

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת חיי שרה
הדלקת נרות 5:32
Shabbos Mevorchim

November 2, 2018

כ"ד חשוון תשע"ט

ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

Candle lighting	5:32
Mincha	5:40
Shkiah	5:50

שבת פרשת חיי שרה

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"S	10:04
Halacha	4:35
Mincha	5:20
Shkiah	5:49
Maariv	6:32
Shabbos Ends	6:40

Change clocks back 1 hour at 2 AM

**Weekday Schedule:
Week of 11/4-11/9**

Shacharis

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

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Thurs., Fri	6:10, 7:35
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MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:35 PM

NEXT WEEK

פרשת תולדות

Candle lighting	4:24
Mincha	4:30
Shkiah	4:42

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

The shiurim from TCN feature Rabbi Mansour at 7:45PM **Thursday nights** followed by Rabbi Frand at 9PM. Motzaie Shabbos Rabbi Reisman's shiur begins **8:30PM**. All are welcome to attend.

The Rav's Halacha shiur on Shabbos afternoon continues to discuss the kashrus of beer.

The **Daf Yomi shiurim** for this upcoming week are co-sponsored by Moe and Baila Tilson in memory of Baila's mother Raizel Golda bas Dovid Hacoheh and by Barbara Fischer in memory of mother Necha Raiza bas Avrohom Hacoheh, and by Joseph & Shelley Goldman in memory of his mother Sara bas Shlomo Getzel. November 6th will be sponsored by Eudice Rohinsky in memory of her grandmother Rochel bas Reuven Eliezer HaCohen. November 1st was sponsored by Jeffrey Striks for his mother Sima Simona bas Aleksander Zishe.

Please join us **THIS Motzaei Shabbos November 3rd at 8:30 PM** at ASHAR where Ashkenazi **Chief Rabbi Rav David Baruch Lau** will be speaking. All are invited to attend.

Avos Ubanim, the popular Motzaei Shabbos father-son learning program with pizza and prizes begins **next Motzaei Shabbos at 6:45!** Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. Please contact Rivki in the office, or Amy Gottlieb 357-3913 or email; mrsagottlieb@gmail.com. More info to follow!

NEXT WEEK! The Scholar in Residence Weekend is Shabbos Parshas Toldos, **November 9-10**, featuring **Dr. Herman Presby**. More information is attached. **For reservations and sponsorships**, please contact Marilyn Sapir at 369-3631 e-mail: marilyn.sapir@gmail.com, or David Lehmann at 917.902.7883

NICHUM AVEILIM

Pesi Zyskind on the petirah of her mother Mrs. Susan Friedman

Parashas Chaye Sarah *Eliezer and Tevi – Two Faithful Servants*

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's son-
רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld
מנחם בן קילה

פנחס יואב בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz
רבקה בת פריידא

Andy Yurowitz
אליהו זבי בן חנה

Shira Steinberg
שרה רות בת שרה

Rechy Ortner's cousin
רחל ביילא בת גישל

Goldress grandson
אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrmann's mother
שרה צירילא בת ידיל

Ruth Lowenstein's mother
בתיא בת מרים

Marty Ginsberg
משה זאב בן אסתר

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher 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

Much of Parashas Chaye Sarah concerns itself with the mission of Eliezer, the servant of Avraham, to bring back a suitable wife for Yitzchak from Avraham's ancestral home. In Midrash Tanchuma on Parashas Lech-Lecha, we find that in the War against the Four Kings, an announcement was made that any soldier who knew that he had sinned, should not go to war. All 318 soldiers withdrew from the ranks, leaving only Avraham and Eliezer. HaShem said to Eliezer, "By your life, I will give you the strength of the 318, which is the 'Gematria' of Eliezer." As he arrived in Aram Naharayim, Eliezer formulated the following prayer: "*HaShem, G-d of my master Avraham, May You so arrange it for me this day that You do Kindness to my master Avraham...*" When Rivkah's actions measured up to, even exceeded his expectations, the Chumash describes his expression of gratitude, "*So the man bowed low and prostrated himself before HaShem. He said, 'Blessed is HaShem, G-d of my master Avraham, Who has not withheld His Kindness and Truth from my master. As for me, HaShem has guided me on the way to the house of my master's brothers.'*"

Tevi was the servant of the second Rabban Gamliel. Although the latter had taught that it was inappropriate for a master to accept condolences upon the death of his servant, Rabban Gamliel did so upon Tevi's death. When his students pointed out the inconsistency between his teaching and his behavior, he replied, "My servant Tevi was unlike other servants; he was an upright man." (Berachos 16b) The Talmud records a discussion among the Sages as to whether someone who sleeps under a bed in the Sukkah has fulfilled his obligation (of living in a Sukkah). Rabbi Shimon said, "Once Tevi, the servant of Rabban Gamliel slept under a bed in the Sukkah, and Rabban Gamliel said to the Elders, 'Do you see my servant Tevi who is a Torah scholar worthy of rabbinic ordination; he knows that non-Jewish servants are exempt from the Mitzvah of Sukkah, and therefore he is sleeping under a bed.' And thus we learned indirectly that someone who sleeps under a bed in a Sukkah has not fulfilled his obligation."

The Talmud asks, "Why is it that Man was created as a single individual?" And answers, "So that no one can say, 'My ancestors were greater than yours.'" Indeed, the fact that Judaism accepts converts from all nations – Chinese, Germans, Eskimos (but not penguins) proves that the Jewish People doesn't consider itself ethnically superior. Some of the greatest scholars of the Talmud, such as Rabbi Meir and Onkelos, were converts. Even King David and his scion, the Messianic King, trace their roots to the humble convert, Ruth.

If so, what is the meaning of "*My son, My first-born son, is Israel.*" (Shemot 4:22) And why are we the "Chosen People?" Why did HaShem command us, and no other people, "*You shall be holy*" (VaYikra 19:2) In short, as a twentieth century wag put it, "Why did G-d choose the Jews?" But we responded that he had it backwards, for in fact, "the Jews chose G-d." Regarding the fundamental religious principle of Free-Choice, the Talmud says, "Everything is in the hands of Heaven, except for 'Fear of Heaven.'" Our great forefather, Avraham, discovered the One G-d, and dedicated his life to His Service, as Avraham did when he allowed himself to be cast into Nimrod's furnace and, with his permission, cut short his son's life, as he and Yitzchak did at the time of the Akeidah, and as Yaakov did when he battled with the Angel of Esav.

But being the first-born means that we have siblings, created from the same earth from which we were created, and who have the same spiritual make-up, "*Tzelem E-lohim,*" "*the image of G-d.*" As King Solomon prayed at the Inauguration of the Temple, "*...Also a gentile who is not of Your People Israel, but will come from a distant land for Your Name's sake – for they will hear of Your Great Name and Your Strong Hand... – and will come and pray towards the Temple – May You hear from Heaven, the foundation of Your Abode, and act according to all that the gentile calls out to You, so that all the peoples of the World may know Your Name, to Fear You as does Your People Israel...*" (I Kings 8:41-43) And as we say at the end of our Selichot Prayers, "*And I will bring them to My holy mountain, and I will gladden them in My House of Prayer; their elevation-offerings and their feast-offerings will find favor on My Altar, for My House will be called a House of Prayer, for all the nations.*" (Yeshayahu 56:7)

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

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