

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת תולדות – הדלקת נרות 5:33

November 1, 2013

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev

כח ' חשוון תשע"ד

ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

הדלקת נרות	5:33
מנחה	5:40
שקיעה	5:51

שבת פרשת תולדות

שחרית השכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	10:04

מברכים החודש כסלו	
Halacha Shiur	4:35
מנחה	5:20
שקיעה	5:50
מעריב	6:32

**CHANGE CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR AT
2 AM**

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 11/1-11/8

שחרית	
Sunday ראש חודש	7:45
Monday ראש חודש	6:10, 7:35
Tues, Weds, Fri	6:30, 7:45
Thurs	6:20, 7:45

מנחה - מעריב	
Sun-Thurs	4:30
מעריב Second	
Mon-Thurs	8:00

NEXT WEEK:

<u>פרשת ויצא</u>	
הדלקת נרות	4:25
מנחה	4:30
שקיעה	4:43

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

טעודה שלישיית is available for sponsorship.

Pirchei begins this week! Boys from K-7th grade from 2:00-2:50 Shabbos afternoon. Bnos for girls from K-8th grade Shabbos afternoon from 3-4PM.

The Daf Yomi shiur was sponsored this Thursday by Yossie Goldman for the yartzheit of his mother, Rebbetzin Sara bas Shlomo Getzel. Sponsorships are available-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 THIS Motzoie Shabbos Parshas Toldos November 2, 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. Check your mail for the invitation!

AVOS U'BANIM IS BACK!! Starting Motzoie Shabbos November 9th at 6:45 PM.

Learning, pizza and prizes!! Stay tuned for a fantastic event featuring the "mad Scientist" November 23rd. To sponsor a night of learning for only \$50 please contact the shul office or Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in seeing the film "Jerusalem" at the Palisades Mall IMAX theater, please contact Aviva at 352-1343 or aviva@baistorah.org. Tickets are \$11 payable in advance for Sunday evening 7:30p.m. November 17, 2013. In order to run the event, we need a commitment of 25 people. **Please respond by November 10, 2013.**

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 8:30 PM.** 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.

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.

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is **November 11.** Bais Torah's commitment is 140 cans of fruit for the month. The preferred cans for this month are applesauce.

MAZAL TOV

Elliot and Roberta Shapiro on the birth of a granddaughter, Gavriella Tovah, born to their children Naomi and Kenny Schiff of Teaneck.

Leslie Goldress on being honored by The Mental Health Association of Rockland County with the Joseph R. Bernstein Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Agency and Those it Serves.

NICHUM AVEILIM

Ted and Rosalie Kallner on the petirah of their son, Baruch Tzvi (Burry) Kallner.
Harvey Newman on the petirah of his mother, Molly Newman.

Refuah Shelaimah

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

Teddy Kallner- יהודו 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

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoons 30 minutes before Halacha Shiur

Sunday:

6:25 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Mischeches 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 Mishnayot
Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Toldos Brothers and Sisters

"Sefer Bereshis introduces us to the human family, its greatness and its shortcomings. Adam was created "in the image of G-d." The most important aspect of this is that he was invested with "Bechirah Chofshis," Freedom of Choice. We see mankind abusing this capability time after time. Adam and Chava have two sons: Kayin and Hevel. Kayin, the farmer, has an impulse to offer a sacrifice to the Creator, and he does so. Hevel, a shepherd, decides that he will do the same, and he brings "from the firstlings of his flock and from their choicest." (Bereshis 4:3) Scripture tells us "HaShem turned approvingly to Hevel and to his offering, but to Kayin and to his offering, He did not turn." (Bereshis 4:4) Jealousy struck Kayin. "And it happened that when they were in the field, that Kayin rose up against his brother Hevel and killed him." (Bereshis 4:8) Jealousy, one of the poisons of human relations, caused the first murder.

Many generations later, following a world catastrophe and a worldwide dispersal, Avraham and Sarah enter upon the scene. Late in life, Sarah, who is incapable, by natural means, of having children, suggests to Avraham that he have children with Hagar, her maidservant. When Hagar conceives, while Sarah could not, "her mistress was lowered in her esteem" (Bereshis 16:4) and, as a result, Sarah dealt more harshly with her. Hagar fled to the wilderness, and a "Malach HaShem found her at the spring on the road to Shur." (Bereshis 16:7) The angel informed her that she would give birth to a son, to be named Yishmael, whose offspring would be uncountable, though he would be "a wild-ass of a man, his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him..." (Bereshis 16:12) When Sarah finally does give birth to Yitzchak, Yishmael mocks him at the "Seudah" that Yitzchak's parents make to celebrate his being weaned. The brothers remain enemies all their lives until, at the very end, Yishmael repents.

