

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת חיי שרה
הדלקת נרות 4:23

November 10, 2017

כ"א חשוון תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

Candle lighting	4:23
Mincha	4:30
Shkiah	4:41

שבת פרשת חיי שרה

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K" S	9:10
Halacha Shiur	3:25
Mincha	4:10
Shkiah	4:40
Maariv	5:22
Shabbos Ends	5:30

Weekday Schedule: Week of 11/12-11/17

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs- 4:25 PM

Second Maariv
Mon-Thurs 7:30PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת תולדות

Candle lighting	4:17
Mincha	4:25
Shkiah	4:35

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Dr. Leon Pachter commemorating the yartzheit of his father Yaakov Yitzchack ben Simcha Bunim.

Please join us **Thursday nights for shiurim through the Torah Conferencing Network. At 7:45 is Rabbi Mansour's shiur and at 9PM, is Rabbi Frand's shiur. Rabbi Reisman's shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at 7:30PM.**

Rabbi Gottlieb is continuing his series on Contemporary Kashrus, Shabbos afternoons-45 minutes before Mincha.

THIS WEEK: Avos Ubanim! Beginning this Motzaei Shabbos at 6:45 pm this program of father-son learning is back for another inspiring year. Participants enjoy learning, pizza, and prizes. This week is co-sponsored by Miriam Nussbaum in memory of her father, Moshe ben Hachaver Yechezkel Halevi, and anonymously I'zecher nishmas Nesanel Ezra ben Shlomo Dovid. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. For any questions, or to be a part of this program please contact Amy Gottlieb: mrsagottlieb@gmail.com

Join us THIS Motzaei Shabbos, November 11th at 8:40pm in the Simcha Room, as we present the movie **The Wedding Plan.** Directed by Orthodox-Israeli director Rama Burshtein, follow Michal's journey after her fiancé calls off their wedding a month before the ceremony, as she decides to keep the reservation and trusts G-d will provide her with a husband. A humorous and poignant film; don't miss it! Hebrew with English subtitles

Scholar in Residence weekend with Rabbi Hayyim Angel is next Shabbos Parshas Toldos- November 17th and 18th. For more information and Shabbos lunch reservation please contact Marilyn Sapir 369-3631 or email Marilyn.Sapir@gmail.com

MAZAL TOV

Charlie and Shulamith Grandovsky on the engagement of their granddaughter Chani Klein, daughter of Esther and Yaakov Klein, to Chaim Ochs of Toronto.

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a great granddaughter born to Miriam and Aron Ehrenfeld, children of Rabbi Eli and Tova Weiss

Yussie and Gail Tuchman, on birth of great grandson, born to Shira and Ike Sultan children of Rabbi Elie and Suzie Tuchman.

Michael and Leni Loebenstein on the birth of a great granddaughter born to Mo and Miriam Stern children of Larry and Chavi Stern

NICHUM AVEILIM

The Schore Family on the petirah of Bob Schore

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

Larry Seligson

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 צירלא בת יודיל

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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 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 –on hiatus

8:00 PM Navi Shiur-trei asar

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Chayei Sarah – Eliezer, Servant of Avraham

It is not uncommon that in the annals of Jewish History, great Jews can have great servants. For example, we find in Mishnah (2:7) in Berachos, “And when Tevi, his (Rabban Gamliel's) servant, passed away, he accepted consolation for him. His students said to him, ‘Haven't you taught us that one should not accept consolation for non-Jewish servants?’ He said to them, Tevi, my servant, was not like other servants. He was straight.”

Similarly, Avraham Avinu, had a great servant, Eliezer, who single-handedly finds Rivkah, and brings her home to be a wife to Yitzchok, in fulfillment of the oath that he took to Avraham.

I rely again in this essay on Rabbi Shmuel Avraham Adler, who compiled the encyclopedic work, “Aspaklaria.”

In the Zohar, we find that Eliezer described himself as “I am the servant of Avraham,” in order “to show honor to his master... He did not say that he was a close friend of Avraham, or that he was a member of Avraham's family, but simply that he was Avraham's servant, in order to elevate him in their eyes.”

We also find in the Zohar, “Come and see, that when Eliezer arrived in Charan, and found Rivkah towards evening, it was then the time that the Minchah Prayer (which Yitzchok established) is said... That was also the time that Eliezer returned from his mission with Rivkah that Yitzchok was coming home from Beer LaChai Roi, where he had been engaged in the Minchah Prayer.”

In Talmud Bavli, Eliezer is described as “an elder, who spent time in the House of Learning, as we find, ‘And Avraham said to his servant, the elder in his family, who ruled over all his possessions,’ Rabbi Elazar said, “He ruled over the Torah of his master, the one known as ‘Damesek Eliezer,’ because he drew and taught from the Torah of his master for others” (Yoma 28b).

Another explanation of the expression, “Who ruled over all his possessions” is found in Lekach Tov, that he ruled over his Evil Inclination, as did his master.

Abarbanel discusses the thoughts of Eliezer at the well when he was deciding how to recognize the maiden who would merit to be Yitzchok's bride. The Torah writes that Eliezer said to HaShem as follows: “Behold, I am standing by the spring of water; let it be that the young woman who comes out to draw and to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me some water from your jug,’ and who will answer, ‘You may also drink and I will draw water for your camels too,’ she shall be the woman whom HaShem has designated for my master's son.” The question is, “Is this prophetic superstition – which is forbidden?” The Abarbanel declares emphatically that it is not. What is forbidden is when one decides to act on the basis of an event which has no logic behind it! And here, he had devised a legitimate test, of whether the young woman was kind-hearted, as was Yitzchok!

The Sefas Emes cites his father's expression of an idea of the Kotzker Rebbe, as to why the Torah repeats the intention of Eliezer at the spring. Eliezer was only semi-conscious of the fact that he had a personal interest in his mission; namely, the secret hope that it would fail, so that his own daughter could marry Yitzchok. When he realized what his personal interest was, he had to repeat the entire incident free of that personal interest. Another idea of the Sefas Emes relates to the Midrash of the “enlightened servant, Eliezer” as to the nature of his enlightenment. His explanation is that Eliezer had no ulterior motive in the success of his mission, namely, that he would be released from his slavery if he succeeded. He was more than content in his present role as the servant of the spiritual giant, Avraham, in accord with the traditional advice, “Who is wise? The one who recognizes his place.” And a third thought of the Sefas Emes relates to the idea that “The conversations of the servants of the Avos are more important, so to speak, than the Torah of their descendants.” This is because the actions of the Avos are far beyond the comprehension of their descendants, and it is only from the actions of the servants of the Avos, like their prayers and bowings, that we can gain some perspective on the actions of the Avos.

The Midrash Rabbah says that to extract this rose (Rivkah) from the thorns in which she was caught required the strength of a High Priest, a spiritual giant like Avraham, and “the hand of the servant is as strong as the hand of his master” when he is serving as his messenger. That is why throughout the events of the Torah's narrative, Eliezer is described as “the servant,” indicating that it was the strength of Avraham, his master, that was drawing Rivkah from the house of Bethuel and Lavan.

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

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