

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת חיה שרה הדלקת נרות 5:42

October 25, 2013

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## ערב שבת פרשת חיה שרה

הדלקת נרות	5:42
מנחה	5:50
שקיעה	6:00

## שבת פרשת חיה שרה

<b>שחרית השכמה</b>	<b>7:30</b>
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	10:00
Halacha Shiur	4:45
מנחה	5:30
שקיעה	5:59
מעריב	6:43

## **Weekday Schedule:**

Week of 10/27-11/1

### **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: פרשת תולדות**

הדלקת נרות	5:33
מנחה	5:40
שקיעה	5:51

## **WHAT'S NEW**

**This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship**

**טעודה שליטת** is sponsored by Dr. Leon Pachter commemorating the yartzheit of his father Yaakov Yitzchak ben Simcha Bunim

**Bnos** for girls from K-8th grade at Bais Torah, Shabbos afternoon from **3-4PM**.

**The Daf Yomi is available for sponsorship-daily or weekly. You need not participate in the shiur to sponsor in honor of a yartzheit or simcha. Please call Aviva 352-1343 to dedicate a day or week's learning.**

Join us November 2, Motzoie Shabbos Parshas Toldos at 9:15 pm for a fascinating lecture: **"The Words of Our People Are Written on The Cave's Walls"** presented by Michael Even-Esh-former journalist, now a farmer, tour guide and wildlife Judaica educator.

Please reserve the weekend of **Parshas Vayetze, November 8-10 for our Annual Scholar-in-Residence weekend**. Our guest lecturer is Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz. The weekend is sponsored by Congregation Bais Torah and Community Synagogue of Monsey. Schedule of events will be forthcoming shortly.

**Shiurim with Rabbi Frand and Rabbi Reisman are back!** Please join us Thursday evenings for Rabbi Frand at 9 pm, and motzoie Shabbos for Rabbi Reisman at 9pm. All are invited to attend.

**The shul website is being updated!** If you have the knowledge and skills and would like to help with this project, please contact Aviva in the Shul office at (845) 352-1343.

The **Bais Torah/Shaaarei Torah chavrusa program has resumed! Tuesday evenings at 8:15pm**. Please call 352-1343 to participate.

Ladies of all ages, join us **Monday evenings at 8:15 p.m. in the Simcha Room for ZUMBA**--you'll be glad you did! Questions? Call 845-596-5887.

## **MAZAL TOV**

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Yael Hodaya, born to Shyra and Gidon Gross from Efrat. The grandparents are Laura and Lawrence Ben-David of Neve Daniel.

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a grandson born to their children Shaul and Malky Mayerfeld

Steve and Noga Romer on the birth of a new granddaughter, Rekella Eve, born to their children, Abe and Naomi Romer

Saul and Phyllis Siegel on the marriage of their grandchildren Lauren Aliza and Natan Hirsch, children of David and Sharon Berger.

Mr. Manny Mayerfeld on the engagement of his granddaughter, Yehudis Mayerfeld to Sruli Rackoff of Passaic. She is the daughter of Rabbi Uri and Esther Mayerfeld of LA.

Jackie and Diane Schuster on the marriage of their grandchildren Naomi and Eli Moshe Friedman, children of Yael and Yossie Himy.

Aron and Susan Schiller on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to their grandchildren Avigail and Baruch Tzvi Teller of Jerusalem.

## Refuah Shelaimah

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

Teddy Kallner- הינדא בן הינדא

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הדל

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

Larry Seligson-

אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-

רפאל אפרים בן סימא פרידל

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס ליאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פרידא

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן חנה

Edward Tager

יצחק עיזיק שמחה בן פיגא בילא

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

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## 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 Mischeles 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

8:15PM Shoftim

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

### Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mishnayos

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

## Parashas Chayei Sarah

"And Yitzchak was then Coming from Be'er LaChai Roi" (Bereshis 24:62)

