

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ויקרא
הדלקת נרות 7:02

March 31, 2017

ד' ניסן תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת ויקרא

Candle lighting 7:02
Mincha 7:10
Shkiah 7:20

שבת פרשת ויקרא

Hashkama 7:30
Daf Yomi 8:00
Shacharis 8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh 9:49
Halach Shiur 6:05
Mincha 6:50
Shkiah 7:21
Maariv 8:03

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 4/2-4/7

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 7:10 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת צו

Candle lighting 7:10
Mincha 7:20
Shkiah 7:28

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by Gil Backenroth for the yartzheit of his mother Tzirel bas Eliyahu and by Joyce Kurz Raskas for the yartzheit of her husband, Daniel Leib ben Yisroel.

Bnos will return after Pesach .

The TCN shiurim on Thursdays Rabbi Mansour's shiur is at 7:45PM, Rabbi Frand's shiur is at 9PM. Rabbi Reisman Motzaei Shabbos 10 PM.

Please join us **THIS Sunday morning April 2nd at 10 AM for a special presentation by Rabbi Berel Wein "Confusion and Anxiety - Our Current World." A light breakfast buffet will be served. This lecture is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Lou Hermann and Mrs. Sara Thurm.**

Please join us Wednesday night, April 5th at 8 PM for Rabbi Gottlieb's shiur on Haggadah and Seder. All are invited to attend.

This week's **Daf Yomi Shiurim** will be sponsored by Shaul and Kreindy Stern for the yartzheit of his father, Meir Aryeh Leib ben Chaim Shimshon

Although Pesach preparations are in full swing, our Dinner Committee is doing double duty, working hard to make **Bais Torah's Annual Dinner** a big success. This year's **Guests of Honor are Dr. Seymour and Raizie Lutwak, the Harbotzas Torah Award will be given to Dr. Debbie Raice Fox and the Presidential Award will go to Abe Frankel.** In addition, Doris Kushner a"h, Allen Nussbaum a"h and Sandra Thurm a"h will be memorialized with special tributes. Please be sure to join us on **Sunday, May 7th** for this wonderful annual event, which will be held at The Valley Terrace on College Road in Suffern. An ad blank is attached for your convenience; please take a few moments to send us your reservations and ad copy.

Matzah pick up is available in the shul office during regular office hours (9:30-3, M-Th). The price per pound is \$26.50. Please call before coming, 352-1343 ext.1

MAZAL TOV

Diane Schmeltz on the engagement of her granddaughter , Ilana Lea Schmeltz, daughter of Jonathan And Jodi Schmeltz, to Michael Seltzer

NICHUM AVEILIM

Pessy Strenger on the petirah of her mother Mrs. Clara ("Shprintze") Berger .

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner
שיינה רחל בת שרה הרול

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 ליאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz
רבקה בת פריידא

Andy Yurowitz
אליהו זבי בן חנה

Shira Steinberg
שרה רות בת שרה

Rechy Ortner's cousin
רחל ביילא בת גיטל

Goldress grandson
אילון רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrman's mother
שרה צירלא בת ידיל

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher 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 Vayikra - HaShem's Communication with Moshe and His Generation

The first verse of this week's parashah consists of only nine words in Hebrew, a few more in English, "He called to Moshe, and HaShem spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying:" (VaYikra 1:1) Yet Chaza! I learned many profound lessons from the verse. I would like to begin by focusing on the question of how HaShem communicated with Moshe; which, of course, brings in a discussion of "Nevuah," Prophecy, because Moshe was called the "Master of the Prophets," and no form of communication between HaShem, Who is Infinite and Eternal, and human beings, who are finite and mortal, can be imagined other than by this unique form of communication. (Communication in the reverse direction; namely, Man to G-d, known as "Tefilah," or Prayer, is also mysterious, but is part of the spiritual capabilities of human beings.)

Rashi comments on the first verse that the expression "...to Moshe..." indicates that "the Divine Voice reached his ears alone, and nobody else from the People of Israel heard it." The expression "...from the Tent of Meeting..." also teaches that HaShem's Voice, though exceedingly powerful, did not exit the Tent. Other Biblical expressions describing the place of emanation of HaShem's Voice, such as "from upon the Cover of the Ark" (BaMidbar 7:89) teach that the Voice originated from that limited area of the Holy of Holies and the expression "from between the Keruvim" limits the Origin of the Voice to that single point, midway between the Keruvim that stood atop the Aron (ibid). The Midrash describes the path of the Voice as originating in Heaven, from there descending to the mid-point between the Keruvim, and from there leaping to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. From the language of the verse in BaMidbar (7:89), where we find an unusual reflexive form of the verb "to speak," namely, "Midaber," we learn that it was as if HaShem was, as it were, talking to Himself, and Moshe Rabbeinu would overhear that conversation.

In the seventh of the Rambam's list of the Thirteen Principles of Faith, the Rambam writes "I believe with complete faith that the prophecy of Moshe our Teacher, May Peace be upon him, was altogether true, and that he was the 'Father of the Prophets' – both those who preceded him and those who followed him." Thus, Moshe stood "outside the box" inhabited by all other prophets, of which there were several dozen whose experiences are described in the Bible, as well as several hundred or more "Disciples of the Neviim," who stood "outside the box" of ordinary G-d to Man Communication although on occasion, the entire People of Israel were raised to the heights of Prophecy, as the Midrash says, "The handmaiden at the Sea saw more than Yechezkel ben Buzi, in the 'Maasei Merkavah' (his famous vision of the Chariot of HaShem)." And at Har Sinai, where they received the Torah, the entire People perceived directly the Voice of HaShem during the first two Utterances.

When Aharon and Miriam got into trouble for questioning Moshe's behavior in a personal matter, HaShem censured them, "Hear now My words. If there shall be prophets among you, **in a vision shall I, HaShem, make Myself known to him, in a dream shall I speak with him. Not so is My servant, Moshe, in My entire house he is the trusted one. Mouth-to-mouth do I speak with him, in a clear vision and not in riddles; at the image of HaShem does he gaze. Why did you not fear to speak against My servant Moshe?..."** (BaMidbar 12:6-9)

The Prophecy of Moshe was on so high a level, and the lives of those of his generation were tied up in a life of Miracles, such as the "Mohn," the "Bread from Heaven," the Well of Miriam that traveled with them and HaShem's protective cover of clouds, and close contact with the Holy One to such an extent that they would not have been able to adjust easily, if at all, to life in "Eretz Yisrael," where they would have to work the land and count on the "ordinary" miracle of rain as farmers in Israel. Therefore, underlying the Biblical account of the "Meraglim," the scouts who were sent to Israel and brought back a negative report, and the consequent "anger" of HaShem, it is quite possible that the Meraglim's "sin" and the People's "lack of faithfulness" were really all that could have been expected of them.

One of the reasons we observe the Fast of Tishah B'Av is the "Sin" of the Meraglim. But just as we are confident that Tishah B'Av will ultimately turn into a joyous Holiday in the time of the Mashiach, so may we hope for a vindication and forgiveness for the Meraglim and for that unique Generation that went from the depths of Slavery and Idol-Worship in Egypt to the height of spiritual exaltation when they received the Torah at Sinai just 49 days later, the Generation that witnessed so much of the Greatness of HaShem. And for the long-delayed, over the course of Jewish History, acceptance by HaShem of Moshe's Tefila, so that great leader will finally achieve his dream of leading his People into Eretz Yisrael.

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

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