

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וישלח
הדלקת נרות 4:10

December 16, 2016

טז' כסלו תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

Candle lighting 4:10
Mincha 4:15
Shkiah 4:28

שבת פרשת וישלח

Hashkama 7:30
Daf Yomi 8:00
Shacharis 8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh 9:34
Halacha Shiur 3:15
Mincha 4:00
Shkiah 4:29
Maariv 5:12

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/18-12/23

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:20 PM

SECOND MAARIV

Mon-Thurs 7:30 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת וישב

Candle lighting 4:14
Mincha 4:20
Shkiah 4:32

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

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**. 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.

Rabbi Gottlieb's Navi shiur, a *Tour of the Trei Asar*, meets **Wednesday** nights at **8:00 p.m.** Join us!

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.

The next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush is Shabbos Chanukah, Parshas Miketz December 31st! Celebrate your December-January birthday or anniversary with your Bais Torah family and help support our weekly Kiddush. **Sponsorships are \$18 per name or couple. The deadline is Monday December 26th, please email Baistorah@gmail.com with your info!**

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.

If you are not receiving emails from the shul (shiva, events, shiurim) please email baistorah@gmail.com and you will be added to the list.

MAZAL TOV

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a great grandson born to their grandchildren Menachem and Yisraela Weiss, children of Rabbi Eli and Tova Weiss.

NICHUM AVEILIM

Elliot Shapiro on the petirah of his mother, Mrs. Malka Shapiro

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's son-

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

אילון רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Doris Kushner

דבורה בת בונה מלכה

BIKUR CHOLIM-

Please Call Before Visiting

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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 Vayishlach The Reunion of Yaakov and Esav "

"Yaakov Avinu" is roundly criticized for "starting up" with Esav, when Esav was in a passive state regarding him. He is likened to someone who pulls the ears of a ferocious dog when the dog was ignoring him. I think the criticism is largely unwarranted.

I believe that Yaakov wanted to settle matters with Esav, his older brother; perhaps achieve a reconciliation. And it did not make sense to postpone the confrontation because the direct route to his parents' home took him through Esav's territory. He also had a promise of protection by HaShem, declared at the beginning of Parashas Vayetze, *"And behold! HaShem was standing over him, and He said, 'I am HaShem, G-d of Avraham, your grandfather and G-d of Yitzchok; the ground upon which you are lying, to you will I give it and to your descendants. Your offspring shall be as numerous as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out westward, eastward, northward and southward; and all the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and by your offspring. Behold, I am with you; I will guard you wherever you go, and I will return you to this land; for I will not forsake you before I have done that which I promised you.'*" (Bereshis 28:13-15)

Now Yaakov was a "Maamin," a believer, in the promise of protection by HaShem. But he considered the remote possibility of "Shema yigrom ha-chet," "Lest some unknown sin, block that promise." But Yaakov was giving Esav the benefit of the doubt. He hoped that he could draw him through the "Shaarei Teshuvah," the "Gates of Repentance," either then and there or perhaps after thousands of years, as we are now witnessing the Christian world, descendants of Esav and Rome, beginning to come over to the side of the Jewish People. He was fulfilling the Mitzvah of *"Kaved es avicha ve-es imecha,"* as Rabbi Akiva taught, *"es – to include your older brother."* And in fact, later in this Parashah, Esav had done at least partial Teshuvah, as Scripture writes that upon Yitzchok's death, *"And Yitzchok expired and died and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days, his sons, Esav and Yaakov, buried him."* (Bereshis 35:29)

But let us return to the scene of the coming together of the camps of Yaakov and Esav. Yaakov, the realist, did not let his optimistic wishes, cloud his vision. He followed the strategy of "Doron, Tephilah and Milchamah," "Gifts, Prayer and Preparation for War, if necessary." (Tanchuma Yashan: 6) "Gifts, as Scripture records, *'And the gift-offering passed before him'* (Bereshis 32:22); Prayer, as we find Yaakov beseeching HaShem as *'G-d of my grandfather, Avraham'* (Bereshis 32:10) and preparation for war, as he divided his camp into three parts, saying *'If Esav chooses to fight, I will fight with him, and the rest of the camp will be saved.'*" (Bereshis 32:9, and Tanchuma Yashan 6).

Yaakov divided his camp, *"Then he himself went on ahead of them and bowed earthward seven times until he reached his brother."* (Bereshis 33:3) Then we find, *"Esav ran toward him, embraced him, fell upon his neck, and kissed him; then they wept."* (Bereshis 33:4) Rashi cites a disagreement among Chazal as to the interpretation of the dots tradition writes over the words *"and he kissed him."* The two opinions are recorded in a Beraisa in Sifri to Behaalosecha 69, "Some interpret the dots as meaning that he did not kiss him wholeheartedly. But Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai, a hater of Rome, says as follows, 'It is as if a known Law that Esav hates Yaakov, but his mercies warmed to him at that time, and he kissed him wholeheartedly.'" Let us hope that the stirring of love that Rashbi detected in Esav would ultimately flower, after thousands of years of persecution, into true love, as we have begun to witness, at the time of the redemption of Israel.

Lilly Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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