

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת מצורע- הדלקת נרות 7:06

April 4, 2014

ד' ניסן תשע"ד

ערב שבת פרשת מצורע

הדלקת נרות 7:06

מנחה 7:00

שקיעה 7:24

שבת פרשת מצורע

שחרית בהשכמה 7:30

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:46

Halacha Shiur 6:10

מנחה 6:55

שקיעה 7:25

מעריב 8:07

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 4/6-4/11

שחרית

Sunday 7:45

Mon, Thurs 6:20,7:45

Tues Weds Fri
6:30,7:45

מנחה-מעריב

Sun-Thurs 7:20

NEXT SHABBOS:

פרשת אחרי מות

הדלקת נרות 7:13

מנחה 7:00

שקיעה 7:31

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by Laurence Gordon for yartzheit of his mother, Rochel Bas Yitzchok Lipman, Ronnie Herrmann for yartzheit of his father, HaChaver Arye Yaakov Eliezer ben Naftoli, Max Thurm for yartzheit of his mother, Sara bas Mordechai Menachem, Ozzie Willner for the yartzheit of his father, Tzvi Hersh ben Reb Mordechai, and Joyce Kurz in memory of her husband, Daniel Leib ben Yisroel

Rabbi Frand's shiur Thursday night is at 9 PM, Rabbi Reisman Motzoei Shabbos at 10:00 PM

Matzah pick-up is at the shul during office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30am-3pm. Call 352-1343.

Rabbi Gottlieb's FINAL Pre Pesach Shiur on Haggada is Wednesday April 9 at 8 pm.

PLEASE clean out cubbies and coatroom items this week in preparation for Pesach.

Bais Torah will be offering Friday night dinner and Shabbos lunch for Shabbos Hagadol, April 11 and April 12, Parshas Acharei Mos. The cost will be: Adults ages 10 and up - **\$36 per person per meal. Children ages 6-10 - \$19 per child per meal, children 5 and under - no charge.** We must have childrens' reservations in addition to adult reservations. If you are interested please contact Aviva at the Shul office for reservations - (845) 352-1343. **No reservations will be taken after TUESDAY APRIL 8.**

THIS Sunday Morning April 6th at 10:15 am Community Synagogue will present an Israel and Pearl Stern Memorial Lecture featuring historian, writer, political commentator Daniel Pipes "The Mideast in Upheaval." All are invited to attend. Brunch following the lecture.

SAVE THE DATE... The Annual Bais Torah Dinner ... Sunday May 11... Honorees are: Guests of Honor-Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann, Bais Torah Leadership Award Jonathan and Chavy Rosenstock, Eishes Chayil Award-Malkie Zamore, Bais Torah Service Award-David and Carol Abramczik, and a special memorial tribute to Joel and Shelly Sanders.

MAZAL TOV

Manny Mayerfeld on the engagement of his grandson Binyomin Mayerfeld, son of Rabbi Uri and Esther Mayerfeld (LA) to Nechama Schulman of Baltimore.

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children, Yitzi and Nechama Tendler of Baltimore.

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 ליאון בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבני בן חנה

Shira Steinberg

שירה רות בת שרה

Larry Rossman

אליעזר בן יטה

BIKUR CHOLIM-

Please Call Before Visiting

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Helen Furman 357-1365

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zcher 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 Metzora - "Physical and Spiritual "Physiology"

I'm reading a book, "Not Without My Daughter," by Betty Mahmoody with William Hoffer, a true story, about the virtual "kidnapping" of a wife and daughter by an Iranian M.D. who had become rededicated to his Shiite faith at the time of the Iranian Revolution which overthrew the Shah. The book shows the Iranians as we know them, as ugly and brutal, obeying the Koran word-for-word, in a society in which women are near-slaves. Unlike Toras Moshe, where we find numerous phenomena such as Tzaraas, which resembles leprosy in some respects, but that Chazal identify as a disease with a non-physical etiology and a non-physical cure. The major cause of this malady is the moral failure of the speech system known as "leshon ha-ra," evil speech, not treatable by speech therapy. The diagnostician is a "kohen," a priest, and not a medical doctor, and the cure will not be found in any medical text, but rather in the human conscience and the soul.

Sefer VaYikra is replete with spiritual consequences of physical actions. For example, if one strikes and injures another, not only has he sinned against the victim, he has also sinned against G-d and against himself. Aside from heavy monetary payments, he must undergo the spiritual process of "Teshuvah," Repentance if he wants to return to the good graces of G-d. That process includes acknowledgement of the sin, regret for one's past actions and sincere commitment never to repeat the sin. He must request forgiveness from the victim and from G-d, and pray for atonement. Many of the sacrifices described in the Book of VaYikra are part of the "Teshuvah" and Atonement processes.

Like Tzaraas, but infinitely more pleasant, another item that was physical but that could not be explained on any physical basis was the "Mohn," the miraculous bread from Heaven, that was "Shomer Shabbos," as it were, Sabbath-observant. It did not fall on Shabbos but, in order to help the Jewish People prepare for the special day, it fell in double measure on Erev Shabbos.

"Bris Milah," the Covenant of Circumcision, is another example of a physical act with a profound spiritual result. The removal of the "orlah," the foreskin, is performed on the eighth day of life of a male child born to Jewish parents. "Bris Milah" transforms this baby from being like any other baby into a member of the Holy Nation. And when this boy finds his "zivug," his soulmate, and the couple becomes "one flesh," a unique spiritual union is formed.

The month of Nissan, in which occurs the great holiday of Pesach, was designated by the Torah as the "first of the months" (Shemos 12:2). Almost all of the succeeding months also contain holidays, or some ritual act of service to HaShem. Except one, the eighth month, Cheshvan, that on the surface is bereft of any mitzvot, and therefore is called by Chazal "Mar-Cheshvan," where "Mar" means bitter.

Cheshvan may also share this quality of eighth-ness. It is quite analogous, in fact, with Shemini Atzeres, on which all the "korbanos," the sacrifices that are offered in behalf of the nations of the world during the preceding days of Sukkos, disappear except for one. That one reflects the unique relationship between HaShem and the People of Israel, over and above that with all the other nations.

On one level, Cheshvan looks like any other month, except that it is totally lacking in mitzvos. It may be that this absence of mitzvos corresponds with HaKadosh Baruch Hu, Who is the Ayin of "me-Ayin yavo ezri," (Tehilim 121:1) "from the One Who is entirely absent of corporeality comes my salvation." And the relationship that exists between Israel and G-d in this unique month is "love that is not dependent on any thing," of which Pirkei Avos says in Avos 5:19, that it lasts forever. And "Mar" is transformed from bitter to "Ram," majestic.

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

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