

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת שמיני

הדלקת נרות 7:20

Shabbos Mevorchim

April 21, 2017

כה' ניסן תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת שמיני

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting (early)	7:20
Candle lighting (actual)	7:25
Shkiah	7:43

שבת פרשת שמיני

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:30
Halacha Shiur	5:40
Pirkei Avos	6:30
Mincha	7:15
Shkiah	7:44
Maariv	8:26

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 4/23-4/28

Shacharis

Sunday :	7:45
Monday	6:20, 7:45
Tues Fri	6:30, 7:45

ROSH CHODESH

Weds, Thurs 6:10, 7:35

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 7:35 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת תזריע מצורע

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting (early)	7:20
Candle lighting (actual)	7:32
Shkiah	7:50

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישיית is co-sponsored by Larry Seligson for the yartzheit of his father Alexander ben Ephraim and by Kenny Gribetz for the yartzheit of his father Daniel ben Chaim Yitzchak Halevi

The shul is beginning "Summer Schedule-" Mincha at 7:00 PM, and candle lighting at 7:20 when the shul accepts Shabbos.

Bnos is Shabbos afternoon 2:30-3:30 for girls kindergarden through 7th grade. .

The TCN shiurim on Thursdays Rabbi Mansour's shiur is at 7:45PM, Rabbi Frand's shiur is at 9PM. Rabbi Reisman Motzaei Shabbos 10:15 PM.

The **Daf Yomi Shiurim** this week were sponsored by Marilyn Sapir in memory of her father Moshe ben Gavriel. The Daf Yomi shiur this past Thursday was sponsored by Raizie Lutwak in memory of her mother Tziporah Faigel bas R'Yaakov Hacoheh.

New Shiur: Half an hour before Mincha, Sunday through Thursday, Rabbi Josef Fischer will be giving a **Mishnayos** shiur in the Simcha Room. All are welcome to attend

The next **Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush** is next Shabbos Parshas TazriaH-Metzorah. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in April or May join us and help support the weekly Kiddush. Only \$18 per name or couple, deadline is Monday April 24th.

Our Annual Dinner deadline is approaching quickly. Please send in your ads and reservations by April 26th. (That's less than a week away!) You can drop off ads at our shul office or email them to baistorah@gmail.com. An ad blank is attached for your convenience.

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.

MAZAL TOV

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a granddaughter, Raizel Miriam born to their children Nechama and Yitzy Tendler.

NICHUM AVEILIM

Diane Schuster on the petirah of her mother, Mrs. Joan Richards

Adina Halpert on the petirah of her mother, Mrs. Lilly Herstik

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 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

BIKUR CHOLIM-

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'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 Miseches 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 Shemini - The Number "Eight"

The number "eight" is an "even" number. I have always preferred "even" numbers to "odd" numbers, perhaps because they are, in a sense, more peaceful, making numerical edges smooth. They are, to use a somewhat strange analogy, even-tempered, suggestive of compromise, restoring, so to speak, "shalom," peace.

The universe was created in six "Days;" on Shabbos, the seventh "Day," HaShem "rested," and Shabbos was given to the Jewish people as a "Day of Rest" from their activities in the natural world. The eighth "Day" is considered by Kabbalah to be above the natural world; **למעלה מן הטבע**.

The theme of Parashas Shemini, the "Eighth Day," is the inauguration of Aharon as "Kohen Gadol," High Priest, founder of the priestly dynasty. For this role, Aharon was better suited than Moshe, his younger brother, who was greater than Aharon, as " **אדון הנביאים**," the Master of the Prophets. And although Moshe was considered " **ענו מכל אדם**," the most humble of men, this did not translate into possession of an even temperament or being mild-mannered. Indeed, Moshe had a temper. He could not tolerate injustice. When he saw an Egyptian taskmaster beating a Jewish slave mercilessly, Moshe killed the Egyptian, either by using the " **שם המפורש**," the Holy Name of G-d, according to the Midrash, or by physical force, according to the plain meaning of the verse. When he came down from " **סיני**," carrying the stone tablets of the " **עונש הדבורות**" his hands, the Torah describes the scene as follows: ***"It happened as he drew near the camp, and saw the calf and the dances, that Moshe's anger flared up. He threw down the Tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain. He took the calf that they had made and burned it in fire. He ground it to a fine powder and sprinkled it over the water, and he made the Children of Israel drink it."*** (Shemos 32:19-20)

When HaShem attempted to recruit Moshe to be His Messenger in the redemption of the Children of Israel, Moshe repeatedly hesitated. The Torah describes the reaction of HaShem as follows: ***"The wrath of HaShem burned against Moshe and He said, 'Is there not Aharon your brother, the Levite? I know that he will surely speak; moreover, behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will rejoice in his heart.'"*** (Shemos 4:14) Aharon taught humanity that sibling rivalry is not imprinted indelibly in the human genome. He taught the concept of brotherly love.

In "Pirkei Avos," we find the following: "Hillel would say, 'Be among the disciples of Aharon, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving people, and bringing them closer to the Torah.'" The story is told about Aharon that when he would see two Jews, say Reuven and Shimon, who had been good friends, but had become enemies, he would take the liberty of bending the truth. He would say to Reuven, "I heard Shimon say that he wants to apologize to you, but he is afraid that you won't accept his apology," and he would say the same, in reverse, to Shimon. When each thought the other wanted to make amends, each swallowed his enmity and they became good friends again.

The eighth day of life of a Jewish baby boy is also the day on which the "Bris Milah" is performed. The "Bris" is performed specifically on the "organ of desire," mitigating its strength slightly, and raising the Jew to a high spiritual level, **למעלה מן הטבע**. At the celebration of the "Bris," the introduction to the "Birchas HaMazon" includes the following song, " **יום ליבשה נהפכו מצולים**," which means, "On the Day that the Depths of the Sea were Split." On the Seventh Day of Pesach, that song serves also as the introduction to the "Shemoneh Esray" of "Shacharis," it contains this stanza:

"Those who come with You into the covenant of Your seal,

And from the womb they are circumcised, for Your Name's sake –

The redeemed ones sang a new song."

The theme of the Haftarah on the Eighth Day of Pesach is our conviction that one day we will all be finally redeemed. Some of its lines are as follows:

"...And He will raise a banner for the nations and assemble the castaways of Israel; and the dispersed ones of Yehudah will He gather in from the four corners of the earth...And you will say on that day, 'Give thanks to HaShem, declare His Name, make His acts known among the peoples; remind one another, for His Name is powerful! Make music for HaShem for He has acted with grandeur; Make this known throughout the world. Exult and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great in your midst!'" (Yeshayahu 11:12, 12:4-6)

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

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