After "Akeidas Yitzchak," Avraham sends his servant to obtain a bride for Yitzchak from his family still residing in his birthplace. Eliezer finds Rivkah, whose "midos," character traits, reflect those of Sarah. She shows tremendous generosity, as she offers to give water to all of Eliezer's camels, a difficult job for anyone, let alone a young woman. Eliezer gives her golden bracelets and a golden nose-ring. (Bereshis 24:22)

Then the Torah shifts gears and focuses on "Lavan," the "White One." Although they were brought up in a similar manner, Rivkah went to "Bais Yaakov," and Lavan went to "Bais David," their DNA was nearly identical, they developed character traits which were nearly opposite, because of their relative use and abuse of Freedom of Choice. Where Rivkah is generous, Lavan is stingy, where she is a giver, Lavan is a taker, where she is innocent and pure, Lavan is "guilty as sin."

Rivkah consents to the marriage arranged by Eliezer and they set forth for home. They encounter Yitzchak and Eliezer relates his experiences to his master's son. The Torah tells us, "And Yitzchak brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother; he took Rivkah, she became his wife, and he loved her; and thus was Yitzchak consoled after his mother." (Bereshis 24:67)

Rivkah, like Sarah, was barren at the beginning of her marriage. They prayed mightily for her barrenness to be removed. HaShem responded to their prayer, and she conceived. But it was an unusually difficult and painful pregnancy. In near-despair, she went to Shem, the son of Noach, for an explanation. Shem relayed HaShem's response to her query, "Two nations are in your womb; two regimes from your insides will be separated; might shall pass from one regime to the other, and the elder shall serve the younger." (Bereshis 25:23)

The Torah tells us, "The lads grew up and Esav became proficient at hunting, a man of the field, whereas Yaakov was a straightforward man, dwelling in tents of study. Yitzchak loved Esav, for game was in his mouth, but Rivkah loved Yaakov." (Bereshis 25:27-28) Perhaps Yitzchak's near-death experience at the "Akeidah," when he faced possible separation from the physical world, led him to embrace the physicality of Esav.

Rivkah overhears Yitzchak commanding Esav, "...Now sharpen your gear, your sword and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. Then make me delicacies such as I love and bring it to me and I will eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die." (Bereshis 27:3-4) She was not about to let this tragedy occur. She commanded her son, Yaakov, to bring her two young kids of the goats, and she would prepare them. Then Yaakov would disguise himself as Esav, bring the food to Yitzchak, and receive the blessing meant for Esav. When Esav discovers the trick, we find, "Now Esav harbored hatred towards Yaakov because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esav thought, 'May the days of mourning for my father draw near, and I will kill my brother, Yaakov.'" (Bereshis 27:41) Rivkah heard from the Holy Spirit what Esav was thinking, so she ordered Yaakov to flee to the house of her brother, Lavan, until Esav forgets what he had done to him.

Yaakov flees to his uncle, who employs and repeatedly cheats his new son-in-law with regard to his wages. Nevertheless, Yaakov marries both of Lavan's daughters, Leah and Rachel, and their maidservants Zilpah and Bilhah. His family grows to twelve sons. One of these, Yoseph, born to his beloved wife, Rachel, is Yaakov's favorite, and he, like his father, is a dreamer. He dreams of greatness, of ruling over his brothers. One time, when all the brothers are away, Yoseph goes to visit them. They say one to another, "Behold, the dreamer comes. Come let us kill him... and we will see what will become of his dreams." (Bereshis 37:20) But Reuven dissuades them from performing that brutal act; instead, the brothers throw him into a pit and ultimately sell him into slavery in Egypt. According to Torah Law, this is a capital offense! The very opposite of brotherly behavior! In Egypt, Yoseph finds himself in jail, but uses his dream-interpretation ability to explain Pharaoh's dream that years of plenty followed by years of famine are coming. He engineers a brilliant scheme to bring his brothers to "Teshuvah," Repentance. The broken family is reunited! The twelve "Shivtei K'-ah," Tribes of HaShem, have emerged! Whereas Avraham had a Yishmael and Yitzchak had an Esav, Yaakov "Avinu," with the help of Yoseph, had created a new nation, a Holy Nation, without a fault

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

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