

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת יתרו – הדלקת נרות 4:36

January 17, 2014

טז' שבט תשע"ד

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

הדלקת נרות 4:36

מנחה 4:45

שקיעה 4:54

שבת פרשת יתרו

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:42

Halacha Shiur 3:40

מנחה 4:25

שקיעה 4:56

מעריב 5:38

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 1/19-1/24

שחרית

Sunday 7:45

Mon,Thurs 6:20,7:45

Tues,Weds Fri
6:30,7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs 4:50

מעריב Second

Mon-Thurs 8:00

NEXT SHABBOS:

פרשת משפטים

הדלקת נרות 4:45

מנחה 4:50

שקיעה 5:03

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship .

There will be no Hashkama minyan this Shabbos morning.

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

Thank you Moishe Niehaus for taking care of the divrei Torah and shiur on Shabbos.

AVOS U'BANIM THIS Motzoie Shabbos at 7:00 PM. Learning, pizza and prizes!! This week is sponsored by **David and Ruth Lehmann** in memory of Ruth's father, Yehuda ben Eliezer . To be a sponsor for a night of learning for only \$50 please contact the baistorah@gmail.com or Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com .

Rabbi Frand's shiur this Thursday night at 9pm-Rabbi Reisman's shiur Motzoie Shabbos is at 7:30 PM.

Rabbi Gottlieb will be away from January 13-20. The Rav will be available via email.

Come join us **February 16 at 2:45 pm** as we bake **matzos at the Shatzer Matzah bakery! More details to follow...**

Women's Zumba! Monday nights at 8:15 PM. Join us! Call 845-596-5887.

The Daf Yomi shiurim next week are sponsored by David And Ruth Lehmann for the yartzheit of Ruth's father Ludwig Rollhaus Yehuda ben Eliezer. Sponsor a day or a full week in honor of a yartzheit or simcha. You do not need to participate in the shiur to be a sponsor. Contact Baistorah@gmail.com or 352-1343.

SAVE THE DATE... The Annual Bais Torah Dinner Sunday May 11...more info to follow...

MAZAL TOV

Yisroel and Ruthie Safrin on the marriage of their grandchildren Michal and Moshe Schonfeld, children of Yanky and Shifty Safrin .

David and Shoshi Mayerfeld on the marriage of their children Shulamis and Adam Kessler

NICHUM AVEILIM

Shifra Horowitz on the petirah of her brother, Benjamin Fialkoff

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 מנוש 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 ליאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz
רבקה בת פריידא

Helen Furman
חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz
אליהו זבי בן חנה

Rachel Gross
רחל בת חנה

Shira Steinberg
שרה שירה רות בת שרה

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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 Shofitim

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mishnayos
Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Yisro "Remember" and "Safeguard" Were Spoken by the Almighty in One Utterance

(Much of the material in this Dvar Torah was taken from "The Sabbath" by Dayan Dr. I. Grunfeld, from the Rambam's Hilchos Shabbos and from the commentary found in the Art Scroll Chumash)

The highlight of Parashas Yisro is the "Ten Utterances" or the "Ten Commandments." Actually, the Utterances are found as well in Sefer Devarim, in Parashas Vaeschanan, in almost the same words. The most famous deviation is in the Fourth Commandment, regarding the Shabbos. In Shemos 20:8 we find, "**Zachor es Yom HaShabbos LeKa-Desho**," "**Remember the Day of Shabbos to sanctify it.**" This Positive Command, "**Zachor**" requires us to have the Shabbos on our minds at all times, to recite "Kiddush," which focuses on the "Holiness of the Day," to wear fine clothing and to eat the best food on Shabbos, and to devote a major portion of one's time during that holy day to the study of Torah.

This approach applies as well to the Negative Command, found in Devarim 5:12, "**Shamor es Yom HaShabbos LeKa-Desho**," "**Safeguard the Day of Shabbos, to keep it holy.**" This command requires us to refrain from work or any activity that would diminish the sanctity of the Day.

The Torah prohibits doing "**Melachah**" on Shabbos. But what is Melachah? The main textual source for the definition of Melachah is, surprisingly, the prohibition on Shabbos of all activities involved in the construction of the Sanctuary in the Wilderness (Shemos 31:13):

1. Ploughing 2. Sowing 3. Reaping 4. Sheaf-making 5. Threshing 6. Winnowing 7. Selecting 8. Sifting 9. Grinding 10. Kneading 11. Baking 12. Sheep-shearing 13. Bleaching 14. Combing raw materials 15. Dyeing 16. Spinning 17, 18, 19 Weaving operations 20. Separating into threads 21. Tying a knot 22. Untying a knot 23. Sewing 24. Tearing 25. Trapping or hunting 26. Slaughtering 27. Skinning 28. Tanning 29. Scraping pelts

30. Marking out 31. Cutting to shape 32. Writing 33. Erasing 34. Building 35. Demolishing 36. Kindling a fire 37. Extinguishing 38. The final hammer blow (putting the finishing touch to a newly manufactured article) 39. Carrying from the private to the public domain (and vice versa)

If we examine the list presented above, they seem to form a cross-section of all the main types of human productive activity. Now the purpose of human beings was defined by their Creator in Bereshis as follows:

"G-d blessed them and G-d said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and **subdue it**; And rule over the fish of the sea, the bird of the sky, and every living thing that moves on the earth.' " (Bereshis 1:28) Thus, man's purpose on earth seems to be to rule over all the other creatures. But by doing so, there is a grave danger. He is liable to forget Who the Real King, the True Creator, is. **Thus, the idea behind the prohibition of "Melachah" is the renunciation of mastery.** According to Dayan Grunfeld, "We renounce on This Day every exercise of intelligent, purposeful control – of natural objects and forces, we cease from every act of human power, in order to proclaim G-d as the Source of all power..."

The essential characteristic of human creativity is in the intelligent purpose which directs it. (To use modern terminology, "Intelligent Design") Thus, the Torah's defining principle regarding prohibited human activity on Shabbos is "Melechet machashevet aserah Torah;" i.e. The Torah prohibits as "melachah" on Shabbos "an act which shows man's mastery over the world by the constructive exercise of his intelligence and skill."

And, although the penalties for transgressing the prohibition of performing "Melachah," especially if done on purpose, are very severe (ranging from "Misas bais Din," capital punishment administered by earthly courts to "Kares" a form of capital punishment administered by heavenly courts), they are over-ridden, as are all prohibitions of the Torah, by danger to human life. As we find in the Rambam, Hilchos Shabbos; Chapter 2, Halachos 1-3. (The Halachos are not translated word-for-word.)

Halachah 1: "Shabbos is over-ridden by danger to life, as are all other commandments. Therefore, one is allowed to treat a patient who is dangerously ill even if the treatments involve violation of the Laws of Shabbos. This is true even if there is only a possibility of danger to life."

Halachah 2: "Treatment is begun even if it involves violating more than one Shabbos, with no limit as to the number of Days of Shabbos violated. Anything can be done in behalf of the dangerously ill patient-lighting a fire, extinguishing fire, slaughtering an animal, baking or cooking, preparing warm water for drink or to be used as a covering. The principle is: **in the face of serious illness, Shabbos is treated as a weekday.**"

Halachah 3: "When these emergency measures are invoked, they are not performed by non-Jews, children, women or servants, but rather by the **greatest of scholars, and It is forbidden to hesitate at all in matters of this nature.** For the purpose of the Torah is to promote life, and the purpose of its laws is to promote compassion, kindness and peace in the world."

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

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