

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת תרומה
הדלקת נרות 5:13

February 16, 2018

א' אדר תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת תרומה

Candle lighting	5:13
Mincha	5:20
Shkiah	5:31

שבת פרשת תרומה

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:29
Halacha Shiur	4:15
Mincha	5:00
Shkiah	5:33
Maariv	6:15
Shabbos Ends	6:23

Weekday Schedule: Week of 2/18-2/23

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 5:25 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת תצוה-זכור

Candle lighting	5:22
Mincha	5:30
Shkiah	5:40

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Jossi Lieder commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Raizel Miriam bas Naftoly.

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 7:30 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 Pinchas and Miriam Frankel commemorating the yartzheit of her mother Basha Basya bas Meir HaLevi, and by Marty and Carol Ginsberg commemorating the yartzheit of her father Chanoch Henoah ben Leib and by Felise Katz commemorating the end of shloshim for her mother, Tova bas Yitzchok, Thea Loeser

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: eivintova@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

Steven and Noga Romer and Rabbi Shlomo and Shifra Horowitz on the birth of a granddaughter Avigail Ruma, born to their children Akiva and Natalie Horowitz.

Dr. Moshe and Esta Kranzler on their marriage.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הרולד

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 לואן 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

משה זאב בן אסתר

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zacher 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 Misesches 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 Terumah Techeiles, the Mishkan, Tzitzis and Purim

(Input for this essay was obtained from the writings of Rabbi Berel Wein and Dr. Baruch Sterman)

Parashas Terumah begins as follows: *“HaShem spoke to Moshe, saying: ‘Speak to the Children of Israel and let them take for Me a portion to be set aside for a higher purpose, from every person motivated by his heart, you shall take My portion. This is the portion you shall take from them: gold, silver and copper; and turquoise (‘Techeiles’), purple, and scarlet wool; linen and goat hair... They shall make a Sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them.’”* (Shemos 25:1-8)

“Techeiles” is also mentioned in the Torah in connection with the “Mitzvoh” of “Tzitzis:” *“HaShem spoke to Moshe, saying: ‘Speak to the Children of Israel and say to them that they shall make for themselves ‘Tzitzis’ on the corners of their garments, throughout their generations. And they shall place upon the ‘Tzitzis’ of each corner a thread of turquoise (‘Techeiles’) wool. It shall constitute ‘Tzitzis’ for you, that you may see it and remember all the commandments of HaShem and perform them; and not explore after your heart and after your eyes after which you stray.”* (BaMidbar 15:37-39)

It is obvious from the contexts in which the word ‘Techeiles’ appears that there is a close connection between the color, sky-blue, which is ‘Techeiles,’ and holiness.

“The ‘posuk’ in ‘Krias Shema’ says that by looking at the ‘Tzitzis’ one will remember all of HaShem’s ‘Mitzvos.’ Rashi explains that the letters of ‘Tzitzis’ add up to 600. Add to that the 8 strings and the 5 knots, and you have 613, the number of ‘Mitzvos’ in the Torah. The Ramban and others disagree with Rashi and claim that it is the string of ‘Techeiles’ itself that serves as the reminder. The sky-blue thread evokes contemplation of the heavens and of G-d’s Throne, which leads one to remember the ‘Mitzvos.’”

“Interestingly, work by Dutch scientists regarding the properties of the ‘Techeiles’ dye molecule revealed a striking coincidence. The color of a substance is determined by the way in which it reflects and absorbs light. No two molecules have the same pattern (called a wavelength absorption spectrum) which is measured in units called nanometers. ‘Techeiles’ obtained from the Murex Trunculus snail derives its color from a sharp peak in its spectrum at exactly 613 nanometers.” (From a footnote to an essay by Dr. Baruch Sternman on “Dyeing Techeiles” citing the work of J. Wouters and A. Verhecken)

A Bit of History - For historical questions we will invoke a master of Jewish History, from limited parts of his essay, “Techeiles Revisited.” Therein he notes that the Jewish People in modern times have to a large extent not only stopped wearing ‘Techeiles’ but have forgotten how it is made. He cites a number of opinions as to the origin of this tragedy, but basically agrees with Rabbi Yitzchok HaLevi Herzog that the destruction of the ‘Techeiles’-manufacturing factories in Israel occurred during the time of the Moslem conquest of the country circa 638. With regard to the identity of the ‘chilazon,’ in 1889 Rabbi Gershon Henoah Leiner, the Radzyner Rebbe, claimed that it was a type of squid, called the cuttlefish. However, Rabbi Herzog in his 1913 dissertation asserted that the chilazon was in fact a snail, Murex Trunculus. Rabbi Herzog was frustrated by the fact that the dye obtained from the snail was purple, rather than the required blue. That problem was resolved by Dr. Otto Eisner, who discovered that further on in the dyeing process, when the dye was exposed to direct sunlight, the purple color became a brilliant indigo blue.

The Purim Connection – After the defeat of Haman, we find *“Mordechai left the King’s presence clad in royal apparel of turquoise (‘Techeiles’) and white...”* (Esther 8:15)

One of the Purim songs traditionally is “Shoshanas Yaakov,” which begins “The Rose of Yaakov was cheerful and glad when they saw the ‘Techeiles’ of Mordechai...”

When the Hebrew words “Terumah” and “Purim” are examined side-by-side, the common letters are “R-U-M,” meaning “Ascent,” which the Children of Israel achieved when they made their “Mishkan,” and, at the time of Purim, the Jewish People achieved when they obtained permission to begin their construction of the Second Bais HaMikdash.

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

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