

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת חקת - פרקי אבות פרק ד'

June 27, 2014

Shabbos Rosh Chodesh Tamuz

כ"ט סיון תשע"ד

ערב שבת פרשת חקת

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות (summer)	7:20
הדלקת נרות (actual)	8:15
שקיעה	8:33

שבת פרשת חקת

שחרית בהשכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:11
Pirkei Avos Shiur	6:25
Halacha Shiur	7:15

מנחה	8:00
שקיעה	8:33
מעריב	9:15

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 6/29-7/3

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

מנחה - מעריב

Sunday-Thurs	8:20
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NEXT SHABBOS

<u>פרשת בלק</u>	
מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות	7:20
הדלקת נרות	8:14
שקיעה	8:32

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Jay and Hinda Kimmel for the yartzheit of Hinda's father, Tuvia Yaakov ben Tzvi Zev HaLevi

Rabbi Frand's shiur continues 9 PM every Thursday night until July 10.

The new **Kosher Discount Cards** are now available. Please pick up your card from Aviva in the Shul office, or call Leslie Goldress at 352-3257

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is **July 13**. Bais Torah's commitment is **180** cans of fruit for the month. The Food Pantry cannot accept cans with expired dates.

Bais Torah has once again reserved a limited number of tickets for **MOSTLY MOZART, Wednesday August 20th at 8:00 PM at Lincoln Center, Avery Fisher Hall** For reservations please call or email: **Sandy Thurm 368-3418** sfthurm@gmail.com. The concert includes works by Boyce, Mozart and Beethoven, \$65.00 per ticket payable in advance to Congregation Bais Torah. Tickets must be reserved by July 20.

Daf Yomi shiurim are sponsored this week by David Mayerfeld, L'Zecher Nishmas his father, Menachem ben Uri Shraga. To sponsor a day or week of Daf Yomi please contact Aviva in the shul office or baistorah@gmail.com. You do not need to participate in the shiur to sponsor the learning.

MAZAL TOV

Rabbi Yosef and Barbara Fischer on the birth of a great-grandson, Akiva Yitzchok, born to their grandchildren, Rafi and Chava Cohen of Silver Spring, MD, children of Dr. Ariel and Bracha Fischer.

Manny Mayerfeld on the marriage of his grandchildren, Binyomin and Nechama Mayerfeld, children of Rabbi Uri and Esther Mayerfeld of LA

Jeffrey and Marilyn Sapir on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Lori and Sam Singal

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
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
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 לייאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz
רבקה בת פריידא
Helen Furman חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz אליהו זבי בן חנה
Shira Steinberg שירה רות בת שרה
Allen Nussbaum אשר בן קילה

Yosi Rosenberg. יוסף דוד בן זיסל
Hudi Kenigsberg (Marty and
Carol Ginsberg's daughter)

יהודת חוה בת צביה עטיל .

BIKUR CHOLIM-

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Helen Furman 357-1365

Hilde Zauderer 357 2556

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoon 30 minutes before pirkei avos 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

8:45PM Shmuel Aleph
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

Women's Mishnayos will resume in the fall

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Chukas

The Fate of the Generation of the Wilderness

It has often been said that the Book of BaMidbar is the saddest of the "Chamishah Chumshei Torah," the Five Books of Moses. This is because in this Book the account is given of the loss of the dream of an entire generation; namely, the dream of those who had been released from slavery, who had crossed the "Yam Suf," and who had witnessed the Revelation of HaShem at Mount Sinai when they received the Torah, to enter the Holy Land of Israel. In Maseches Sanhedrin, Chapter "Chelek," we find a discussion concerning whether this Generation, along with others, have a "share in the 'World-to-Come.' "

Rabbi Akiva is involved with his Rebbe, Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrkanos, in a dispute concerning the ultimate fate of the Generation of the Wilderness. Rabbi Akiva says they "...have no share in the World-to-Come and will not rise for Judgment, based on the verse, 'In the Wilderness, they will expire, and there they will die.' (BaMidbar 14:35) Rabbi Eliezer says, 'About them it is written, 'Gather for Me My righteous ones, those with whom I made the Covenant of Sacrifice.' (Tehilim 50:5)"

Is this the Rabbi Akiva that we know?

Rabbi Akiva's view seems to be totally out of character. Isn't he the one who remarked that the most important principle in the Torah is "And you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (VaYikra 19:18) The Talmud itself notes the apparent deviation by Rabbi Akiva from his usual pleasant and benevolent demeanor. "Rabbah bar bar Chanah said in the name of Rabbi Yochanan, 'Rabbi Akiva has abandoned his righteousness, for he ignores the words of HaShem regarding the Generation of the Wilderness, 'I remember for you the affection of your youth, the love of your engagement; how you followed Me into the Wilderness, into a land that was not sown.' (Yirmiyahu 2:2) And if their descendants enter the World-to-Come, shouldn't they as well' "

I think that a possible explanation for this opinion of Rabbi Akiva that seems out of character, based on the ideas of the "Kedushas Levi" of Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, is as follows: Rabbi Akiva had himself risen to tremendous spiritual heights. He had entered the "Pardes," the mystical "Orchard," where he had found intimate knowledge of HaShem, similar to that obtained by the "Dor De'ah," the "Generation of Knowledge," none other than the "Generation of the Wilderness," that had come closest to HaShem. And he too had come from nowhere, if not from slavery, then from the slavery of ignorance, as an unlettered shepherd who hated Torah scholars and the Torah World.

In describing the experiences of the Generation of the Wilderness, that give insight into why they are also called the "Generation of Knowledge," the "Kedushas Levi" says in his writings on Shavuot, "The 'Generation of the Wilderness' saw the Miracles that occurred at the Sea and they saw at the Sea the Greatness of the Creator, Blessed is He, as our Sages, Z"L, have said (Mechilta Beshalach, the "Shirah;" 3) 'The lowly handmaiden saw at the Sea what Yechezkel ben Buzi did not see in his 'Vision of the Chariot.' And they said, 'This is my G-d, and I shall beautify Him.' (Shemos 9:2) And they also stood at the time of the Giving of the Torah and saw then also the Infinite Greatness of the Creator ("Zohar HaKadosh," Part 2, 82a). Thus it turns out that there was nothing left for them to see in the 'World-to-Come' that they hadn't already seen in 'This-World.' Thus Rabbi Akiva meant his remarks only in their great praise, saying that they had no need to die, rise and be judged in the "World-to-Come," because they had already experienced that intimate contact with their Creator in "This-World."

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

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