

Another Moshe, Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzzatto, the author of "Mesilas Yeshorim," the **"Path of the Upright,"** some three thousand years later, begins his classic work by stating that he has not come to teach new ideas. But he says that the matters he will discuss deserve the attention of everyone, from the most brilliant to the dim-witted. His purpose is to analyze the Baraisa of Rabbi Pinchas ben Yair, in which that great "Tanna" (Scholar of the "Mishnah") listed the character traits that serve as a step-ladder which leads a person to Uprightness before HaShem.

Three times a day, we say in the "Shemoneh Esray" Prayer, **"Restore our Judges** as at the earliest times, and our counselors as at first, and remove from us sorrow and suffering; and reign over us – You, HaShem, alone – with kindness and compassion, and vindicate us through judgment. Blessed are You, HaShem, Who loves righteousness and judgment."

Parashas Re'eh warned against using the measure of human preference as one's guide. *"You shall not do everything that we do here today – every man, what is proper in his own eyes."* (Devarim 12:8) Rather, the measure must be *"for you shall do what is upright in the eyes of HaShem."* (Devarim 12:25)

At the beginning of Parashas Shophtim we find, **"Righteousness, righteousness shall you pursue, so that you will live and possess the Land that HaShem, your G-d, gives you"** (Devarim 16:20) - using a **double exhortation**. In the Haftarah, the Prophet Yeshayahu follows this example, **"It is I, It is I Who comforts you..."** (Yeshayahu 51:12) Later, he continues in this vein, **"Awaken yourself! Awaken yourself! Arise, O Jerusalem, you who has drunk from the hand of HaShem the cup of His fury..."** (Yeshayahu 51:17) And he concludes his words of comfort with, **"Wake up! Wake up! Don your strength, O Zion, don the garments of your splendor, O Jerusalem, the Holy City..."** (Devarim 52:1)

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

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