

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת בלק  
הדלקת נרות 7:20  
פרקי אבות פרק ו'

טז'תמוז תשע"ו

July 22, 2016

## ערב שבת פרשת בלק

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting <i>summer</i>	7:20
Candle lighting <i>actual</i>	8:04
Shkiah	8:22

## שבת פרשת בלק

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:23
Pirkei Avos	6:15
Halacha	7:05
<b>Mincha</b>	7:50
Shkiah	8:21
Maariv	9:04

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 7/24-7/29

Sunday	7:45
Mon	6:20, 7:45
Tues, Weds Fri	6:30, 7:45

### Mincha-Maariv

Mon-Thurs	8:10
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## NEXT SHABBOS:

### פרשת פנחס

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting <i>summer</i>	7:20
Candle lighting <i>actual</i>	7:57
Shkiah	8:15

## WHAT'S NEW

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

**סעודה שליטת** is sponsored by Rabbi Shlomo Horowitz commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Elisheva Elka bas Shmuel.

Rabbi Frand's shiur is over for the season. Thank you Ronnie Herrmann and Michael Kronenberg for facilitating all the TCN shiurim.

**Please join us for a Live Broadcast on Tuesday July 26 at 9 PM featuring Rabbi Yosef Viener "Dealing with Family and Friends...and those who would give us the cold shoulder." Sponsored by Irgunei Shiurei Torah, all are invited to attend.**

Save the Date: **Mostly Mozart concert at Lincoln Center, Tuesday night, August 16th.** The program will feature Joshua Bell playing Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major and Beethoven's Symphony #8. There will also be a pre-concert recital. Tickets are \$60 each. Please contact Kay Greenblatt at [kaygreenblatt@gmail.com](mailto:kaygreenblatt@gmail.com) or 914-261-6449 or 357-9572 reserve your seats.

## SUNDAY FAST OF 17 TAMUZ

**Fast begins: 4:03 AM (4:33 for those who have difficulty fasting)**

**Shacharis: 7:45 AM**

**Mincha: 7:50 PM**

**Maariv: 8:45 PM**

**Fast Ends: 9:01 PM**

## MAZAL TOV

Mr and Mrs. Joseph Koenig on the engagement of their granddaughter Aviva Koenig to Chaim Shulman of Passaic, NJ.

Suzie and Gerry Kirshenbaum on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Mordechai Menachem, son of Courtney and Josh Gelernter.

Michael and Rena Rossman on the birth of a grandson, Dvir Eliezer, born to their children Dovi and Karen Rush of Israel.

Yossie and Shelley Goldman on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Yael Chaya, daughter of Sorah and Yehuda Cohen of Chicago.

## 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 פרידעל

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

Goldress grandson

אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

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## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zacher 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 Balak—Mysterious Meanings

Balak, King of Moav, was deathly afraid of the People of Israel, because of what they did to Sichon and Og, Kings of the Emorite nations. Therefore, he despaired of military conflict with Israel, but relied instead on attacking them with Israel's weapon, namely, the power of speech, and attempted to enlist against them one whose specialty was in recognizing the fleeting moment of "anger" of HaShem and turning it against Israel. HaShem had to have moments of anger in order to be able to create "evil," to allow for there to be "bechirah chofshis," freedom of choice between good and evil, in the world.

When Bilaam finally convinced HaShem to allow him to go on his evil mission, he saddled his donkey by himself, illustrating his hatred of Israel, and the principle "The power of evil is such that it overturns common sense." HaShem, however, told him that the truth is otherwise; that "The power of good is such that it overturns common sense," as we learn from Avraham, on his way to the "Akeidah," to obey the command of HaShem.

On his way to Balak, to accomplish his mission, HaShem sent an angel to disrupt him. However, He didn't allow Bilaam, who claimed to be able to read HaShem's mind, to see the angel, but gave the power to see the angel to his donkey. The angel acted as a negative force three times: The first time, he appeared on the road holding a sword, causing the frightened donkey to swerve from its path into the field, and causing poor Bilaam to strike it with his stick. Next time, the angel stood in a pathway in a vineyard, with a fence to his right and a fence to his left, causing the donkey to press Bilaam's leg against the fence, and causing the "all-seeing" prophet to strike it again with his staff. The third time, the angel stood on a narrow pathway, leaving no room for the donkey to maneuver. So it crouched down, hurting Bilaam's leg in the process, provoking another blow from its ignorant rider.

At this point, HaShem opened the mouth of the donkey, who protested its treatment by Bilaam, "It said to Bilaam, 'What have I done to you, to cause you to strike me **three times?**' (Rashi points out that the donkey uses the expression, "Shalosh Regalim," as does the angel twice subsequently. The Kli Yakar comments on this as does Rabbi Shimon Schwab, ZT"L.) *Bilaam answered, 'because you mocked me; if I had a sword, I would have killed you'*" At this point, HaShem opened Bilaam's eyes, and when he saw the sword-bearing angel, he bowed to the ground, and humbly apologized.

Kli Yakar says that the donkey reprimanded its master, "Do you want to destroy a nation that celebrates the Three Holidays?, Beginning with **Sukkos**, The Holiday of the Farmer's Gathering in his produce from the fields. On this Holiday, this nation celebrates by offering seventy sacrifices to HaShem, alluding to the seventy nations of the world. Without this nation, all the other nations would be gone! The next Regel is **Pesach**, alluded to by the angel standing in a vineyard path, and the Four Cups of Salvation, which HaShem promises to the Jewish People, saving them from the evil nations, to whom He gives Four Cups of Destruction. Without the People of Israel, Evil would be triumphant, and the Jewish People, representing Good, would not be able to combat them. The third Regel is **Shavuot**, "Zeman Matan Toraseinu," the Holiday on which the Jewish People received the Torah. And were it not for that fact, the entire universe would return to nothingness.

Rabbi Shimon Schwab, ZT"L, also explains the donkey's refusal to take even one step in order to hurt the nation which observes the Three Regalim. The donkey alluded to the Gemara in Sotah 22a, where we learn that if a person has a choice between attending a shul close to him or one further away, he should choose the one further away, and he is rewarded for each step that he takes to go to the Bais Knesses, or the Bais Mikdash M'at, which is not found with respect to any other Mitzvah in the Torah. This is an allusion to the Mitzvah of Aliyah L'Regel when the entire nation is commanded to proceed en masse to the Center of the Nation's and the World's Holiness.

Lilluy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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