

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ויגש
הדלקת נרות 4:25

January 6, 2017

ח' טבת תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

Candle lighting 4:25
Mincha 4:35
Shkiah 4:43

שבת פרשת ויגש

Hashkama 7:30
Daf Yomi 8:00
Shacharis 8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh 9:41
Halacha Shiur 3:30
Mincha 4:15
Shkiah 4:44
Maariv 5:27

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 1/8-1/13

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Mon-Thurs 4:35 PM

SECOND MAARIV

Mon-Thurs 7:30 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת ויחי

Candle lighting 4:32
Mincha 4:40
Shkiah 4:50

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by Yehuda Eliezri for yartzheit of his father, R' Avrohom ben HaRav Dovid and by Jack and Betty Schloss for the yartzheit of his mother, Faiga bas Menachem Mendel.

Bnos this Shabbos 2:30-3:30 for girls in kindergarden through 8th grade.

Avos Ubanim this Motzaei Shabbos! Learning! Pizza! Prizes! Learning begins at **6:45 PM. This week is sponsored by** Nachum and Miriam Rosenberg for the yartzheit of her grandmother Kayla bas Elyokum. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. Please contact Mrs. Amy Gottlieb via phone 357-3913 or email: mrsagottlieb@gmail.com or **Aviva in the shul office.**

Join us as we present a live video uplink from Israel featuring **Rabbi Uri Cherki** of Yeshiva Machon Meir who will be speaking this **Sunday morning at 9:15** sharp. The lecture topic: "Modern Religious Zionism and its Message for Man-kind." All are invited to attend.

All are invited to attend a talk by Dr. Yehuda Eliezri Sunday evening, **January 8, at 8:30 P.M. at the Eliezri home, 14 Carlton Lane.** He will be speaking about "I Was Angry With You Only for a Short While," in memory of his father Rav Avraham ben Rav Dovid.

The Bais Torah Memorial Booklet which lists all the dearly departed who have memorial plaques displayed on our shul's Memorial Boards, is being updated. It will be printed and made available to the membership in the near future. **Sponsorships to help defray the printing and distribution of the memorial booklets are available for 100.00 (one line please per listing).**

Join us for Rabbi Gottlieb's Navi shiur, *Trei Asar*, Wednesday nights, at 8:00 pm.

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.

FAST OF 10 TEVES-SUNDAY 1/8

Fast begins: 5:53 AM

Shacharis: 7:45 AM

Mincha: 4:20 PM

Maariv: 5:10 PM

Fast ends: 5:25 PM

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 לייב 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
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
אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה
Jennifer Herrman's mother
שרה צירלא בת יודיל

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'z'cher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** after-noon 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 Vayigash – Yehudah ben Yaakov and Yehudah HaMacabbi

"Parashas Vayigash begins with a confrontation between the great brothers, Yehudah ben Yaakov and the "Egyptian" regent Yoseph ben Yaakov. Yoseph has created a situation to test whether his brothers had done complete "Teshuvah" to atone for their sin of selling him into slavery. He has "framed" Binyamin and stated that, as a religious man, he would retain only Binyamin as his slave and the rest of the brothers could return home to their father.

Yehudah rises to defend Binyamin and approaches Yoseph. He says, "For your servant took responsibility for the youth..." Rashi comments here, "And if you ask, why have I entered this matter more my brothers, they are all, so to speak, on the outside, but I have attached myself with a strong knot, to be banned in both worlds." (Tanchuma Yashan) "...from my father, saying 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I will be sinning to my father for all time. Now, therefore, please let your servant remain as a servant to my lord, and let the youth go up with his brothers. For how can I go up to my father if the youth is not with me, lest I see the calamity that will befall my father!'" (Bereshis 44:32-34)

Earlier, in connection with his daughter in law Tamar, he had also displayed noble qualities. When it became clear that she was pregnant, he suspected her of sexual immorality, and decreed a severe punishment, that she be burnt, a penalty commensurate with the crime. When she was brought out, she sent to Yehudah the following message, indicating that she was innocent of "z'nus", but rather was trying to accomplish the mitzvah of "Yibum": "By the man to whom these belong I am with child." And she said, "Identify, if you please, whose are this seal, this wrap, and this staff" (Bereshis 38:25). And Yehudah responded, "She is more righteous than I" (Bereshis 38:26), thus sparing her life.

Part of Moshe's blessing of Yehudah was his prayer, "... Hear, O G-d, the voice of Yehudah, and bring him to his people ..." (Devarim 33:7). Rashi comments, "And our Rabbis also explained that during all the forty years that Israel was in the desert, the bones of Yehudah were rolling around within his coffin, because of the ban that he pronounced against himself, "And I will have sinned against my father, for all the days" (Bereshis 43:9).

But in truth, Yehudah was responsible for the return of Binyamin to his father, and it was Yehudah who led the brothers in accomplishing complete Teshuvah for their sale of Yoseph! From this administration of strict justice, we see how severe HaShem is with the Righteous.

There was another great Yehudah, Yehudah HaMacabbi, who led the Macabbees against the Greeks and the "Misyavim," Jews who had assimilated into the Greek way of life. Rabbi Zecharia Fendel, in his pamphlet, "Chanuka: Season of Valor," relates that "their remarkable success on the battlefield notwithstanding, four of the five sons of Matisyahu – Yehudah, Elazar, Yonason and Shimon – died in various battle during the early years of their dynasty."

"Moreover, the entire Chasmonean dynasty lasted only 103 years. It came to an inglorious end when Herod, the Idumean, a slave in the Chasmonean army, usurped the throne in the year 3725. The Ramban goes on to observe that the Chashmonaim came to untimely deaths as a punishment, because they had assumed the mantle of royalty which is reserved for descendants of the tribe of Yehudah, based on the words, 'The scepter shall not depart from Yehudah' (Bereshis 49:10), which were uttered by Yaakov Avinu in his blessing to Yehudah. This was the transgression of the Chashmonaim, who were exceedingly great and righteous, and were it not for them, Torah and Mitzvos would have been forgotten in Israel. They sinned, because they reigned as Kings, although they were not descendants of Yehudah or of King David."

"Moreover, the Sages make another important observation concerning G-d's standard of judgment in regard to great 'tzaddikim', '...and it is exceedingly stormy around Him' (Tehillim 50:3). The Almighty is exceedingly demanding of those who are near to Him."

Lilluy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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