

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת עקב - פרקי אבות פרק ה'

August 15, 2014

יט'מנחם אב

## ערב שבת פרשת עקב

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות (summer)	7:20
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:37
שקיעה	7:55

## שבת פרשת עקב

שחרית בהשכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:33
Halacha Shiur	6:35

מנחה	7:20
שקיעה	7:53
מעריב	8:36

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 8/17-8/22

#### שחרית

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

#### מנחה - מעריב

Sunday-Thurs	7:35
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## NEXT SHABBOS

### פרשת ראה

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות	7:20
הדלקת נרות	7:26
שקיעה	7:44

## WHAT'S NEW

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

**סעודה שלישית** is sponsored by Rabbi Yosef Fischer commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Hinda bas Yehoshua Yisroel.

**Thank you Rabbi Dr. Howie Apfel**, of Yeshivas Toras Shraga in Israel (and the Schillers' son-in law) who will be speaking Shabbos morning, and also giving the Halacha Shiur before Mincha. on the topic of: **Civilian Casualties**.

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 Seitzei , 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

Jeff and Tova Striks on the marriage of their children Debbie and Sruli Berman.

Ozzie and Ruthie Willner on the birth of a great-grandson .

Yossie and Aviva Schmutter on the aufruf of their son, Michoel.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-  
הגנתו 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

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 קילא  
Shira Steinberg שירה רות בת שרה

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## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'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 Eikev Yaakov as the "Ish HaEmes," the Man of Truth

One meaning of "Yaakov" is crooked. Rivkah gave birth to twins: Yaakov and Esav. Esav was the "bechor," since he emerged first from Rivkah's womb. According to the Chumash, he excelled in "Kibbud Av," "Honoring his Father." However, by all other measures, he was inferior to Yaakov. The "Torah" describes him as a hunter, whereas Yaakov is described as a "yoshev ohalim," one who dwelt in the tents of Torah. The question arises, "Why did his parents give Yaakov a name meaning crooked?" Perhaps it was because the twins came out as one, with Yaakov gripping Esav's heel, where "heel" is another meaning of the Hebrew root: "Ayin," "Kuff," "Veis." Thus, it was, from the beginning, somewhat problematic who actually was the "bechor," the "first-born," although the evidence pointed to Esav.

Since the time of the "Akeidah," Yitzchak's vision was compromised. (The Midrash suggests that this was due to the angels' tears entering his eyes as he lay on the "Akeidah.") In any case, when he became old, he was unable to differentiate between Yaakov and Esav. As he approached death, he said to Esav, "Now take, if you please, your tools: your sword and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then make for me delicacies such as I love and bring them to me and I will eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."

Now Rivkah, Yaakov's mother, had overheard the instruction of Yitzchak to Esav, and she was terrified lest the "seed of Avraham" be diverted from Yaakov to Esav. When she grew up, she also learned the trickery that Lavan, her brother, had learned. However, she only used those methods when absolutely necessary. Now, in her eyes, was such a time. She commanded Yaakov as follows, "Go now to the flock and fetch me from there two choice young kids of the goats, and I will make of them delicacies for your father, as he loves. Then bring it to your father and he shall eat, so that he may bless you before his death." Yaakov hesitated to follow his mother's command, but she swiftly overrode his objection.

Convinced by his mother of the urgency of the matter, Yaakov took the food, entered the tent of his father, pretended to be Esav, and received the blessing originally intended for his brother. When Esav came in, and discovered the deception, his reaction is described in the Chumash as "...he cried out an exceedingly great and bitter cry..." - showing that Esav as well appreciated the importance of Yitzchak's blessing. So great was his desire for revenge that he thought, "May the days of mourning for my father draw near, then I will kill my brother Yaakov." Realizing Esav's reaction, and remembering the reception that Eliezer, servant of Avraham, had received from her brother, Rivkah said to Yaakov, "...heed my voice and arise; flee to my brother Lavan, to Charan."

Yaakov leaves for Charan, with a short (22 year) stop in the Yeshiva of Shem and Ever. Thus fortified, Yaakov continues towards Charan, where he pauses at the well (strange, isn't it? how all romance in the Torah seems to begin at a well), meets and falls in love with Rachel, meets Lavan, hires himself out for seven years to work with marriage to Rachel as his salary. After two decades of abuse, and the birth of Yoseph, and after consulting with his wives, Yaakov decides to head for home. One more attempt to cheat him out of his salary, but Yaakov responds with a trick of his own (which he may or may not have learned at school).

HaShem teaches an example with the words of Sarah regarding Avraham's age, and the Gemara (Bava Metzia 23b) also teaches with three examples that the "whole truth" is not necessarily what is required by "emes:"

1. "Bemaseches" – To protect one's personal modesty
2. "BePuria" – To protect one's marital privacy
3. "BeUshpiza" – To protect the owner of an inn from excessive business

Thus, Yaakov "Avinu" qualified to be called the "Ish HaEmes" and to have his face inscribed on the Throne of HaShem.

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

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