

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת יתרו
הדלקת נרות 4:56

February 2, 2018

יז' שבט תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

Candle lighting	4:56
Mincha	5:05
Shkiah	5:14

שבת פרשת יתרו

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:37
Halacha Shiur	4:00
Mincha	4:45
Shkiah	5:15
Maariv	5:58
Shabbos Ends	6:06

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/4-2/9

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 5:10 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת משפטים

Candle lighting	5:05
Mincha	5:15
Shkiah	5:23

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos afternoon Contemporary Halacha shiur continues the series on Kashrus. This week: **"Israel Kashrus: What To Look Out For."**

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 8:00PM.**

THIS WEEK: Avos Ubanim is Motzaei Shabbos at 7:15 pm. This program of father-son learning is back for another inspiring year. Participants enjoy learning, pizza, and prizes!!! Sponsorships available! This week is sponsored by **David and Ruth Lehmann in memory of their fathers, Mr. Felix Lehmann and Mr. Ludwig Rollhaus.**

The Daf Yomi Shiurim for February 1st were sponsored by David Lehmann in memory of his father Felix Lehmann, HaChaver Uri Shalom ben HaChaver Dovid Halevi. For this upcoming week the shiurim are sponsored by Ruth Lehmann in memory of her father Ludwig Rollhaus, Yehuda ben Eliezer

Matzah baking will take place this year on Sunday, February 18th at 2:30 pm at the Shatzer Matzah Factory, 210 Cortelyou Rd. in Brooklyn. The cost per pound is: \$27. Order sheets are up on the bulletin board in Shul, you can also email your order to: eiyyintova@gmail.com or call (845) 304-8884 .

The deadline for the Mishloach Manos Order Form 2018 is Sunday, February 18th. PLEASE, all those who have not yet sent in their order form, please do so as soon as possible.

Are you celebrating a **Birthday or Anniversary in February or March?** Celebrate with Bais Torah, and help support our weekly Kiddush. Shabbos Parshas Tetzaveh, Parshas Zachor **February 24th** is the next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush. For \$18 per name or couple you can be a part of it! Deadline is Monday February 19th. Please email: Baistorah@gmail.com

MAZAL TOV

Bob and Rita Landa on the birth of a grandson born to their children Rabbi Avi and Ruchama Landa in Baltimore

Dr Moe and Bayla Tilson on the engagement of their daughter Aviva to Jeff Geigel.
Marvin and Sally Borgen on the birth of a great grandson, born to Levi and Rachel Lazarus, children of Yumi and Reva Borgen.

Asher and Sarah Yankovitch on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children Hershy and Haddassa Yankovitch.

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 לייב 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

Marty Ginsberg

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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 Yisro – Yisro, Moshe and “Am Yisroel”

(The main source of input for this essay was the book, “Aspaklaria,” a compendium of Jewish insights by Rabbi Shmuel Avraham Adler)

After Moshe killed an Egyptian who was beating a Jew mercilessly, and learned that that fact was known, he fled to Midian, where he met the seven daughters of Yisro at the town well (the typical site for romance in the Bible). When the male shepherds arrived, they tried to push aside Yisro's daughters, as apparently was their wont, but Moshe intervened, saved them from the other shepherds, and watered Yisro's flocks, resulting in Yisro's daughters arriving at their home much earlier than usual, which aroused Yisro's curiosity. When the girls explained that they had been assisted by an Egyptian man, Yisro, who already suspected that this was no ordinary Egyptian, said that they had been discourteous in abandoning the stranger at the well. They found Moshe and brought him home to meet their father, setting up a meeting between two spiritual giants.

Yisro was the “Kohen Midian;” literally, the Priest of Midian, but actually much more. He was, in fact, the expert on Comparative Idolatry in the world and when the surrounding nations later found out that their theological expert had said, “*Now I know that HaShem is far greater than all the idols of the world*” - they abandoned (temporarily) their previous religions, realizing that they were comparatively worthless, although they had felt the need for some spiritual basis in their lives, but had sought it in the wrong place, in the physical world, in the realm of the creations of HaShem, such as the sun, the moon and the sea, rather than in the Eternal, Omnipotent but Invisible HaShem. (Zohar: Yisro 39)

According to Jewish Tradition, Yisro had seven names: Yeser, Yisro, Chovav, Reuel, Chever, Putiel and Keni. “Yeser,” meaning “he added,” because he added a section to the Torah, not usually the business of mortals, “Yisro,” meaning “he excelled,” because he excelled in good deeds, “Chovav,” meaning “Beloved,” because he was beloved by HaShem, “Reuel,” meaning “lover of HaShem,” because he was indeed precisely that, “Chever,” meaning “friend,” because he was like a friend to HaShem, “Putiel,” meaning “one who abandons a false god,” because he eventually abandoned idolatry and converted to Judaism, and “Keni,” meaning “one who acquires,” because he acquired Heaven and Torah. (Mechilta)

Early in his relationship with Moshe, when he first suggested that his daughter, Tziporah, become Moseh's wife, he attached a condition; namely, that the couple's first son, Gershom, live as an idol-worshiper! (Mechilta) The Shem MiShmuel quotes the Gerrer Rebbe, “At first, there was no form of idolatry that Yisro did not experiment with...When he became enlightened and realized that HaShem was infinitely greater than all those false gods, he indeed reversed himself on that condition, praying that Moshe's son would serve HaShem as did his father.”

“...And so Yisro, even though he was an ‘idolator,’ there was a basis for his relationship with Moshe. For he was not your typical idolator; rather he was prepared to worship a “holy force;” namely, the Most High G-d, Who includes Everything ...” (Maharal; Gevuros HaShem, Chapter 19)

“...But Yisro was not as if cancelled out by the People of Israel, for they needed him. His name was Yisro, because he was a benefit for them, and, in some ways, he excelled them...” (Maharal on Derashos al HaTorah)

“*Va Yichad Yisro*” – “...And this expression also hints at the fact that from now on, Yisro viewed HaShem as a Unity” – because “chad” means “One.” (Malbim, Shemos: 18:9)

“...And the essence of Yisro is the assembly of the Sparks of Holiness which were dispersed among the nations, as Chaza”l say ‘he did not fail to deal with every manner of idolatry,’ ... therefore, the story of Yisro precedes the Receipt of the Torah, so as not to allow the nations to falsely claim that because Israel was raised, they were lowered. For the truth is that the elevation of the People of Israel is a signal to other nations that they too can aspire to similar greatness.” (Sefas Emes Shemos Yisro 643)

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

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