

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ויגש

December 6, 2013

4:09 הדלקת נרות –

ג' טבת תשע"ד

ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

הדלקת נרות	4:09
מנחה	4:15
שקיעה	4:27

שבת פרשת ויגש

שחרית השכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:28
Halacha Shiur	3:15
מנחה	4:00
שקיעה	4:27
מעריב	5:10

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/8-12/13

שחרית

Sunday	7:45
Mon, Thurs	6:20, 7:45
Tues, Weds,	6:30, 7:45

Friday: Asara B'Teves

Fast begins	6:01 AM
Shacharis	6:10, 7:45
Fast ends	5:08 PM

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs	4:15
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Second מעריב

Mon-Thurs	8:00
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NEXT SHABBOS:

פרשת ויחי

הדלקת נרות	4:10
מנחה	3:55
שקיעה	4:28

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by Jack Gross for yartzheit of his mother, Brocha bas Moshe Yitzchok, and by Jack Schloss for yartzheit of his mother, Faiga bas Menachem Mendel, and by Arthur Landau for yahrzeit of his father, Yisroel ben Yissocher Dov HaLevi

Pirchei for boys 2:00-2:50 and Bnos for girls 3:00-4:00 Shabbos afternoon.

AVOS U'BANIM THIS Motzoie Shabbos at 6:30 PM. Learning, pizza and prizes!! This week is co-sponsored by Allen and Miriam Nussbaum and by David and Carol Abramczik. To sponsor a night of learning for only \$50 please contact the shul office or Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com.

Rabbi Frand and, Rabbi Reisman will not be seen this week (December 5 and December 7).

This Motzoie Shabbos December 7 at 8:30 PM Join 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.

Sunday morning December 8, please join us for a special OU Breakfast with Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb at 9:30 am: "Are We All Fanatics?"

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary in December or January? Celebrate with us and help support our weekly Kiddush. It's the **Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush-Shabbos Parshas Shemos, December 21.** To be honored at the Kiddush כמר \$18 per name or couple please contact Aviva@baistorah.org. The deadline is December 16.

The next **Oneg Shabbos**, is Friday Night, parshas Vayechi **December 13** at the Lieder home 75 College Road, at **8:15 pm.**

Community Synagogue will be screening the award-winning film "Fill the Void" on **Motzoie Shabbos December 14.** All are invited to attend.

Teen Oneg Friday night parshas Shemos December 20 at Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb 115 Carlton Road

SAVE THE DATE -December 28 -Eitan Katz Concert!! Reserved in advance (first three rows) \$50, seats the night of the concert \$25.

MAZAL TOV

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the marriage of their children Shimon and Talia Kronenberg

NICHUM AVEILIM

Rabbi Dovid Bussu on the petirah of his father, Rabbi Yitzchok Bussu

Refuah Shelaimah

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

Teddy Kallner- טודרוס בן הינדא

Rosalie Kallner
שיינה רחל בת שרה הודל

Henry Shapiro-
חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London
מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Bob Schore -
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

Larry Seligson-
אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-
רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld
מנחם בן קילה
פנחס ליאון בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz
רבקה בת פריידא

Helen Furman
חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz
אליהו זביב בן חנה

Joe Goldman
יוסף שלמה בן שרה

Joel Sanders
יואל נתן בן ביילא

Moishe Rosenwasser
משה יוסף בן שולמית חנה

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'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 Vayigash A Biography of Yehudah

As described in Parashas Vayetze, Yehudah was the fourth son of Leah, for which she gave thanks to HaShem for giving her more than her fair share of sons. When she conceived and gave birth to Yehudah, she said, "Now I will thank HaShem; therefore, she called his name 'Yehudah' – and she ceased giving birth" (Bereshis 29:35), because the root of Yehudah is "hoda'ah," giving thanks. Later on, after six more sons, and one daughter, Dinah, were born to Yaakov, we find, "And the Almighty remembered Rachel; the Almighty heard her, and He opened her womb. She conceived and gave birth to a son, saying, 'The Almighty has gathered in my shame,' and she called his name 'Yoseph,' saying – 'May HaShem give me another son.'" (Bereshis 30:22-24) The two major actors among Yaakov's sons, Yehudah and Yoseph, are now present in the world, and Yaakov says to Lavan, "Send me, and I will go to my place and to my land." Towards the end of his journey to his father, Yitzchok, Rachel dies in childbirth, giving birth to Binyamin, and fulfilling Rachel's prophecy that Yaakov will have 12 sons.

