

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת משפטים  
הדלקת נרות 4:59  
Shabbos Mevorchim

February 5, 2016

כ"ו שבט תשע"ו

## ערב שבת פרשת משפטים

Candle lighting	4:59
Mincha	5:05
Shkiah	5:17

## שבת פרשת משפטים

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:36
Halacha	4:05
<b>Mincha</b>	4:50
Shkiah	5:18
Maariv	6:01

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 2/7-2/12

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

### Rosh Chodesh

**Tues, Weds. 6:10,7:35**

### Mincha-Maariv

Sun,-Thurs **5:10**

### Second Maariv

**Mon-Thurs 7:30**

## NEXT SHABBOS

### פרשת תרומה

Candle lighting	5:08
Mincha	5:15
Shkiah	5:26

## WHAT'S NEW

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

**סעודה שלישית** is available for sponsorship

**Bnos is** Shabbos afternoon from **2:30-3:30PM** for girls in Kindergarten through 7th grade.

**Avos Ubanim Motzaei Shabbos February 6th is at 7:15 PM.** This week is co-sponsored by Marty and Carol Ginsberg, in memory of Carol's father, Chanoch Henoah ben Aryeh Leib, and by David & Carol Abramczik. To be a sponsor, e-mail [jonathan.rosenstock@yahoo.com](mailto:jonathan.rosenstock@yahoo.com).

**Rabbi Mansour's** shiur is at 7:45 **Thursday night**, followed by **Rabbi Frand's** shiur at 9PM. **Rabbi Reisman's shiur this Motzaei Shabbos is at 8:00PM.**

**The daf yomi shiurim this past week were sponsored by Marilyn Sapir** for the yartzheit of her grandmother, Devorah bas Menachem Dov, Dora Fruchter.

**Join us February 20th at 8:30PM** for a screening of the film "Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem," with a post film discussion with Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb. Admission is \$5.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Bais Torah **Matzah Baking** is **Sunday February 28th 2PM** at the Shatzer Matzah Factory in Brooklyn. The list for ordering matzos will be posted on the bulletin board.

## MAZAL TOV

Michael and Sharon Kronenberg on the birth of a grandson, Shimon Asher born to their children Rena and Nissan Lifschitz of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a grandson, Shimon Asher, born to their children Nissan and Rena Lifschitz of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Shaul and Kreindy Stern on the engagement of their son Moshe to Shira Moldaver of Monsey.

Aron and Susan Schiller on the birth of a great grandson, Hillel, born to their grandchildren Avigail and Baruch Tzvi Teller, children of Naomi and Howie Apfel. Hilde Zauderer and Eudice and Irving Rohinsky on the bas mitzvah of their great-granddaughter and granddaughter Avigayil daughter of Sarit and Elliot Bekritsky of Efrat.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a great-grandson Yaakov born to their grandchildren Aharon and Rifka Rohinsky of Yerushalayim.

## 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

רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-

רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס לייאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן  
חנה

Allen Nussbaum

אשר בן קילה

Shira Steinberg

שירה רות בת שרה

Ron Lowenstein's mother

שרה בת יהודית חוה

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

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## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** after-noon 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

### Wednesday

8:00PM Navi Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

### Thursday

8:00 Women's Mishna

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

## Parashas Mishpatim— “A Portion of G-d from Above

The topics discussed in Parashas Mishpatim involve mainly disputes between human beings over monetary matters, or concerning injuries inflicted by one individual upon another. It is said often that this category of Law, “Mishpat,” resides in the realm of logic, that Man could have thought of these laws by himself, in contradistinction to other areas of Torah Law, such as the areas of Observance of Shabbos and Dietary Restrictions, which are in the realm of Divine decrees, “Chukim,” that are not based on logic.

I believe that this is a flawed perspective, to the extent that it asserts that human beings are capable of defining morality by themselves. True, the human being is a richly endowed creature, blessed by his Creator with an intellect capable of unraveling great mysteries and solving extremely difficult problems. In “Kiddush Levanah,” we address the moon, “Just as I dance opposite you, and I am unable to touch you, so may my enemies be unable to touch me for evil.” In our time, this assumption is no longer true. Last century, we were able to put a man on the moon, with our powerful rockets. Similarly, we see that “Ruach HaKodesh,” the Divine Spirit which informs the writing of Holy Scripture, does not necessarily apply to scientific assertions in Kohelet (11:15), “Just as you do not know the way of the wind, nor the nature of the embryo in a pregnant woman, so you can never know the work of G-d Who Makes Everything.” Though this verse flies in the face of modern meteorology, CAT and MRI-Scans and Ultrasound, we remain infinitely far from the One Who called the entire Universe into being by Ten Utterances, and Who recreates it every moment.

When we encounter a great scholar of the secular world, we are obligated to recite the following blessing: “Blessed are You, HaShem, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has given of his Knowledge to human beings.” When we encounter a Torah scholar, we make the following similar blessing: “Blessed are You, HaShem, King of the Universe, Who has apportioned from His Knowledge to those who Fear Him.” With respect to the secular scholar, HaShem “gives of His Knowledge,” where “gives” is a relatively neutral word, as opposed to the blessing recited upon encountering a “Talmid Chacham,” where we say that HaShem has “apportioned from His Knowledge,” a much more intimate expression, alluding to the idea that the human being possesses a spirit that is a “Portion of G-d from Above.” Also, nothing is said about the character of the secular scholar; whereas the Torah scholar is in the company of “those who Fear Him.” Their wisdom is that defined by “The beginning of wisdom is Fear of HaShem.” (Tehilim 111:10)

The Nazis, May their names be erased, had in their ranks individuals of superior intelligence – physicians, physicists, scholars of great German literature and moral (sic) philosophy. But their knowledge didn't protect them from sinking to sub-human levels of barbarism, cruelty and sadism.

Judaism believes that both consciousness, a sense of identity, as well as a conscience, a sense of right and wrong, were built into the human being by his Creator. The entity in which they both reside is called the “Neshamah,” the soul. It is described in Mishlei (20:27), “The lantern of G-d is the soul of Man, examining all his inner recesses.” It is also described in our Morning Prayer as having the Quality of Purity, “My G-d, the soul that You gave me is pure; You created it, You formed it, You breathed it into me. And You safeguard it within me, and eventually You will take it from me, and restore it to me in a future time. As long as the soul is within me, I give thanks to You, HaShem my G-d and G-d of my fathers, Master of all deeds, L-rd of all souls...” And, upon awakening each morning, the very first words out of our mouths form a statement of gratitude to HaShem, “I gratefully thank You, O living and eternal King, for You have returned my soul with compassion – You are abundant in Your faithfulness.”

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

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