

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וישלח

November 15, 2013

הדלקת נרות 4:19

יב' כסלו תשע"ד

## ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות	4:19
מנחה	4:25
שקיעה	4:37

**ONEG SHABBOS 8:30**

## שבת פרשת וישלח

<b>שחרית השכמה</b>	<b>7:30</b>
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:08
Halacha Shiur	3:20
<b>מנחה</b>	<b>4:05</b>
שקיעה	4:36
מעריב	5:18

## **Weekday Schedule:**

**Week of 11/17-11/22**

### **שחרית**

Sunday	7:45
MonThurs	6:20,7:45
Tues,Weds,Fri	6:30,7:45

### **מנחה - מעריב**

Sun-Thurs	4:20
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### **מעריב**

Mon-Thurs	8:00
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## **NEXT WEEK:**

### פרשת וישב

הדלקת נרות	4:14
מנחה	4:20
שקיעה	4:32

## WHAT'S NEW

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

**שעודה שלישית** is sponsored by Sam Wilen commemorating the yartzheit of his father, Mordechai Avigdor ben Moshe Elchonon

**Pirchei** for boys from K-7th grade Shabbos afternoon from 2:00-2:50 . **Bnos** for girls from K-8th grade Shabbos afternoon from **3-4PM**.

**The first Oneg Shabbos of the season is this Shabbos Parshas Vayishlach, November 15 at 8:30pm at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb. We hope everyone will attend**

**AVOS U'BANIM IS BACK!! THIS Motzoie Shabbos at 6:30 PM.** Learning, pizza and prizes!! **This week is co-sponsored by Phyllis and Abe Frankel in honor of their grandchildren and by Dovid and Rena Bussu.** To sponsor a night of learning for only \$50 please contact the shul office or [Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com](mailto:Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com) .

**"It's Good To Do Good: The Physical Emotional and Spiritual Effects of Helping Others"** presented by the Lema'an Achai Foundation and Bais Torah, featuring Rabbi Avrohom Leventhal and Dr. David Pelcovitz. **THIS Motzoie Shabbos, November 16 at 8:30 PM** at Bais Torah. Everyone is invited to attend. Please join us Thursday evenings for **Rabbi Frand at 9 pm**, and Motzoie Shabbos for **Rabbi Reisman at 7:30 PM**. All are invited to attend.

An **Oneg Shabbos for teen boys** will take place at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb on Shabbos parshas Vayeshev, November 22.. More details to follow....

**JOIN THE SIMCHA KIDDUSH!** Shabbos Parshas Vayeshev, November 23, celebrate your simcha with your Bais Torah Family! Only \$50 per family and all simchos will be listed separately, **Deadline is Monday November 18**. Contact Aviva 352-1343 or [Aviva@baistorah.org](mailto:Aviva@baistorah.org)

**The Monsey Community is invited to attend an informative evening December 7 at 8:30 PM** at Bais Torah presenting **Harry H Beren Ask OU Outreach Special Community Kashrus Event**. Featuring Rabbi Moshe Elefant discussing the "Integrity of Kosher Meat after the Recent Meat Scandals," Rabbi Nachum Rabinowitz presenting the "Production of Kosher Wine and Liquor," The evening will be emceed by Rabbi Yosef Grossman with questions after each session. To submit questions in advance please email [grossman@ou.org](mailto:grossman@ou.org).

## MAZAL TOV

Yisroel and Ruth Safrin on the engagement of their grand-daughter, Michal, daughter of Yanky and Shiffy Safrin of Monsey to Moshe Schonfeld of Brooklyn

Yussie and Gail Tuchman on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Dov Ber Tuchman, son of Rabbi Elie and Suzie Tuchman

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner-טודרוס בן הינדא

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הדול

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 פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס ליאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן חנה

Edward Tager

יצחק עיזיק שמחה בן פיגא ביאל

Joe Goldman יוסף שלמה בן שרה

Joel Sanders יואל נתן בן ביילא

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

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Rebecca Tilson 369-9789

Helen Furman 357-1365

Ed Tager-Friedwald House

## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'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

### 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 Vayishlach "Were the 'Malachim' Angels or Human Beings?"

The early parashios of Sefer Bereshis deal to a large extent with names, and their significance. Indeed, the identification and classification of all living things is one of the major tasks that the Creator gave Man: "Now, HaShem, the Almighty, had formed out of the ground every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and He brought them to Adam, to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called each living creature, that remained its name." (Bereshis 2:19)