"As Rivkah approaches with Eliezer, the servant of Avraham, her future husband, Yitzchak, is about to intersect with their path. He is returning from Be'er LaChai Roi (Bereshis 24:62). But this is not the first time that we find mention of this well. It received its name at the time of the first flight of Hagar from harsh mistreatment by Sarah. At the time of that flight, Hagar encountered a "Malach," a Divine Messenger who commanded her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her domination." (Bereshis 16:9) The "Malach" also informed her that she would give birth to a son, who should be named Yishmael. The characteristics of Yishmael are described, "And he shall be a wild-ass of a man, his hand raised against everyone, and everyone's hand against him..." (Bereshis 16:12) Rashi understands this as meaning that Yishmael would become a hated warrior nation, while Onkelos understands the description in economic terms. He will be dependent on the world, and the rest of the world will be dependent on him. (We see this today in the reliance of much of the modern world on Middle-Eastern oil)

The name "Be'er LaChai Roi" means "The Well of the Living One Appearing to Me." The appearance of the "Malach" to her at this place, at this spring of water situated in the Negev, between Kadesh and Bared, suggests that this was a place marked for prophecy and prayer. And indeed, that is what Yitzchak, a master of prayer, had been doing there prior to his encounter with Rivkah.

That Yitzchak was a master of prayer is known from the fact that Jewish Tradition ascribes the initiation of the "Minchah" (Afternoon) Prayer to Yitzchak, also derived from this Parashah. For immediately prior to Rivkah's first sight of Yitzchak, the verse says, "And Yitzchak went to 'converse' (presumably with HaShem) in the field towards evening..." (Bereshis 24:63) We also know of Yitzchak's expertise in prayer from Parashas Toldos, Bereshis 25:21, where we find "And Yitzchak prayed intensely in behalf of (or together with) his wife, for she was barren. And HaShem allowed Himself to be entreated by him, and his wife, Rivkah, conceived."

What was Yitzchak praying for at Be'er LaChai Roi? **Perhaps he was praying that his older brother repent!** For we know that Yishmael did indeed repent from Parashas Chayei-Sarah, where we find (Bereshis 25:8-9), "And Avraham expired and died at a good old age, elderly and content, and he was gathered unto his people. His sons Yitzchak and Yishmael buried him in the Cave of Machpelah..." And Rashi comments, "From here we know that Yishmael repented, for he allowed Yitzchak to go before him (Bava Batra 16b); and that is the 'good old age' that is stated regarding Avraham." (Bereshis Rabbah 38:12)

A great mystery is whether the principle of "Maaseh Avos Siman L'Banim" (The experiences of the ancestors is mirrored in the experiences of the descendants) applies to Yishmael and his descendants because, after all, they also descend from Avraham. Hopefully it does apply. Then we may have hope that Yishmael's descendants can be influenced in the direction of repentance by our prayers just as their ancestor was.

There is some basis for understanding the resentment of the descendants of Yishmael against the descendants of Yitzchak. Their "mother" Hagar was driven out of the household of Avraham twice. The first time was already mentioned. The second occurred at the festive meal celebrating the weaning of Yitzchak, where we read, "Sarah saw the son of Hagar, the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Avraham, laughing mockingly. She said to Avraham, 'Drive out this slave-woman with her son, for the son of that slave-woman will not inherit with my son, with Yitzchak!'" (Bereshis 21:9-10) And Avraham was commanded by HaShem to obey Sarah, "Whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, because it is through Yitzchak that your seed will be identified." (Bereshis 21:12) And indeed, both this ejection of Hagar and Yishmael, and the earlier driving away of Hagar after she had given birth, according to the Rambam, are considered among the "Ten Tests" that Avraham was given by HaShem, while Rashi considers only this one to be among the ten. But we see that it was very difficult for the Tzaddik who had said, "It would be enough if Yishmael lived before you." (Bereshis 17:18) Now indeed the reaction of the Muslim world to this ejection of their ancestral mother, plus the more recent historical rejection of Islam by the Jewish People, plus our conflict over the Land of Israel, though not calculated to place us on their list of Most Beloved Nations, has far exceeded acceptable boundaries. Their desire to complete Hitler's genocidal plan for the Jewish People, **must be resisted with all our strength and prayer to HaShem for His help.** But we know from the "Aleinu" Prayer that Good is more powerful than Evil, Truth more powerful than Falsehood, and we pray to HaShem to hasten the time that "...All of humanity will call upon Your Name..."

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

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