

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים
הדלקת נרות 7:20

May 1, 2015

יב' אייר תשע"ה

ערב שבת

פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

Mincha	7:00
Candlelighting (summer)	7:20
Candellighting (actual)	7:35
Shkiah	7:53

שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:23
Pirkei Avos	5:50
Halacha	6:40
Mincha	7:25
Shkiah	7:54
Maariv	8:37

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 5/3-5/8

Shacharis

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

Mincha-Maariv

Sun-Thurs	7:45
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NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת אמור

Mincha	7:00
Candlelighting (summer)	7:20
Candellighting (actual)	7:42
Shkiah	8:00

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the Dinner Honorees: Guests of Honor **Pinchas and Miriam Frankel**, Founding Members Awardees **Bernie and Doris Kushner**, Service Awardees **Yussie and Fayge Deutsch**, Aishes Chayil Awardee **Leslie Goldress**.

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by **David & Carol Abramczik** in honor of the bar mitzvah of their grandson Shmuel Abramczik and by **Yis Helprin** commemorating the yartzeit of his mother, Devorah bas Shlomo Hacoen

Bnos for girls will be every Shabbos afternoon from **2:30-3:30**. Sponsorships are available through the shul office.

Rabbi Frand's Thursday night shiur is at 9pm **Rabbi Reisman's** shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at **10:30 PM**.

The Annual Shul Dinner is THIS Sunday May 3rd at Valley Terrace 121 College Road. Reception at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7PM.

The Parking Space Raffle is back!! 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$50! Baistorah@gmail.com

This Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM -12 PM **Community Synagogue** is having a **Women's Yom Iyun** featuring Deena Rabinovich "Do You Know Where You are going? Searching for a Paradigm of Leadership in the Desert," and Vivien Hiday "The Journey Home-A Tale of Redemption." admission is free, donations can be made to Lev Lalev Fund.

SAVE THE DATE!! Gala Siyum HaShas by Rabbi Gottlieb's daf yomi shiur to be celebrated by the entire shul and its families at a special Ne'ilas HaChag on the **2nd day of Shavuos (May 25)** More details to follow

MAZAL TOV

David and Carol Abramczik on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Shmuel Abramczik, son of Rabbi Shimon and Huvi Abramczik of Los Angeles

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
Allen Nussbaum אשר בן קילה
Laurence and Gloria Gordon's daughter in law
שלמיית בת מירייל

Shira Steinberg שירה רות בת שרה

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternooon 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

Wednesday

8:15PM Shmuel Aleph
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

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

Parashios Acharei Mos "...And you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

In Parashas Kedoshim, we find this unusual command in two places:

1. "You shall not take revenge against your neighbor, and you shall not bear a grudge against the members of your people, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am HaShem." (Kedoshim 19:18) Rashi comments on this verse, "Rabbi Akiva said, 'This is a great principle of the Torah.'" (Toras Kohanim ibid, 12) Many have said that this is an impossible command to obey. But I think that this notion is refuted by the last three words of the verse, "I am HaShem." And this seems to be the central principle of this parashah: "Hashem spoke to Moshe, saying 'Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy for I, HaShem, your God, am holy.'" (Kedoshim 19:1-2)

And there follow a series of commands which seem super-human, except that the Jew is bidden to imitate God and HaShem has given him (in fact, the human race, also created in the "image of God" ultimately has been given) the ability to do so.

Some examples:

"Everyone, your father and mother shall you revere...I am HaShem, your God." (Kedoshim 19:3)

"You shall not steal, you shall not deny falsely, and you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear falsely by My Name, thereby desecrating the Name of your God – I am HaShem." (Kedoshim 19:11-12)

Which brings us back to the verse with which we started, concerning loving another as oneself. As I mentioned above, this idea appears elsewhere in this parashah:

2. "When a proselyte dwells among you in your land, do not taunt him. The proselyte who dwells with you shall be like a native among you, and you shall love him like yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt – I am HaShem, your God" (Kedoshim 19:33-34) And this appears to be a universal principle. For we find in Koheles 3:19, "And the Almighty is on the side of the underdog." (Koheles 3:15)

The idea of "imitatio dei" is emphasized: "You shall sanctify yourselves and you will be holy, for I am HaShem, your God." (Kedoshim 20:7)

The Rambam (Maimonides) in Hilchos Deos, reviews some of this material: "It is a command upon everyone to love his fellow Jew as he loves himself, as it says 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Therefore, he should speak kindly of him, and be as careful with regard to his wealth as he is with regard to his own, and be as careful with regard to his honor as he is with regard to his own. And one who desires the disgrace of his neighbor has no share in the World-to-Come."

"One who loves a stranger who comes to reside under the Wings of the Divine Presence has fulfilled two positive commands: 1) The first, because he is in the category of every other Jew and 2) because he is a stranger and the Torah commands "Love the stranger." HaShem commanded with regard to the love of the stranger as he commanded with regard to the love of Himself, as it says "You shall love HaShem your God." The Holy One Blessed is He, loves strangers as it says regarding Him, "And He loves the strangers."

At the Sefirah's end, on Shavuos, we read Megilas Ruth, of a Moabitess convert, who embraced HaShem's Torah with love, as she embraced her mother-in-law, Naomi, relative of Boaz. HaShem rewarded her by placing her in the line of descent of King David and the Messianic King.

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

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