

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וארא

הדלקת נרות 4:35

Shabbos Mevorchim

כה' טבת תשע"ה

January 16, 2015

ערב שבת פרשת וארא

Candlelighting 4:35

Mincha 4:40

Shkiah 4:53

שבת פרשת וארא

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"Sh 9:42

Mevorchim Hachodesh

Halacha Shiur 3:40

Mincha 4:25

Shkiah 4:54

Maariv 5:37

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 1/18-1/23

Shacharis

Sunday 7:45, 8:30

Mon, Thurs

6:20, 7:45, 8:30

Rosh Chodesh Weds

6:10, 7:35, 8:30

Tues, Fri

6:30, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha Maariv

Sunday-Thurs 4:45

Second Maariv

Mon-Thurs 8:00

NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת בא

Candlelighting 4:43

Mincha 4:50

Shkiah 5:01

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship .

BNOS every Shabbos from 2:30-3:30 for girls grades Kindergarten through 7th grade.

Avos U'Banim Motzaei Shabbos at 7:00PM- Learning, pizza and prizes!!! This week is **sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb** . Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week, email Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com.

We are looking for **sponsors for our end of the season Mad Scientist show!** Motzaei Shabbos February 20th. Help us end the season with a BANG!

Rabbi Frand's Thursday shiur via the TCN network is Thursday nights at **9pm**, and **Rabbi Reisman's** shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at **7:30PM**.

Join us THIS Motzaei Shabbos **January 17th at 8:30 PM** Bais Torah presents a lecture by **Kenny Jacobson**, Deputy National Director of ADL: "**Anxiety, Extremism and Conflict: A Perfect Storm for Global Anti-Semitism**". All are invited to attend.

Due to security concerns, as of this Shabbos, we will be locking all entrances to the shul except the front entrance. Sorry for any inconvenience but better safe than sorry. Thank you for your understanding.

Please join us next **Friday night Parshas Bo at 8:15 PM**, for an Oneg Shabbos at the home of Yis and Bella Helprin-79 College Road. All are invited to attend.

BAIS TORAH SPECIAL REUNION SHABBOS PARSHAS YISRO, MARCH 6-7...Welcoming back our Bais Torah family, with a special Carlebach Friday night, communal meal, the Traveling Chassidim, and special Havdala. Please inform your children, more details are coming!

MAZAL TOV

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Yaakov and Yocheved Lieder of Baltimore.

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the birth of twin grandsons born to their children Rachelle and Paul Haimowitz of Modi'in Israel .

Edwin and Ruth Levi on the marriage of their grandchildren Adina and Yehuda Steinhart, children of Debbie and Eli Mayerfeld of Detroit.

Mr. Manny Mayerfeld on the birth of a great-grandson, born to his grandchildren Yossi and Basya Zimmerman, children of Rabbi Uri and Esther Mayerfeld

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 שמחה
Allen Nussbaum אשר בן קילה
Laurence and Gloria Gordon's daughter in law
שלמית בת מיריל
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 the halacha shiur

Sunday:

6:25 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein
8:30 AM Gemara Mischeches 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 Chumash Shiur
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur
Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Tuesday

ON HIATUS Chumash Shiur
Dr. Yehuda Eliezeri

Wednesday

8:15PM Shmuel Aleph
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:15 Women's Mishnayot
Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Vaera— Humanity and the Animal Kingdom

Parashas Vaera features the beginning of the Ten Plagues which struck Egypt. The Animal Kingdom played a role in several of the plagues; particularly in the Plague of "Arov," "all kinds of **bad animals**, and snakes and scorpions in a mixture, and they would attack and destroy the Egyptians," the definition cited by Rashi from Shemos Rabbah 11:2-3. I think the expression "bad animals" was a state imposed upon them by HaShem, just as "good" and "peaceable" was a state imposed upon them in Gan Eden before the state of wildness was conferred upon them and permission was given to humanity to hunt and eat meat after the "Mabul." And, indeed, it is possible, that the state of "good" and "peaceful" will return to them in Messianic times, as it says, *"Wolf and lamb will graze as one, a lion – like cattle – will eat straw; a snake's food will be dirt; they will not inflict harm nor destruction in all My holy mountain, says HaShem."* (Yeshayahu 65:25) It is also possible that the spirit of man will change, becoming more "friendly" to animals as animals become more "friendly" to man. See the picture of the author of the book, Man and Beast, Rabbi Natan Slifkin, the "Zoo Rabbi," on its cover with a fierce-looking lion, in a seeming attitude of friendship (!)

(Much of the following material was taken from the book, Man and Beast.)

The Value of Creatures

In addition to the obvious benefit of animals for their meat or their wool for clothing, we find the following: "Of everything that the Holy One created in His world, He did not create anything in vain. He created the snail as a cure for scabs, the fly as an antidote for hornet stings, the mosquito as an antidote for snakebite, snakes as a cure for sores, and spiders as an antidote for the stings of scorpions." (Shabbos 77b)

"Man's Search for Meaning"

"...In the healthy human, there is a will to meaning, and it is this that sets him apart from the animals. One would never hear an animal ask himself, 'Does my life have meaning?' But this question is asked by *Homo Sapiens*." Viktor Frankl, 1994 Address to the Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference

"Can Animals feel Pain?"

"Rambam, in the context of discussing the prohibition of slaughtering an animal and its young on the same day, writes the following:"

"...the pain of animals is very great; there is no difference between the pain of humans and the pain of other animals in this case (of slaughtering the child in the presence of the mother), for the love of a mother and her compassion upon a child does not depend on the intellect, but rather upon the power of emotion, which is found in most animals just as it is found in man..." Guide for the Perplexed 3:48

"The Way of the World"

"See how wondrously conceived is the nature of the creatures, how many marvelous gifts they possess which show forth the intention of an all-wise Creator, and the will of an omniscient all-powerful Being. He has endowed the small and the great with all necessary internal and external senses and limbs. He gave them organs corresponding to their instincts. He gave the rabbit and the deer the means of flight required by their timid nature; endowed the lion with ferocity and with the instruments for robbing and tearing. He who considers the formation, use and relation of the limbs to the animal instinct, sees wisdom in them, and so perfect an arrangement that no doubt or uncertainty can remain in his soul concerning the justice of the Creator." The Kuzari, 3:11

Human Responsibilities - "How to Kill a Mosquito"

"The primary focus of the requirement to be kind to animals is the human responsibility to practice compassion rather than the animal's right to be treated with compassion. For example, when one does indeed have a halachic license to kill an animal, it should be done in such a way as to minimize the harmful effects upon a person's sensitivities. Thus, **Rabbi Moshe Feinstein (1895-1986)** ruled that if one is killing an insect pest, one should try to avoid doing so with one's bare hands. It makes no difference to the mosquito if it is killed by a fly swatter or one's palm. But to kill it with one's bare hands would increase the personal insensitivity involved."

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

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