At the beginning of Parashas Vayeshev, we find a festering sibling rivalry between Yoseph and his brothers, to which Yaakov is not an innocent party. "And Yisroel loved Yoseph more than any of the other brothers, for he was a 'son of his old age;' and he made for him a many-colored coat." (Bereshis 37:3) Yoseph told his brothers and his father about dreams he'd had which pictured him as ruling over his brothers and his parents. "So his brothers were jealous of him and his father kept the matter in mind." (Bereshis 37:11) Yaakov foolishly (it would seem) sends Yoseph to check on his brothers' welfare.

As he approaches them, the brothers reveal their preferences. One group favors killing him outright. Reuven suggests casting him into a pit in order, as the Torah testifies, to return to rescue him and return him to his father. Yehudah first agrees with him because he believes Yoseph's dreams and he cannot imagine that HaShem will not rescue him from the pit. Then he changes his mind, and becomes convinced that the brothers must take action and let HaShem show His greatness by rescuing from that situation. He recommends selling Yoseph into slavery, a suggestion which earns him the antipathy of the rest of the brothers.

As a result of this crime, which he instigated, the Torah describes Yehudah's banishment from his brothers. He marries the daughter of a peddler, who bears two sons to him: Er and Onan. He secures a beautiful woman to marry Er. The latter abuses her sexually, and HaShem punishes him by taking his life. Onan then marries her, but his behavior matches his brother's, and so does his fate. Yehudah withholds his third son, Shelah from her, fearing for his life.

Meanwhile, Yehudah's own wife dies. In his loneliness, he lives with Tamar, who has pretended to be a harlot, and asks for his staff, signet ring and wrap in lieu of a lamb, as payment for her services. She conceives and after three months, her pregnancy becomes obvious, her condition is reported to Yehudah, who says, "Take her out and put her to death by fire!" (Bereshis 38:24) She reveals the staff, the wrap and the signet ring and, using language similar to that used by the brothers when they showed the bloody coat to Yaakov, she says "By the man to whom these belong am I with child. And she said, 'Identify, if you please, whose are this signet ring, this wrap and this staff.'" (Bereshis 38:25) What happened next is one of the keys of Yehudah to "Olam HaBa," "Yehudah recognized, and he said, 'She is more righteous than I!'" (Bereshis 38:26)

Yoseph implements a strategy designed to bring the brothers to "Teshuvah," Repentance and to reveal their true motivation. Speaking harshly with them, he orders them not to appear before him without their youngest brother, Binyamin.

The brothers return to Yaakov and reveal the new development. When the famine persists, Yehudah utters the following immortal words regarding Binyamin: "I will personally guarantee him; of my own hand you can demand him. If I do not bring him back to you and stand him up before you, then I will have sinned against you for all time." (Bereshis 43:9)

The brothers return with Binyamin. Yoseph treats them in a gentlemanly manner. But when they are about to leave, he instructs his servant to plant his silver cup in the bag of Binyamin, along with his food and returned money. After the brothers leave, they are immediately summoned back to Yoseph's palace and confronted with the accusation of the stolen cup. A search ensues and the cup is found in Binyamin's bag. Parashas Miketz ends on the dramatic note that Yoseph says that Binyamin alone will be his servant, and the rest of the brothers can return in peace to their father.

Thus, Yoseph has put his brothers in the same situation with respect to Binyamin as they were in, years earlier, with respect to him. Yehudah, acting as their spokesman, now approaches Yoseph, describes the attachment between Yaakov and Binyamin, and continues, "And now, if I come to your servant, my father, and the youth is not with us – since his soul is so bound up with his soul – it will happen that when he sees that the youth is missing, he will die, and your servants will have brought down the hoariness of your servant our father in sorrow to the grave. For your servant took responsibility for the youth from my father, saying 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I will be sinning to my father for all time.' Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the youth as a servant to my lord, and let the youth go up with his brothers. For how can I go up to my father if the youth is not with me, lest I see the evil that will befall my father!" (Bereshis 44:30-34)

The following are excerpts from the "Blessings of Yaakov" to Yehudah: "A lion cub is Yehudah; from the prey, my son, you have arisen..." (Bereshis 49:9-10) This refers to Yehudah's separating himself from the plot to kill Yoseph by saying, "What profit would killing Yoseph be for us?" (Bereshis 37:33) and also, when as a judge, the possibility of killing Tamar came before you and you said, "She is more righteous than I" (Bereshis 38:26) and spared her life. And the following: "The scepter shall not depart from Yehudah nor a scholar from among his descendants until Shiloh comes and his will be the assembly of nations." (Bereshis 49:10) – which Onkelos, followed by Rashi, render as "until the Moshiach comes, to whom the kingdom belongs."

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

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