

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ואתחנן - פרקי אבות פרק ד'

August 8, 2014

יב'מנחם אב

## ערב שבת פרשת ואתחנן

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות (summer)	7:20
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:46
שקיעה	8:04

## שבת פרשת ואתחנן

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

מנחה	7:30
שקיעה	8:03
מעריב	8:46

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 8/10-8/15

#### שחרית

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

#### מנחה - מעריב

Sunday-Thurs	7:50
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## NEXT SHABBOS

### פרשת עקב

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות	7:20
הדלקת נרות	7:37
שקיעה	7:55

## WHAT'S NEW

**This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.**

**סעודה שלישית** is co-sponsored by Seymour Lutwak for the yartzheit of his mother, Esther Malka bas Shlomo and Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz for the yartzheit of her mother Liba bas Yehoshua Binyamin.

**Thank you to the Adult Education Committee** for the wonderful job they did running the Tisha B'av event. Thank you Sandy Thurm, Sandy Lieder (projectionist extrodinaire), Emily Lifschitz, Doris Newman, Miriam Frankel, Abe and Phyllis Frankel, Marilyn Sapir, and David and Ruth Lehmann

### **Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in August and September?**

Help support our weekly Kiddush and celebrate with your Bais Torah Family at the next **Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush, Shabbos Parshas Ki Tzeitzei, September 6**. For only \$18 per name or couple you can join the list of celebrants! Please contact Aviva in the shul office or email [Baistorah@gmail.com](mailto:Baistorah@gmail.com). Deadline to join is MONDAY, September 1.

**Yomim Noraim seating forms were mailed out. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Shabbos Parshas Ki Savo Sept 12-13** Bais Torah will host Rabbi Steven Weil, Senior Managing Director of the Orthodox Union. Rabbi Weil will address the kehilla over Shabbos and Motza'ei Shabbos.

## MAZAL TOV

Ed and Helen Furman on the birth of a great-grandson, born in Israel to Tamar and Avraham Zweibel, children of Phyllis and Robert Meyer

Tziporah Rossman on making Aliyah this coming week.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-  
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה  
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 ליאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא  
Helen Furman חנה בת תמרה  
Andy Yurowitz אליהו זבי בן חנה  
Fran and Ben Horwitz's son inlaw  
משה צבי בן פריידא שומה

Allen Nussbaum אשר בן קילה  
Shira Steinberg 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 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 Va-Eschanan – When Prayer Works

In this Parashah, we find Moshe Rabbeinu, the “Adon HaNevi'im,” the Master of the Prophets, those who practice “Nevuah,” the form of Communication between the Infinite Creator and his finite creature, the human being, that proceeds from Above to below. as well as the “Adon HaMispalelim,” the Master of those who Pray, who practice the form of Communication between the finite creature and the Infinite Creator, from below to Above, falling short in his Prayer. His desire, since he became the Servant of HaShem, to enter the Land of Israel, turns out to be beyond his grasp.

Why were Moshe's prayers not accepted? The Parashah begins with the word “Va-Eschanan” – suggesting, perhaps, that Moshe may have abused the characteristic of “chen,” favor, that he had found in HaShem's eyes. And when was this? In Beha'alosecha, where the Jews were complaining about the absence of meat from their diet. Moshe could not bear the materialism and lack of spirituality of the Jews at this time. We find the verse, “If You make me the leader of this kind of People, then kill me, I beg of you, If I have found ‘chen’ in Your eyes!” (BaMidbar 11:15) This may be an instance of “Tzaddik gozer, ve-HaKadosh Baruch Hu Mekayem!” “The righteous person decrees and the Holy One, Blessed is he, carries out the decree.” What is the logic behind that idea? The righteous person knows himself or herself very well, both their strengths and weaknesses. Moshe may have realized subconsciously that his unique mission was to uplift his People, indeed the entire world, to higher spiritual levels, and at this task he was a great success. But when it would come to the grinding, mundane, daily trials and tribulations of entering, conquering, dividing and settling the Land of Israel, he was perhaps not the best person available for the job.

When the People of Israel committed the Sin of the Golden Calf, HaShem had initially proposed to Moshe, “And now, but leave Me, and let My anger flare up against them, and I will destroy them, and make you into a great nation.” (Shemos 32:10), Moshe realized that HaShem was in effect asking him to pray for the People, and his response is recorded in the Torah as, “Moshe beseeched the Face of HaShem, his G-d, and said, ‘Why, HaShem, should Your wrath burn against Your People, whom You took out of the Land of Egypt, with Great Strength and a Strong Hand?’ ” And he concluded his response with, “And now, if You forgive them, fine and good, but if not, erase me, I beg of You, from Your Book that You have written.” (Shemos 32:32) Here Moshe taught for all time the lesson that the essence of Leadership and Prayer is Self-Sacrifice. (His request may have been fulfilled literally in the Haggadah of Pesach, where Moshe's name appears not once.)

The Avos: Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov, taught the Jewish People the three Tefilos of “Shacharis,” “Minchah” and “Ma'ariv,” respectively. Yet none was successful at all times in his Prayer. Avraham certainly prayed that his elder son, Yishmael, would turn out better, but the Torah describes him as a “wild man.” Yitzchak taught the Prayer of Minchah, when the Torah says of him, “And Yitzchak went to meditate in the field towards evening...” (Bereshis 24:63) But his prayers that Esav turn out better went wildly awry. And though it is said of Ya'akov that “his bed was complete,” his life is portrayed as one tragedy after another.

From Chanah in Sefer Shmuel we learn the correct way of asking HaShem for a greatly desired wish: “But Chanah, she was speaking in her heart; only her lips were moving, and her voice was not heard, and Eli thought her to be a drunken woman.” (I Shmuel 1:13) Chaza”I say that the Laws of reciting the “Shemoneh Esray,” were derived from this description of Chanah. During the Yamim Noraim, we will say, “And Repentance, and Prayer and Charity, avert the Evil Decree.” With the final Prayer of Yom HaKippurim, “Ne'ilah,” referring to the Closing of the Gates of Heaven as the Divine Presence departs, Chanah taught us that no Gates remain locked and sealed before the Gate of Tears.

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

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