

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת תרומה

הדלקת נרות 5:18

February 20, 2015

ראש חודש אדר תשע"ה

ערב שבת פרשת תרומה

Candlelighting 5:18

Mincha 5:25

Shkiah 5:36

שבת פרשת תרומה

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"Sh 9:26

Halacha Shiur 4:20

Mincha 5:05

Shkiah 5:37

Maariv 6:18

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/22-2/27

Shacharis

Sunday 7:45

Mon, Thurs 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds, Friday,
6:30, 7:45

Mincha Maariv

Sunday-Thurs 5:30

Second Maariv

Mon-Thurs 8:00

NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת תצוה

Candlelighting 5:26

Mincha 5:35

Shkiah 5:44

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישיית is co-sponsored by **Jossi Lieder** for the yartzheit of his mother, Raizel Miriam bas Naftali and Barry Lifschitz for the yartzheit of his father Dovid Eliezer ben Yitzchak

BNOS will be on hiatus until after Pesach. We look forward to seeing everyone then!

Avos U'Banim Motzaei Shabbos learning at 7:30PM – FINAL WEEK!! After learning enjoy the Mad Scientist show co-sponsored by Abe and Phyllis Frankel, David and Ruth Lehmann, Yisroel and Rivky Ludzker, Marty and Carol Ginsberg, in memory of Carol's father, Chanoch Henoah ben Aryeh Leib, Pinchas and Miriam Frankel, Izecher nishmas Miriam's mother, Basya Basha bas Meir HaLevi, Noach and Rivkah Weg l'zecher nishmas her mother, Raizel Miriam bas Naftali (Lieder), Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter Dena Herrmann to Yoni Ennis, and Moishe and Eileen Frommer, in memory of Eileen's parents Chaya Leah bas Moshe Mendel, Eli Chaim Yonah ben Eliezer haLevi and the memories of the 6,000 people of Skierniewice [Skare-nyeh-vitz] Poland, including 1,500 children.

Rabbi Frand's Thursday shiur via the TCN network is Thursday nights at **9pm**, and **Rabbi Reisman's** shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at **8:00 PM**.

Yehuda Eliezri will deliver a shiur titled **DARKNESS** in memory of both his father Rabbi Abraham Eliezri and his friend Ben Mayer, Sunday February 22nd at 8:30 PM at the Eliezri home 14 Carlton Lane.

The **Shalach Manos** committee is hard at work! To participate please send in your Purim lists as soon as possible. The **deadline is Feb. 22nd** with no exceptions.

Are you celebrating a **Birthdays or Anniversary** in February or March? Celebrate with your Bais Torah family, and help support our weekly Kiddush. The next Kiddush will be **Shabbos Parshas Tetzaveh February 28th**. Help sponsor for just \$18 per name or couple just contact Aviva in the office or baistorah@gmail.com. The deadline is this Monday February 23rd.

Siyum Mishnayos is Sunday March 1st. Matzah pickup will be before and after the Siyum (times to be announced), and after March 1st all Matzos will be available for pickup when the shul office is open 9-3:00 Monday-Thursday.

Save The Date: Shul Dinner is Sunday May 3rd.

MAZAL TOV

Mr. Manny Mayerfeld on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to his grandchildren, Eliyahu and Shira Mayerfeld, children of Tzvi and Dena Mayerfeld of Passaic

Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann on the engagement of their granddaughter, Dena Herrmann daughter of Noam and Tova Herrmann to Yoni Ennis.

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the engagement of their granddaughter, Dena Herrmann daughter of Tova and Noam Herrmann to Yoni Ennis.

