

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ויחי

December 13, 2013

– הדלקת נרות 4:10

י' טבת תשע"ד

ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

מנחה	3:55
הדלקת נרות	4:10
שקיעה	4:28
Fast Ends	5:08
Oneg	8:15*

שבת פרשת ויחי

שחרית השכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:32
Halacha Shiur	3:15
מנחה	4:00
שקיעה	4:28
מעריב	5:11

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/15-12/20

שחרית

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

מנחה -מעריב

Sun-Thurs	4:15
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Second מעריב

Mon-Thurs	8:00
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NEXT SHABBOS:

פרשת שמות

הדלקת נרות	4:12
מנחה	4:20
שקיעה	4:30

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

שלישית סעודה is co-sponsored by Yehuda Eliezri commemorating the yartzheit of his father R' Avrohom ben HaRav Dovid, and by Mel and Betty Sinowitz commemorating the yartzheit of Betty's mother, Raize bas Boruch

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

***THIS WEEK!! Oneg Shabbos Friday Night,parshas Vayechi December 13 at the Lieder home 75 College Road at 8:15 pm**

AVOS U'BANIM THIS Motzoie Shabbos at 6:30 PM. Learning,pizza and prizes!!

This week is co-sponsored by Steve and Jackie Fessel in memory of Jackie's father,Rabbi Moshe Holcer- Moshe Shmuel Ben Shlomo Halevi, and by Nachum and Miriam Rosenberg l'zecher nishmas Kayla bas Eliyokum. To sponsor a night of learning for only \$50 please contact the shul office or Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com .

Rabbi Frand's shiur Thursday nights at 9pm and, Rabbi Reisman motzoie Shabbos at 7:30 All are invited to attend.

THE DATE HAS CHANGED!!! 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 BO, January 4.** To be honored at the Kiddush \$18 per name or couple please contact Baistorah@gmail.com. The deadline is December 30.

Community Synagogue will be screening the award-winning film **"Fill the Void"** **THIS Motzoie Shabbos December 14 at 7:30 pm.** All are invited to attend.

Teen Oneg next Friday night parshas Shemos December 20 at Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb 115 Carlton Road at 8:15 PM.

SAVE THE DATE -December 28 -Eitan Katz Concert!! Reserved in advance (first three rows) \$50,general admission \$25.Please contact Marilyn Sapir at 369-3631 or email mshs1@aol.com.

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is **January 13.** Bais Torah's commitment is **150 cans of fruit** for the month. The Food Pantry cannot accept cans with expired dates.

MAZAL TOV

Saul and Phyllis Siegel on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Yoni Siegel, son of David and Cheryl Siegel of Teaneck

David and Ruth Lehmann on the birth of a grandson born to their children, Dovid and Hadassah Feinberg of Ramat Beit Shemesh. Mazel tov also to Felix Lehmann on the birth of his great-grandson.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grand-
SON-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner- תדורוס 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

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 פרידא

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן חנה

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Joel Sanders

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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 Mishnayot

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Vayechi The Invisible Yoseph

The following question has bothered me for years, as we read through the Parshiyot that deal with the conflict between Yoseph and his brothers: It was well known in Egypt and surrounding areas that this man who had been given responsibility for their survival during the famine was not a native Egyptian. That he was in fact an "Ivri," a Hebrew, and a former slave, who had risen to power by virtue of his amazing ability to interpret dreams; in particular, the double dream of the Pharaoh that had forecast the seven-year cycles of plenty followed by famine.

The Egyptians, despite their dependence upon him, motivated presumably by deeply ingrained feelings of racial and religious superiority would not eat together with Yoseph, the "Ivri." As we see in Bereshit 43:32, where we find, "And they served Yoseph and the brothers separately, and the Egyptians who ate with them separately, for the Egyptians could not bear to eat food with the Hebrews, for it was loathsome to the Egyptians."

And finally, according to *Bereshit Rabbah* 84:7, Yoseph looked just like Yaakov, their father!

The question is, given all these hints, the fact that the "Egyptian" Prince was in fact a Hebrew, that he was a former slave, that his rise to power had been by his ability to interpret dreams, and the fact that he looked like his father, why did it not enter the minds of any of the brothers, before Yoseph revealed his identity, that he was in fact Yoseph their brother? Although the *Bereshit Rabbah* 91:7, attempts to answer the question by saying that he recognized them because when he last saw them, they were adults, with beards, and when they last saw him, he was only seventeen, and beardless, this hardly seems an adequate reason for their not recognizing him. Yet, as the Torah testifies (Bereshit 42:8), when they appeared before him, "Yoseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him."

We can only answer that the brothers must have been fixated on the idea that Yoseph's dreams of mastery were false, they **must have been false** for the brothers to be vindicated in their act of selling him, to the extent that they would not allow another possibility to enter their minds. They searched for Yoseph in all the slave-markets of Egypt, hoping indeed to recognize him by his remarkable handsomeness, but when the powerful and strikingly handsome Prince of Egypt stood before them, they could not acknowledge that the man standing before them, albeit now bearded, was none other than the brother whom they had sold into slavery, Yoseph.

We see here the power of pre-conceived notions, especially when the ego is involved, for they had been portrayed as his subjects in those old dreams, to blind one to the truth. They **could not** believe them, for had they not said (Bereshit 37:20), "...And we will see what will become of his dreams."

The sin of the Sale of Yoseph is the model for the terrible sin of "sinat chinam," causeless hatred, of letting pre-conceived notions, images based on grudges and enmities that we cannot let go of, concerning our brothers, obscure and blind us to their very brotherhood.

We must fight this tendency, and allow ourselves to relate to our brothers as brothers, obnoxious though they may seem, because who's to say that the feeling is not mutual! Over centuries of Exile, our brothers may have taken on characteristics that make them look very different, and perhaps behave very differently from us, in superficial and sometimes deeper than superficial ways. But as Tonto said to the Lone Ranger, as a large band of Native Americans shooting bows and arrows charged towards them on horseback, "What do you mean 'us,' White Man?" All of **us** must look deeper than the surface effects of minor differences and the deeper effects of lack of education, assimilation and estrangement, to perceive our common, essential Jewish identity

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

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