

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת תולדות
הדלקת נרות 4:10

December 2, 2016

ב' כסלו תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

Candle lighting	4:10
Mincha	4:20
Shkiah	4:28

שבת פרשת תולדות

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K" S	9:25
Halacha Shiur	3:15

Mincha	4:00
Shkiah	4:27
Maariv	5:10

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/4-12/9

Shacharis

Sun,	7:45
Mon, Thurs	6:20, 7:45
Tues, Wed Fri	6:30, 7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs	4:15 PM
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SECOND MAARIV

Mon-Thurs	7:30 PM
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NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת ויצא

Candle lighting	4:09
Mincha	4:15
Shkiah	4:27

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz celebrating the bar mitzvah of their grandson Chanina son of Rabbi Avi and Dina Horowitz.

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz celebrating the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Chanina Horowitz.

Bnos is Back!! Girls from Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join **Shabbos afternoon** Bnos groups from **2:30-3:30** for games, stories, prizes and of course, NOSH! Sponsorships are available.

Avos Ubanim this Motzaei Shabbos! Learning! Pizza! Prizes! Learning begins at **6:30PM** and is available for sponsorship. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. Please contact Aviva in the shul office or **Mrs. Amy Gottlieb** via phone **357-3913** or email: mrsagottlieb@gmail.com. Stay tuned for an exciting kickoff event coming soon.

The TCN shiurim are at Bais Torah **Thursday nights: Rabbi Mansour's** shiur is at 7:45 PM, and **Rabbi Frand's** shiur is at 9PM. **Motzaie Shabbos: Rabbi Reisman's** shiur is at 7:30PM.

Begin "v'sein tal umatar l'vracha " at Maariv Sunday December 4.

Dovid Katz's Annual Chanukah Toy Drive is on. Last year over \$8,000.00, was raised, this year, we would like to collect in memory of the recent passing of our close friends ,Eveline Kranzler and Sandra Thurm. Please make your generous donation to Bais Torah and put Chanukah Toy Drive in the memo.

MAZAL TOV

Mendel and Renee Rosenbaum on the engagement of their son Avi to Dr. Rivka Schulman from Long Island.

Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Chanina, son of Rabbi Avi and Dina Horowitz.

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great grandson born to their grandchildren Mordechai and Penina Kushner, children of Meir and Rochel Kushner.

Yussie and Fayge Deutsch on the bar mitzvah of their grandson son of Meir and Miriam Deutsch of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

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 בן אריה לייב בן 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

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

Goldress grandson

Doris Kushner אילון רפאל בן טובה רבקה

דבורה בת בונה מלכה

BIKUR CHOLIM-

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoon 45 minutes before the Halacha shiur

Sunday:

6:25 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Mischeches
Pesachim

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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

8:00 PM Navi Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Toldos - Yitzchok "Avinu" and the Holy Land

A plausible argument can be made that Yitzchok "Avinu" was the holiest of the Avos. For he was never permitted to leave the Holy Land. In this parashah, we find, *"And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Avraham, and Yitzchok went to Avimelech, King of the Philistines, unto Gerar. And HaShem appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt, dwell in the land, which I shall tell you of. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for unto you, and unto your descendants, I will give all these lands, and I will fulfill the oath which I swore to Avraham, your father. And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and I will give to your descendants all these lands, and through your descendants will be blessed all the nations of the world. For the reason that Avraham listened to My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."* (Bereshis 26:1-5)

Rashi gives the background of HaShem's command:

"Do not go down to Egypt" – For Yitzchok intended to go to Egypt, just as his father had gone down in the days of the famine. But HaShem said to him, 'Do not go down to Egypt, for you are an 'Olah Temimah,' a burnt offering without blemish, and residence outside of the Holy Land is not fit for you."

The unique experience of the Akeidah had elevated Yitzchok to a level of holiness far above that conferred even by his creation "b'tzelem Elokim," in the image of HaShem.

Let us attempt to delve into the mystery of the holiness of Eretz Yisrael. It is almost as if the Land had a personality of its own. We find in Vayikra, *"Do not contaminate yourselves through all the above behaviors, for it was because of those practices that the nations who were here became contaminated, therefore I have visited its iniquity upon it, and the land vomited out her inhabitants."* (Vayikra 18: 24-25)

Several times we find mentioned in Scripture that HaShem chose Yerushalayim and the "Mekom HaMikdash" to place the Temple, and for His Name to dwell, as it were. From there, the holiness of HaShem's Name diffused, to use a crude analogy, because as a non-expert in Kabbalah, it is the best that I can do, throughout the Land, enveloping it in sanctity.

After he created the vast universe, He performed a Grand Experiment, to teach morality to humanity, who had been created "be-Tzelem Elokim," in the image of God. Many nations were tested as to whether they could be the first to receive the Torah from Mt. Sinai, but none was mature enough to break free from their idols and other behaviors, to worship the true G-d.

Then Avram appeared, recognized G-d, and began converting men, while Sarai, his wife, converted the women. Avram's faith was tested many times, until HaShem gave him the ultimate test: sacrificing his beloved son, Yitzchok.

As they approached the place of the altar on Har HaMoriah, Scripture records the conversation between Yitzchok and Avraham. *"And Yitzchok spoke to Avraham, his father, and said, 'Father,' and Avraham responded, 'I am here, my son,' and Yitzchok said, 'Behold, here is the fire, and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?' And Avraham answered, 'The L-rd shall identify the sheep for the burnt offering, my son, and they went along together.'" (Bereshis 22:7-8)*

The "Kli Yakar" describes the event as follows: "...Therefore, he called him, 'my father,' to test him whether he would respond to him, for it was still fixed in his heart that he was his father, or whether he had already removed him from his heart, as if he were no longer his son, and in this manner, he wanted to determine who would be the one to be sacrificed. And when Avraham answered, 'I am with you, my son, and he indicated to him – that his longing was still upon him, Yitzchok asked him, 'where is the sheep for the burnt offering, and Avraham responded, 'The L-rd will identify the sheep for the burnt offering, my son; it was not I who chose you, but rather it was the L-rd Who chose you, and I and you are both obligated regarding his honor," then Scripture writes, "The two of them went together, with one intention, to exclude their separation until now, in intention."

And thus, even though Avraham is given credit for the Akeidah, it was truly Yitzchok who is given credit for his role in the awesome test of the Akeidah

Lilluy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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