

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת בהר-בחקתי

הדלקת נרות 7:20

Shabbos Mevorchim

נו' אייר תשע"ה

May 15, 2015

ערב שבת פרשת בהר-

בחקתי

Mincha	7:00
Candlelighting (summer)	7:20
Candlelighting (actual)	7:49
Shkiah	8:07

שבת פרשת בהר-בחקתי

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:15
Pirkei Avos	6:00
Halacha	6:50
Mincha	7:35
Shkiah	8:08
Maariv	8:51

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 5/17-5/22

Shacharis

Sunday	7:45
Mon, Thurs	6:20, 7:45
Rosh Chodesh Tues	6:10, 7:35
Weds, Fri	6:30, 7:45

Mincha-Maariv

Sun-Thurs	8:00
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NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת במדבר

Mincha	7:00
Candlelighting (summer)	7:20
Candlelighting (actual)	7:56
Shkiah	8:14

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by Diane Schmeltz for the yartzheit of her son Harav Binyamin Zeev ben Yitzchok, and by Larry Seligson for the yartzheit of his wife Sima bas Avraham Yaakov

Bnos for girls this Shabbos afternoon from **2:30-3:30**. This is the final week of Bnos for the season. Thank you Mrs. Libby Mendlowitz for making it a highlight of the week for so many girls!

Rabbi Frand's Thursday night shiur is at 9pm **Rabbi Reisman's** shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at **10:30 PM**. This is the final shiur for Rabbi Reisman until after the summer.

Rabbi Gottlieb's Wednesday night Navi shiur has resumed, following Maariv. The exact times will be emailed.

The **daf yomi shiurim** for this past week was sponsored by **Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann** in memory of their classmate, Carolanne Rothholz, Z"L, Chava bas Shlomo who was nifterest his past week.

The **upcoming week of shiurim are sponsored by Arthur and Joyce Fein**, in memory of: Joyce's mother, Rochel Bas Yehuda Tzvi - Rose Leiter and Arthur's mother, Malka bas Avrohom Yitzchok - Molly Fein.

Rabbi Gottlieb will once again be giving shiurim on Shavuot night (times tba):

- The Great State Debate:** A look at the history of Rabbinic attitude to the return to Zion before Mashiach
- Can the Rabbi Be Paid For Giving This Class?** The Halachic and historical approach to payment for Jewish public service
- Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid - Unless They're Doing Mitzvos:** Can the departed return and perform mitzvos?

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 Shavuot (May 25) More details to follow....**

Bais Torah will be hosting an O.U. Our Way Shabbaton for the hearing impaired on June 5th and 6th. Housing is needed for couples and singles of various ages. If you can provide sleeping accommodations, please contact **Moshe Lehmann at moelehmann@gmail.com or call 426.6499. Thank you!**

Save the Date: Tuesday, August 4th for the Mostly Mozart concert at Lincoln Center.

MAZAL TOV

Bert and Alice Sirote on the engagement of their grandson Natanel Sirote of Raanana to May Tal Aaron of Nof Ayalon. He is the son of Yossi and Kira Sirote.

Yossie and Aviva Schmutter on the engagement of their son Chaim to Goldie Weidberg of Toronto.

Saul and Phyllis Siegel on the birth of their new granddaughter Ahuva Sara born to their children Atara & Ariel Siegel of Ramat Beit Shemesh

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
שלמיית בת מירייל
Shira Steinberg שירה רות בת שרה

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'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

Wednesday

Following Maariv-Navi

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:15 Women's Mishnayos

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Behar-Bechukosai

Tracking the Spiritual Growth of the Jewish People

The Jewish People come upon the scene in Sefer Bereshis with the arrival of The Avos and Imahos. They are human beings, with great spiritual insight. Avraham, the fountain of faith, and Sarah are blessed with the arrival of Yitzchok, the symbol of spiritual laughter and, together with Hagar, Avraham fathers Yishmael, a symbol of wildness. Yitzchok, together with Rivkah, fathers Yaakov and Esav. Yaakov preserves the nucleus of spirituality, and love of Torah, though it hasn't yet been given, while Esav is a hunter, possessing some spiritual qualities, but basically an enemy of Yaakov. Yaakov, together with Rochel, her sister Leah, and their handmaidens, Zilpah and Bilhah, produce the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Included in those tribes are Yehudah and Yoseph, sparks of Messianism.

Yoseph also ignites jealousy among the brothers, who commit the great sin of selling him into slavery. HaShem's hand is evident behind Yoseph's rise to power in Egypt, and the descent of the People of Israel into their first Exile, in the land of Egypt. Ramban considers the Avos Chariots of God.

In Sefer Shemos, the Tribes of Israel are subjected to brutal slavery in Egypt. Moshe and Aharon rise as their leaders and are sent to Pharaoh to demand their release. But he resists until the plague of the "Killing of the First Born," which forces Pharaoh to yield. The Jews cross the Red Sea by a miracle of God, and enter the Wilderness, en route to Mt. Sinai to accept the Torah. They have achieved physical freedom and are en route to achieving spiritual freedom by accepting the Ten Commandments of God, the Author of Morality. Moshe ascends the mountain for a 40-day summit meeting with God, but meanwhile, the people become confused as to the date of his return, and demand that Aharon build a Golden Calf, a reminder of the main idol of Egypt, as a physical representation of God, which he tragically does.

HaShem commands Moshe to descend and attend to his sinful people. Moshe shatters the first "luchos" and acts to mediate the anger of God, Who threatens to destroy the Jewish People and begin again with Moshe. He refuses the honor and prays for HaShem to forgive the people. HaShem relents and provides a second set of "luchos" and permits the building of a "Mishkan" which will serve as His Residence on Earth.

Thus, Sefer Shemos provides a backdrop for the Jewish People's descent into slavery, their redemption from it by HaShem, under the leadership of Moshe; their march towards spiritual freedom at Sinai, and their tragic fall from greatness. Their rebuilding of themselves through the construction of a "Mishkan," where they rise again to the level of the "Avos."

In the Book of VaYikra, we see Moshe Rabbeinu teach the sacrificial laws to the Jewish People. Aharon and his sons replace Moshe as the priestly people. Laws of sexual morality and of ritual purity and impurity are taught to the people. The people accept the combined leadership with Moshe of Aharon and his sons, specifically for their spiritual life. They accept many new laws which they heard first at Sinai, which raises them to the level of an "am segulah," a treasured people. The last verse in Sefer VaYikra is, "These are the commands which HaShem commanded through Moshe to the Children of Israel at Har Sinai (Vayikra 27:24) The "Daas Zekanim" interprets this as meaning that at this point in their history, "The teacher was worthy of the people, and the people were worthy of the teacher." They seem to be ready for entry into the land promised by HaShem to the "Avos," the Land of Israel.

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

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