

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת בלק
פרקי אבות פרק ו'

June 29, 2018

ט"ו תמוז תשע"ח

ערב שב פרשת בלק

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting :

Summer schedule 7:20

Actual 8:15

Shkiah 8:33

שבת פרשת בלק

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"Sh 9:13

Pirkei Avos 6:25

Halacha 7:15

Mincha 8:00

Shkiah 8:33

Maariv 9:16

Shabbos Ends 9:24

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 7/1-7/6

Sun.,Weds 7:45

Mon.Thurs. 6:20,7:45

Tues, Fri 6:30,7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 8:20 PM

Shiur* 7:50 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת פנחס

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting :

Summer schedule 7:20

Actual 8:14

Shkiah 8:32

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שליטית is co-sponsored by Rabbi Shlomo Horowitz for yartzheit of his mother Elka bas Shmuel and by Avrohom Shtaygrud for the yartzheit of his mother Sheva bas Yaakov Yosef Hakohen, and by Michael Strum in honor of his new nephew Nitzan Chaim Strum.

Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos afternoon Contemporary Halacha Shiur continues the series on Kashrus. This week: **"Vitamins, Supplements, and Medications: Do They Have To Be Kosher?"**

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.

Please join us **Sunday July 1st in the Simcha Room** for a screening of **"The Prime Ministers,"** Beginning at **1PM: Part 1: Pioneers** and at **3:15 PM Part 2: Soldiers and Peace Keepers.** Suggested donation \$10, all are invited to attend.

The Daf Yomi Shiur for **June 28th** was sponsored by **Eudice Rohinsky** in memory of her great aunt Sara Laya bas Reuven Eliezer. The Shiurim **for this upcoming week are sponsored by Marilyn Sapir** in memory of her mother, Mrs. Helen Hirschhorn, Chaya Rochel bas Refael Yitzchak. **July 3rd is sponsored by Joseph Lowin** in memory of his father Avraham ben Yisrael Tzvi.

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

SUNDAY JULY 1ST -FAST OF 17 TAAMUZ

Fast begins: 3:37 AM

Shacharis: 7:45 AM

Mincha: 8:00 PM

Maariv: 9:00 PM

Fast ends: 9:15 PM

MAZAL TOV

Shifra Strum on the birth of a grandson, Nitzan Chaim born to her children Avi and Sara Strum of Silver Spring, MD

Dovid and Malkie Smetana on the marriage of their children Mikki and Shauli Naumberg

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 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 בניילא 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** after-noon 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 Balak The "Mesorah" for Parashas Balak

This essay deals with "Sefer 'Pnei HaChamah,' Explanations and Masoretic Ideas Regarding the Number of Verses in Each Parashah," by Rabbi Moshe Gelbein, son-in-law of Dr. Laurence and Gloria Gordon, husband of Dina Gelbein. The word "Masoretic," means based on the "Mesorah," referring to material handed down from parents to children, from teachers to students, from Ha-Shem to human beings. One specific meaning of the word is the following: at the end of each parashah, there appears a notation containing the number of verses in the parashah, followed by one or more words having a symbolic relationship to that number. At the end of Parashas Balak, we find "104 verses; 'Manoach,' the related word."

The story of "Manoach," told in the Book of Shophtim, is of the husband of a childless woman. An Angel of G-d appeared to the woman, and told her that she would have a child. She should raise the child as a "Nazir," who is not allowed to drink wine, nor cut his hair. And he would be a super hero, able to slay a lion single-handedly and defeat an entire army on his own. They named him "Shimshon."

The Philistines ruled at that time over the Jews with cruelty. Yet, Shimshon fell in love with a Philistine woman whom he wished to marry. Now is the main point. Manoach and his wife tried to persuade Shimshon to marry a Jewish woman and not a Philistine woman. But what does that have to do with this parashah? Bilaam, the hired-gun Prophet, had utterly failed to curse Israel. But, as a last-ditch attempt to harm them, he suggested to Balak that Moabite and Midianite women be used to seduce Jewish men into idol worship as the price for their favors. When the Prince of the Tribe of Shimon misbehaved in that manner with a Midianite Princess, Pinchas took a spear and impaled the two of them on it, putting an end to the plague that had killed 24,000 Jews. Pinchas had acted as Manoach would attempt to act in the future!

In addition to being reminiscent of Pinchas, Manoach was also reminiscent of Boaz. As we see in *Megilas Ruth (3:1)*, "And Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I will seek for you a 'Manoach,' a place of comfort, which will be good for you.'" For Manoach contains the same letters as does "Nachamu," "Be comforted." And we see in the ongoing verses, where Naomi sends Ruth to the barley barn, where Boaz is, that she intends for Boaz to be the husband of Ruth. And it is all consistent with the fact that Ruth came from Balak, a descendant of Lavan, father-in-law of Yaakov, for good can come from bad, and the "Siman," "Manoach" alludes to Boaz, her husband. Another consistent fact is that the number of verses, 104, corresponds in Gematria, to "מלך דוד"

In *Megilas Ruth*, we see that Boaz treats Ruth with kindness. And the "Quality of Mercy" is exactly what is required for "Kingship," As we see in *Midrash Shemos Rabbah (2:2)*, "And whom does He test? He tests the Righteous. And how does He test them? He tests them by how they pasture their flocks? As we see in *Tehilim (78:70)*, "And He took him from the restraints on the sheep!" What does that mean? He held back the older sheep to let the young sheep precede and eat the soft grass. After them, would go the elderly sheep, who would eat the medium grass. And last would go the mature, strong sheep, who could eat the tough grass." After seeing this, The Holy One, Blessed is He said, "Let the one who knows how to pasture sheep pasture My Flock."

And because Boaz wasn't complete in his Characteristic of Generosity, as we see that he didn't invite the childless Manoach to any of the banquets he made for his sixty children (30 males and 30 females) because he said "How can he pay me back?" – he wasn't worthy at that time to bring Kingship into the world, and they all died in his lifetime – he had to wait for the opportunity to perfect his Generosity with Ruth.

Rav Moshe cites a more lenient explanation of his earlier behavior from his "beloved friend," Rav Aryeh David Friedman, as follows: G-d Forbid, that he was selfish in not inviting Manoach! Rather, he wanted to protect Manoach from being humiliated, because he didn't have the ability to pay him back!

We find in (*Ruth Rabbah 2:14*) "Rabbi Zeira said, This Megila contains no teaching regarding contamination nor of purity, and no teaching regarding forbidden nor permitted – so why was it written? To teach how great is the reward for those who treat others with kindness!"

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

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