Yossie and Aviva Schmitter on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Eli and Shulamis Berman of Lakewood.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
הונתן 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
Allen Nussbaum אשר בן קילה
Laurence and Gloria Gordon's daughter in law
שלמית בת מיריזל

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoons 30 minutes before the 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 Chumash Shiur
Rabbi Yosef Fischer
9:45 AM Gemara Shiur
Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Tuesday

ON HIATUS Chumash Shiur

Dr. Yehuda Eliezri

Wednesday

8:15PM Shmuel Aleph
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

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

Parashas Terumah

The Evolution of Responsibility; From Individual to Communal

The first "Korbanos," or Sacrifices, were brought by individuals, Kayin and Hevel. Scripture informs us that "Hevel was a shepherd, and Kayin was a farmer." (Bereshis 4:3) Rashi explains this choice of occupations by both sons as follows: Hevel was aware of the curse applied to the "Adamah," the Ground, so he applied himself to become a herdsman. Kayin was also aware of the curse; but he thought that he could overcome it by hard work. The very first sacrifice was brought by Kayin, and Scripture says, "After a period of time, Kayin brought an Offering to HaShem of the fruit of the ground; and as for Hevel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their choicest. HaShem turned to Hevel and to his Offering, but to Kayin and to his Offering he did not turn; this angered Kayin greatly, and his countenance fell. And HaShem said to Kayin, "Why are you so angry, and why has your countenance fallen? Surely, if you improve yourself, you will be forgiven. But if you do not improve yourself, sin stands ready at the door. Its desire is towards you, but you can conquer it.'" (Bereshia 4:4-7)

We know that Kayin was unable to withstand the pressure, and he committed the first murder in recorded history. HaShem said to Kayin, "Where is Hevel, your brother? And he answered, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?' Then He said, 'What have you done? The blood of your brother cries out to me from the ground!'" (Bereshis 4:9-10) Here we see a very serious example of the violation of the demands for personal responsibility. HaShem had personally informed Kayin of the moral demands of his conscience. Yet Kayin had ignored the warning of his Creator.

Avraham, Yitzchok and Yaakov had later each stood up to the test of personal responsibility. At the beginning of Parashas Lech-Lecha, we find Avram at the beginning of his first test of faith. We find, "HaShem said to Avram, 'Leave for your own benefit your land, your birthplace, and your father's house, and go to the land which I will show you...And Avram took Sarai, his wife, and Lot, his nephew, and all the property that they had amassed, and the souls they made in Haran, and they left in the direction of the land of Canaan, and they came to the land of Canaan.'" Rashi comments on the expression "the souls that they made" – "Avraham converted the men and Sarah converted the women."

Avraham and Yitzchok had together done so at the Akeidah, where Avraham had agreed to sacrifice his beloved son to HaShem, and Yitzchok had shown infinite trust in his father, and had consented to be that sacrifice. "And the two of them went together." (Bereshis 22:6, 8) Yaakov Avinu, whose face is inscribed on HaShem's Throne, taught his descendants how to confront their enemies with a three-part strategy, consisting of prayer, gifts and battle. Yaakov also struggled successfully with the heavenly representative of Esav, who changed his name from Yaakov to Yisrael, for he had striven successfully with the earthly and heavenly powers of evil. Yet Yaakov is still attached to the individual worship of HaShem, as he says, "Then come, let us go up to Beth-El; I will make there an altar to God Who answered me in my time of distress and was with me on the road that I have traveled." (Bereshis 35:3)

On the other hand, at the end of Parashas Mishpatim, we find, "Moshe wrote all the words of HaShem, he arose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and twelve pillars for the twelve Tribes of Israel. He sent the youths of the Children of Israel and they brought up Elevation Offerings...He took the Book of the covenant (from Bereshis till the Giving of the Torah and the Commands that were given at Marah (Mechilta) and he read it to the People, and they said, 'Everything that HaShem said, we will do and obey.'" (Shemos 23:4-5, 7)

Let us return now to the beginning of Parashas Terumah, where we find, "Speak to the Children of Israel, and let them take for Me a portion, from every man whose heart motivates him you shall take My portion." (Shemos 25:2) Rashi comments on the word "Terumah." "a donation, which they should separate from their wealth."

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

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