

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וישב-
הדלקת נרות 4:09

December 8, 2017

כ' כסלו תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת וישב

Candle lighting	4:09
Mincha	4:15
Shkiah	4:27

שבת פרשת וישב

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K" S	9:29
Halacha Shiur	3:15
Mincha	4:00
Shkiah	4:27
Maariv	5:09
Shabbos Ends	5:17

Weekday Schedule: Week of 12/10-12/15

Sunday	7:45
Mon-	6:20,7:45
Tues,	6:30,7:45
Weds-Fri	6:15,7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:15 PM

Second Maariv

Mon-Thurs 7:30PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת חנוכה פרשת מקץ

Mincha 1	3:00
Candle lighting	4:10
Mincha 2	4:10
Shkiah	4:28

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישיית is co-sponsored by Michael Loebenstein commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Yehudis bas Yosef Michoel HaCohen and by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg commemorating the yartzheit of Sharon's mother, Rivkah bas Harav Shimon Asher

Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos afternoon Contemporary Halacha shiur continues the series on Kashrus, this week: "**The Dairy Dispute: Controversy over the Kashrus of Milk part II**" at 3:15 PM

Bnos is back this week! Girls K-8th grade can join in a fun filled hour Shabbos afternoon from 2:30-3:30.

Please join us **Thursday 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.**

THIS WEEK: Avos Ubanim is Motzaei Shabbos at 6:30 pm. This program of father-son learning is back for another inspiring year. Participants enjoy learning, pizza, and prizes!!! This week is anonymously sponsored. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. For any questions, or to be a part of this program please contact Amy Gottlieb: mrsa-gottlieb@gmail.com

Are you celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in December or January? Join our **Birth-day and Anniversary Kiddush, December 30th Parshas Vayechi**. For \$18 per name or couple you can help support our weekly kiddush and celebrate with your Bais Torah family! Please email your info to Baistorah@gmail.com by Monday, December 25th

Bais Torah Sisterhood is resuming the Book Club. Reserve Tuesday evening, December 26, 2017, 7:30 p.m. for a tantalizing discussion of *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright at the Kimmel home. Please call Hinda at 357-9571 to RSVP.

Bais Torah will once again be participating in an annual Chanukah Toy Drive, collecting on behalf of 19 charities in the tri-state area and two charities in Israel. You can make your check payable to Congregation Bais Torah and receive a tax receipt in return; be sure to inform us that your donation is for the toy drive. For further information, contact Dovid Katz at dovidkat@gmail.com.

MAZAL TOV

Rabbi Moishe Kranzler on his engagement to Esta Shepetosky

Arnold (Larry) Seligson on the birth of a great grandson to Michael and Hannah Lefkovich of Stamford Connecticut

Moishe and Eileen Frommer on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yehudah Yitzchok Eizik, son of Yossi & Shoshana Sheinfil of New Hempstead

Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter Daniella Leah Lifschitz, daughter of Ari and Michelle Lifschitz of Teaneck, and on the birth of a granddaughter, Rochel Emunah, born to their children Gila and Zev Prince of Clifton, NJ

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

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, l'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 -

8:00 PM Navi Shiur-trei asar

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Vayeshev – Dream and Prophecy

Ribbono shel Olam! Our national hope has seemingly moved a step closer to fulfillment with the announcement by the White House that henceforward, the United States recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital, with the embassy to be moved some time in the future. Now our current president seems to be an unlikely candidate for serving as HaShem's agent in this matter, but it's happened before. Achashverosh and Herod are examples of this unusual combination of task and messenger.

At the beginning of Parashas Vayeshev, Yoseph reveals himself as a dreamer, as was his father. He relates two dreams to his brothers, the first agricultural in nature; the second, more cosmic and astronomical, both of which, since they were shepherds, "got their goat." The first involved Yoseph and his brothers bundling sheaves in a field, and the brothers' bundles stood up and bowed to him. The second involved the sun and the moon and eleven stars bowing to him. Now Scripture refers to these phenomena as dreams, rather than prophecy. What is the difference between the two? I believe that dreams involve basically individuals, whereas prophecies involve nations.

The Prophet Yeshayahu pronounced his tragic vision of the fate of Yerushalayim in the Haftarah of "Chazon Yeshayahu": "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire, your land – before you strangers consume it; it is desolate as if overturned by strangers. The daughter of Zion shall be left like a deserted watchman's booth in a vineyard, like a shed in a gourd garden, like a city under siege." (Yeshayahu 1:7-8) Yet the prophet does leave the door open for Teshuvah; for the exercise of free will: "Wash yourselves, purify yourselves, remove the evil of your doings from before My eyes; desist from doing evil. Learn to do good, seek justice, strengthen the victim; do justice for the orphan; take up the cause of the widow." (Yeshayahu 1:16-17)

Most of the rest of this Dvar Torah was taken from "Aspaklaria," by Rav Shmuel Avraham Adler.

According to the Zohar, the Angel Gavriel administers dreams to individuals all over the world, to Jew and Gentile, relating to their personal goals and desires. But prophecy is limited to the Holy Land of Israel and to the interests of the Holy Nation of Israel.

What does Yoseph mean by "Do not interpretations of dreams belong to G-d? But nevertheless, relate your dreams to me." (Bereshis 40:8) The answer of the Zohar is that that is the appropriate way to interpret dreams, to communicate the idea that the interpretation is dependent on HaShem, for that is where the fulfillment of everything is. (Zohar, 254)

Rabbi Chanan said, "Even if the 'Master of Dreams' said to the dreamer, 'Tomorrow you will die,' he should not give up the possibility of mercy, and pray for compassion." (Berachos 10b)

Rav Chanina said, "If one sees a well in his dream, it is a sign of peace as it says, 'And the servants of Yitzchok dug a well...'" (Bereshis 26:25) Rabbi Chanan said, "There are three signs of peace: a river, a bird and a pot. Rabbi Chanina (who must have been a vegetarian) said, "The pot cannot have any meat in it."

It is impossible for a dream not to have some items in it which are meaningless, as we see from Yoseph's

dream, where he said that his mother would bow to him, and at that time, he had no mother.

There can be many symbols in dreams. Most are good; a small number are bad. Most people, animals, fruit, colors (strangely, except 'techeiles,' which is destructive).

Don't be despondent if you have no money to travel. You can travel in a dream, for indeed, someone may be dreaming here (in Israel) and find himself in his dream in Spain.

There are four wise men: If one sees Rabbi Yochanan ben Nuri in a dream, he should hope for the attribute of fear of sin; If one sees Rabbi Eliezer ben Azariah, he should hope for greatness and riches; If one sees Rabbi Yishmael, he should hope for wisdom; If one sees Rabbi Akiva, he should worry about punishment. (Avos D'Rabbi Nathan 40:10) (The last is very strange, for Rabbi Akiva was one of the greatest of the wise men of the Jewish People; perhaps, his greatness was outweighed by his mistaken political beliefs and/or the terrible manner in which he was killed by the Romans.)

Back to Trump! Obviously, Mr. Trump has a number of faults. But perhaps his positive actions show that he has the potential to do Teshuvah, and become a good and valuable friend of Israel.

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

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