Many of the major Biblical characters are given names that bear particular significance. The name "Avraham" means "Father of many nations" (Bereshis 17:5). The name "Yitzchak" is clearly based on the root "Tzechok," meaning "laughing," as both of his elderly parents reacted in that manner when HaShem revealed to them His intention to bless them with a son. And Yaakov's alter-ego, Yisrael, is able to "struggle with heavenly and with earthly beings, and prevail." (Bereshis 32:29) The name of Leah's fourth son, "Yehudah," introduces the element of gratitude to HaShem, as Rabbi Gottlieb once explained, for receiving more than one's share, "This time let me gratefully praise HaShem." (Bereshis 29:35)

Not only individuals, but institutions and places as well, receive names. "Yerushalayim" is the "City of Peace," for that is the purpose of worship of HaShem, and Yerushalayim is the center of that activity. The "Mishkan," is the Dwelling Place of the "Shechina," the Divine Presence. Our synagogue, Congregation "Bais Torah," "House of Torah," which dedicates itself, beyond its basic function of Prayer, to the teaching of Torah. Our "shul" features a multiplicity of shiurim, in Tanach, Mishnah, and four "Daf Yomi" Shiurim. "Avos U'Banim," "Fathers and Sons," represents the coming together of generations, for the purpose of the enhancement of Torah. We have a library of Seferim and Tapes that is remarkable in its richness. Once, I was perusing the stacks of the "shul" library, and came across a "Sefer" called "Dorash Moshe," by Rav Moshe Feinstein, ZT"L, the greatest "posek" of the last generation. I was curious to see what unique light this Torah giant would cast on the Parashas HaShavua, and I was not disappointed.

"And Ya'akov sent Angels" (Bereshis 32:4) – There are two views in the Midrash ("Bereshis Rabbah" 75:4); The word "Malachim" means "Messengers;" What does it mean in this instance, Divine Messengers, or Angels, or human messengers? Does it mean that Ya'akov actually sent Angels to meet Eisav; the other view is that he sent ordinary messengers. Rav Moshe asks that at first glance, it is difficult to accept that he sent Angels when he could have sent ordinary human beings, for by sending Angels, he must have diminished his stockpile of merit! The basic answer is that for someone who is more complete spiritually, there is no difference between something miraculous and something ordinary. Because there is no such thing as "ordinary!" Even the natural world was created "Yesh Me'Ayin" – Ex Nihilo (Something from Nothing). Therefore, such a person believes that HaShem can do anything, even if he never sees a so-called "miracle." Thus, the Truth is the opposite – one who is impressed by a "miracle" reveals "katnus emunaso," a defect in his Faith in HaShem, as Chaza"l say in a number of places (such as Bava Basra 75a) "If you hadn't seen it, you would not have believed it."

With the above idea, it is possible to explain the account in Sanhedrin 94a, where we find that Chizkiyahu would have been made the Mashiach, were it not for a criticism leveled against him, that he did not sing songs of gratitude and praise to HaShem for performing miracles for him (curing him from a near-fatal disease and destroying the forces of Sancheriv), until the earth rose up and declared, "I will sing the songs that Chizkiyahu should have sung." At first glance, it is hard to understand how the songs of the earth helped; after all, Chizkiyahu did not sing when he should have! But the intention of the Talmud is, as has been explained, that Chizkiyahu did not sing because he was indeed not impressed by the "miracles," because from his perspective, all of nature was miraculous! And if he had sung, that would have indicated a defect in his Faith. Therefore, the earth, representing all of Nature, rose up and sang, to represent the viewpoint of Chizkiyahu, that the Universe sings to HaShem at all times!

Thus, there is indeed no distinction between so-called "miraculous" events and the ordinary "Laws of Nature," which are themselves equally miraculous. Therefore, for the benefit of one with ordinary spiritual insight, who is impressed by so-called "miraculous" events, HaShem does not perform them frequently, lest they come to be viewed as ordinary. But for those few with great spiritual insight, HaShem will perform "miracles" with greater frequency. As in the case of Chanina ben Dosa (Ta'anis 25a), who ignited vinegar, saying that the One Who commanded oil to ignite, can also cause vinegar to be ignited. So it was with Ya'akov who appreciated all of Nature as miraculous, it was not unusual for him to send Angels as his messengers.

Harking back to the first task of Man, which was to assign names to G-d's creatures, we will expand that task upward, so that it applies to the Creator Himself. One hundred times a day we call our Creator "Baruch," Blessed, for He is the Source of all Blessing. Two human beings in my life were showered by HaShem with a multitude of blessings, except the blessing of long life; my father, Baruch Mordechai, "Zichrono Livrocho," and my beloved son, Aharon Baruch Mordechai, "Zichrono Livrocho."

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

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