

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת בלק-פרקי אבות פרק ו'  
הדלקת נרות 7:20

July 7, 2017

ג' תמוז תשע"ז

## ערב שבת פרשת בלק

Mincha 7:00  
Candle lighting (early) 7:20  
Candle lighting (actual) 8:13  
Shkiah 8:31

## שבת פרשת בלק

Hashkama 7:30  
Daf Yomi 8:00  
Shacharis 8:45  
Sof Zman K"S 9:16  
Pirkei Avos 6:25  
Halacha Shiur 7:15  
**Mincha 8:00**  
Shkiah 8:31  
Maariv 9:16  
Shabbos Ends 9:21

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 7/9-7/13

### Shacharis

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

### MINCHA-MAARIV

**Sun-Thurs 8:20 PM**

### NEXT WEEK

#### שבת פרשת פינחס

Mincha 7:00  
Candle lighting (early) 7:20  
Candle lighting (actual) 8:10  
Shkiah 8:28

## WHAT'S NEW

### **This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship**

**סעודה שלישית** is sponsored by Edwin Levi and Sandy Lieder commemorating the yartzeit of their mother Gresya bas Refoel

Rabbi Gottlieb continues his **summer Halacha series**. This week's topic: **"What's With the New Line in the Bulletin: When Does Shabbos Really End?"**

The **TCN shiurim at Bais Torah**: Rabbi Frand's shiur is Thursday night at 9PM.

The Daf Hayomi shiurim this coming week are sponsored by Ruth Wilner in memory of her parents, Chaim ben Naftoly and Chava bas Avraham.

**Mishnayos Shiur: Half an hour before Mincha, Monday through Thursday**, by Rabbi Josef Fischer in the Simcha Room. All are welcome to attend. This week's shiur is at 7:50.

**Save the Date Shabbos Parshas Matos Masei July 22, 2017 for a Gala Kiddush sponsored by Yussie and Fayge Deutsch** in honor of their upcoming **Aliyah to Eretz Yisroel**. You will want to be in shul to say goodbye to our longtime wonderful friends.

Their many **friends at Bais Torah** would like to **extend the celebration** by having a **buffet Shabbos lunch** following the Kiddush. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to join in the lunch and for further details, please email by Monday, July 17th:

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## TUESDAY JULY 11 FAST OF 17 TAAMUZ

**Fast Begins: 3:47 AM** (4:22 AM for those who have difficulty fasting)

Shacharis 1: 6:10 AM

Shacharis 2: 7:45 AM

Mincha 8:00 PM

Maariv 9:05 PM

**Fast Ends: 9:20 PM**

## MAZAL TOV

Aron and Susan Schiller on the engagement of their grandson Bezalel Apfel, son of Rabbi Howie and Naomi Apfel, to Mikaella Bernstein.

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הרדל

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

שירה רות בת שרה

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

Goldress grandson

אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrman's mother

שרה צירל 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 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

8:30 PM Navi Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

### Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

## Parashas Balak – Bilaam's Donkey and Some Other Animals

Chaza"l teach that it is forbidden to make fun of anyone outside the context of "avodah zarah," idol worship. That is why we find the Torah making fun of Bilaam, the idolatrous prophet of Midian, for ignoring the straightforward command of HaShem not to attempt to curse the People of Israel (BaMidbar (22:12)) and also the criticism of his own donkey (BaMidbar (22:28,30)). In the time of the Mishnah, we find an individual, Rabbi Pinchas ben Yair, whose spiritual power was sufficient to transcend species difference and raise his donkey to the level where it refused to eat of produce that had not been properly tithed.

Included with Bilaam's donkey in the list of items created in the twilight at the approach of the first Shabbos (Pirkei Avos (5:8)) were the "Shamir," which was used by King Solomon to carve the stones of the Temple when iron tools, which have the characteristic that they take life, were disallowed for use in the Temple, as well as the "Ram of Avraham," which appeared at the precise instant necessary to save Yitzchak at the "Akeidah" (*Bereshis (22:13)*).

Fish play an important role in the Bible, as when a giant fish swallowed the Prophet Yonah (Yonah (2)), providing him with an ideal environment for prayer; fish represent fertility, and a giant fish, perhaps Yonah's, will be part of the menu for the righteous in "Olam HaBa" (Akdamus, recited on Shavuot).

Goats serve as a major component of the Sacrificial Service and, in particular, provide atonement for the People of Israel on Yom Kippur (*Vayikra (16:7-30)*), and on the other holidays.

Noach sent out a raven to determine whether the Mabul was over, but that raven did not perform its mission, (*Bereshis (8:7)*) because it was fearful that Noach would take its mate. But a descendant of that raven provided food for Eliyahu when he fled to the Wilderness to escape Achav (*I Kings (17:6)*). The dove was the bird sent by Noach to perform the mission that the raven failed to perform (*Bereshis (8:11)*) and symbolizes the People of Israel in *Shir HaShirim (2:14)*.

The face of the "nesher," the eagle, is one of the faces on the Throne of Glory, and its outstretched wings symbolize the Redemption of Israel.

The lion, whose face is also on the Throne of Glory, symbolizes "Malchus," Kingship over the animal kingdom, and is the symbol of the Tribe of Yehudah.

The "na-mer," the leopard, is the symbol of fierceness, and the "tzvi," the deer, epitomizes swiftness; the Jewish People is advised in Pirkei Avos (5:23), "Yehudah ben Tema said, 'Be fierce as a leopard, light as an eagle, swift as a deer and strong as a lion, to accomplish the will of your Father in Heaven.'"

The "chilazon," source of the aquamarine-blue color "techeiles" required in the curtains of the "Mishkan," as we find (*Shemos 26:1*), "You shall make the Tabernacle of ten curtains – twisted linen with aqua-marine blue, purple and scarlet wool..." and also in the "Tzitzis," in connection with which we find (*BaMidbar 15:38*), "...And they shall place upon the Tzitzis of each corner a thread of aquamarine-blue wool." And concerning which the Talmud gives the following description, "The color 'techeiles' is similar to the sea, which is similar to the sky, which is similar to the Heavenly Throne"

The cow and the ox, the face of which was on the Heavenly Throne, which are major components of the Sacrificial Service, and which, as the red heifer, is the eternal source of purification for the Jewish People. The sheep, another major component of the Sacrificial Service, and which provides the wool that keeps us warm

The entire animal kingdom, which HaShem saw fit to create and to save on Noach's Ark, at the time of the "Mabul," which helps us in obvious and in unseen ways, each and every member of which was created for a purpose, for which we should appreciate them, and regarding which King David wrote, "You open Your Hand and provide willingly for the need of every living thing" (*Tehilim 145:16*).

' " L'illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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