

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת חקת
פרקי אבות פרק ה'

June 22, 2018

ט' תמוז תשע"ח

ערב שב פרשת חקת

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting :

Summer schedule 7:20

Actual 8:14

Shkiah 8:32

שבת פרשת חקת

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"S 9:10

Pirkei Avos 6:25

Halacha 7:15

Mincha 8:00

Shkiah 8:32

Maariv 9:15

Shabbos Ends 9:23

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 6/24-6/29

Sunday 7:45

Mon.Thurs. 6:20,7:45

Tues, Weds., Fri
6:30,7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 8:20 PM

Shiur* 7:50 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת בלק

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting :

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Shkiah 8:33

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Felise and Peter Katz in honor of their children and grandchildren and their newest addition, Yehuda, and also on the occasion of Peter's 5th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

סעודה שלישית is co-sponsored by David Abramczik commemorating the yartzheit of his father, Hachaver Yosef ben Shimon, and by Sandy Lieder commemorating the yartzheit of her mother Gresya bas Refoel.

Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos afternoon Contemporary Halacha Shiur continues the series on Kashrus. This week: "Meat and Dairy: How Many Stoves and Countertops Do You Need?".

Please join us **Thursday for Rabbi Frand's shiur through the Torah Conferencing Network at 9PM..**

*Rabbi Josef Fischer gives his Bava Kama Mishnayos shiur every Monday through Thursday 30 minutes before Mincha in the Simcha Room.

The **General Membership meeting is Sunday June 24th at 9:30 a.m..** All members in good standing are invited to come and join the meeting, and vote on a slate of candidates for the board, and issues pertaining to the future of the shul. **Please make every effort to attend.**

SAVE THE DATE: Bais Torah Annual Dinner Sunday evening November 11, 2018.

MAZAL TOV

Miriam Nussbaum on the bas mitzvah of her granddaughter, Kayla, daughter of Jeremy and Keren Nussbaum of Bergenfield.

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 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'zcher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before the Pirkei Avos 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 Chukas – An Introduction to “Chukim,” Decrees

There are two basic kinds of Commands in the Torah: “Mishpatim,” Judgments and “Chukim,” Decrees. “Mishpatim” yield their rationale to the intense scrutiny of human intelligence; “Chukim” do not. Shlomo HaMelech, the wisest of all men, admitted as much in Megilas Koheles, “I applied my intelligence towards understanding all of it (the Torah); I thought my wisdom was sufficient, but some of its elements are far beyond me.” (Koheles 7:23)

The following are excerpts from Midrash Rabbah, on Parashas Chukas:

“Rabbi Yehoshua from Sichnin said in the name of Rabbi Levi, ‘When the Holy One, Blessed is He taught the Torah to Moshe, with regard to everything that became ritually unclean, He taught him how to remove the uncleanness (for example, in Parashas Shemini, concerning the subject matter of clean and unclean animals, we find there (VaYikra 11:26-28) ‘Anyone who touches their carcasses remains unclean till the evening, and one who carries their carcasses must wash his clothes, and remains unclean until the evening.’) But when he came to Parashas Emor, (where the issue is uncleanliness resulting from contact with a human corpse), Moshe said to HaShem, ‘Master of the Universe, if someone becomes unclean in this manner, how does he regain his state of purity?’ And HaShem did not answer him at that time. Moshe’s face turned colors from pain and embarrassment. However, when Moshe reached the subject of ‘Parah Adumah,’ the Holy One, Blessed is He said to him, ‘At the time that I commanded you, ‘Speak to the Kohanim,’ you asked Me, ‘If one becomes unclean in this manner, how does he regain his state of purity?’ Then I did not answer you. Now I will; ‘And they shall take for the one who has become unclean by contact with a human body from the ashes of the Sin Offering, mixed with ‘living waters’ and one in a state of purity shall dip a hyssop into that water and sprinkle it upon the one who is unclean...’ And Moshe’s face assumed its brightness, because now he knew that this was a ‘Chok,’ a decree of HaShem, embodied in the Torah (see below)...”

“Rabbi Yehoshua of Sichnin said in the name of Rabbi Levi, ‘There are four Commands of the Torah about which the Evil Inclination attempts to persuade the Jewish People that they make no sense: In each case, the Torah describes the Law as a ‘Chok,’ meaning to say, ‘I HaShem have decreed them and you have no right to question them.’”

“The first is in connection with having relations with the wife of one’s brother, as it says, ‘The nakedness of your brother’s wife, you may not uncover.’ (Vaikra 18:16) At first glance, this seems to be contradicted by the Law of ‘Yibum,’ whereby, in the case of a childless marriage, if the husband dies, then the oldest surviving brother is obligated to marry the widow, as it says, ‘her ‘yavam’ (untranslatable word, to be understood in context) should come in to her for the purpose of establishing the dead brother’s name in Israel.’ (Devarim 25:7) And it is written in connection with the prohibition of the ‘wife of a brother’ ‘You shall observe all of My ‘Chukim’ (Vayikra 20:22)”

“The next is in connection with the Prohibition of ‘Shaatzet,’ using wool and linen together, regarding which it is written ‘Do not wear Shaatzet.’ The case of ‘Tzitzis’ is an exception, whereby a 4-cornered linen garment may be combined with woolen threads on its corners, as it says, ‘You shall guard My Decrees.’”

“The ‘Sair LaAzazel’ the goat sent into the Wilderness, to be thrown off a cliff; anyone who has a share in this procedure was rendered impure, while its purpose was to purify the People of Israel and, once again, the Torah describes the process as a ‘Chukas Olam’ an Eternal Decree.’ (VaYikra 16:34).”

We have already discussed the paradoxical purifying power invested by the Torah in the ‘Parah Adumah,’ which rendered all involved with its preparation unclean, as described in Parashas Chukas.

“Rabbi Yose be-Rabbi Chanina cites the verse, ‘and they shall bring to you a ‘Parah Adumah’ – The Holy One, Blessed is He, said to Moshe, I will reveal to you the secret of the Red Heifer, but for all others, it will remain a mystery, an unexplained Decree.”

“It is also true that what is concealed and hidden in This-World will be open and revealed in the World-to-Come. And for the greatest of our people, such as Rabbi Akiva and his colleagues, HaShem did already reveal some of the secrets of the Torah, which He will reveal to the whole People in the World-to-Come.”

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

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