

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת שופטים-פרקי אבות פרק א'

הדלקת נרות 7:20

Welcome Back Rabbi Gottlieb

August 25, 2017

ג' אלול תשע"ז

## ערב שבת פרשת שופטים

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting (early)	7:20
Candle lighting (actual)	7:21
Shkiah	7:39

## שבת פרשת שופטים

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"S	9:37
Pirkei Avos	5:35
Halacha Shiur	6:25
<b>Mincha</b>	<b>7:10</b>
Shkiah	7:38
Maariv	8:20
Shabbos Ends	8:28

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 8/27-9/1

#### Shacharis

Sunday 7:45

Mon, Thurs 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds Fri  
6:30, 7:45

#### MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs  
**7:20 PM**

## NEXT WEEK

### שבת פרשת כי תצא

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting	7:10
Shkiah	7:28

## WHAT'S NEW

**This week's Kiddush is co-sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg and family L'iluy nishmas Harav Dovid Yitzchak ben Harav Shimon Mordechai Bergstein and by all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in August and September. Thank you to all the sponsors and Mazal Tov to all the celebrants! The list is attached.**

**סעודה שלישיית** is co-sponsored by Gil Backenroth commemorating the yartzeit of his father HaRav Shmuel Yitzchak ben HaRav Areyeh and by Felise Katz commemorating the yartzeit of her father Chaim ben Leib, Henry Loeser

**Rabbi Yissocher Frand's Thursday night shiur is back!** Please join us **Thursday nights at 9PM**, beginning August 24th as we present Rabbi Frand's shiur through the Torah Conferencing Network. All are invited to attend.

Rabbi Fischer's shiur on Mishnayos continues! Monday-Thursday half an hour before Mincha, this week the shiur is at 6:40.

The Daf Yomi shiurim for this upcoming week are sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg and family L'iluy nishmas Harav Dovid Yitzchak ben Harav Shimon Mordechai Bergstein

**Elul and the Yomim Noraim are around the corner. Please redeem all outstanding shul pledges and balances. Please send in your seating reservations!**

## MAZAL TOV

Edwin and Ruth Levi on the marriage of their grandchildren Kayla Michal and Moishy Wayntraub, children of Dan and Miriam Levi

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson born to their children Deena and Aaron Bodenheim.

Yosi and Debbie Rosenberg on the marriage of their children Mordy and Aliza Rosenberg  
Yossie and Bassi Schachter on the engagement of their daughter Shaindy to Avromi Enock.

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky and Hilde Zauderer on the marriage of Jacklyn to Stevie Rubin of Los Angeles children of Zvi and Stefanie Zauderer of Woodmere

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the bar mitzvah of their great grandson Shalom son of Rabbi Rafael and Chanie Miller of Far Rockaway and on the bas mitzvah of their great granddaughter Sara Leah daughter of Steven Rohinsky of Long Beach

## NICHUM AVEILIM

Bernie Kushner on the petirah of his brother Alfred Kushner

## 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

שירה רות בת שרה

Rechyl Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

Goldress grandson

אילון רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrman's mother

שרה צירלא בת ידיל

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

**Please Call Before Visiting**

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Rebecca Tilson 369-9789

Hilde Zauderer 357 2556

## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'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 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** –on hiatus

8:30 PM Navi Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

### Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

## Parashas Shoftim – “..and bow down before them, to the sun or to the moon...” (Devarim 17:3)

It is the 30th day of Menachem Av, the first day of Rosh Chodesh Elul, the month of “Ani LeDodi ve-Dodi li,” “I am my Beloved’s and my Beloved is mine.” It was the day of the “Great American Total Solar Eclipse.” We find in today’s Parashah the following verses, “If there will be found among you in one of your cities, which HaShem, your G-d, gives you, a man or woman who commits what is evil in the eyes of HaShem, your G-d, to violate His covenant, and he will go and serve gods of others and bow down before them, or to the sun or the moon or to any host of heaven, which I have not commanded.” (Devarim 17:2-3)

Actually, considering the dramatic events in the heavens witnessed by millions today, especially those in the path of totality, where the light of the sun was extinguished totally, and day turned for several minutes to night, it is, at first blush, difficult to fault a witness of the awesome event, from assuming that there was something divine occurring in the skies, in the duel between the sun and the moon. Unless one takes into account the nature of the event. After all, it was an eclipse, a darkening of the light of the sun, to total blackness in the path of totality. And the case of a lunar eclipse, the reverse occurs, where the so-called ruler of the night, the moon, has its light cancelled out. Demonstrating that neither the one nor the other is the true ruler, but rather HaShem Yisborach, is the true “Adon Olam,” “Master of the Universe.”

In the novel “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court,” Mark Twain shows the power of a solar eclipse on the unsophisticated mind. An individual from modern times is mysteriously transported back to King Arthur’s Court after receiving a blow on the head. He astounds the court with his modern knowledge, but Merlin, the previous chief magician, whose influence has been undermined, schemes to have the stranger executed. Recalling that his date of execution is actually the date of a historical solar eclipse, the transplanted stranger informs King Arthur that he will extinguish the sun if he is executed. When the natural event occurs, his reputation is greatly enhanced and Merlin’s is reduced.

“L’Havdil Elef Havdalos” between Mark Twain and the Rambam, the latter gives his version of the origin of “Idol Worship” in the first chapter and the first Halachah of “The Laws of Idol Worship and its Practices:”

“In the time of Enosh human beings made a great error, and the conceptions of the wise men of that generation were corrupted, and Enosh himself was one of those who made the error; and this was their error: They said, ‘Since the Almighty created these heavenly bodies, and the Spheres to conduct the world and He placed them in the heavens and assigned great honor to them, and they are servants who perform service for the Almighty, it is appropriate for them to be praised and glorified and to give them honor. And this is the desire of the Almighty, Blessed is He, to exalt and to honor those who exalt and honor Him...”

One who achieves a correct perspective on this matter will find that, “By day, the sun will not harm him nor will the moon at night.” (Tehilim 121:6)

The words of the following Chapter of Tehilim will come true: “Hallelukah, The praise of Ha-Shem will come from the heavens, the highest heights will offer Him praise...Praise Him, Sun and Moon, Praise Him, all Stars of Light...He placed them forever and ever, He made a Decree, and it will not be rescinded.” (Tehilim 148:1,3,6)

And Abaye added his insight to the words of Rabbi Yishmael, in “Kiddush Levanah,” “May it be Your Will, My G-d and G-d of my fathers, to restore the defect of the moon, such that it be restored to its perfection, and the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and as the light of the seven days of Creation...”

*L’Illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem*

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