

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ויגש
הדלקת נרות 4:10

December 14, 2018

י' טבת תשע"ט

ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

Candle lighting	4:10
Mincha	4:20
Shkiah	4:28

שבת פרשת ויגש

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"S	9:33
Halacha	3:15
Mincha	4:00
Shkiah	4:28
Maariv	5:10
Shabbos Ends	5:18

Weekday Schedule: Week of 12/16-12/21

Shacharis

Sunday	7:45
MonThurs,	6:20,7:45
Weds, Fri	6:30, 7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:15 PM

SECOND MAARIV

Mon-Thurs 8:00 PM

NEXT WEEK

ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

Candle lighting	4:12
Mincha	4:20
Shkiah	4:30

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Dr. Yehuda Eliezri commemorating the yartzheit of his father Harav Avraham ben Harav Dovid.

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

The Rav, at the Halacha shiur on Shabbos afternoon will be discussing "Kashrus Issues with Non-Jewish Household Help."

Avos Ubanim, the popular Motzaei Shabbos father-son learning program with pizza and prizes is **this Motzaei Shabbos at 6:30 PM**. This week is sponsored by Nachum and Miriam Rosenberg l'zecher nishmas Kayla Bas Elyokum.. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. Please contact Amy Gottlieb 357-3913 or email: mrsagottlieb@gmail.com or Rivki in the office..

The next **Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush** is **Shabbos Parshas Vayechi, December 22**. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in December or January, for just \$18 per name or couple you can celebrate with us and help support our weekly kiddush! Send your info to Baistorah@gmail.com by **Monday December 17th**.

The **Daf Yomi shiurim** for this upcoming week are co-sponsored by Steve and Noga Romer in memory of Noga's mother, Ruma bas Shalom and by Jack and Betty Schloss in memory of Jack's mother Fayga bas Menachem Mendel, and by Lazar Pilchick in memory of Harav Nisson ben Harav Aharon Yitzchok and his father Harav Shraga Feivel ben Harav Aharon Yitzchok

Join **Active Seniors of Rockland** on Thursday **December 20th** at "Bridge for Beginners" taught by Shelly Schneider. The first class meets at **10 AM** in Bais Torah. There is no charge, but reservations are required. Please reserve by **December 17th** by emailing baberuthfive@aol.com. To **get updates on other events, trips and lectures being planned by the Active Seniors of Rockland**, send your name and email address to baberuthfive@aol.com.

SCHEDULE FOR 10 TEVES, TUESDAY DECEMBER 18

Fast begins:	5:47 AM
Shacharis 1	6:10 AM
Shacharis 2	7:45 AM
Mincha	4:00 PM
Maariv	5:00 PM
Fast ends	5:10 PM

MAZAL TOV

Alan and Malkie Zamore on the birth and bris of a grandson, Boaz Lior born to their children, Yitz and Fara Rosenberg, Englewood, NJ

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 ליאן 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 Herrmann's mother

שרה צירלא בת ידיל

Ruth Lowenstein's mother

בתיה בת מרים

Marty Ginsberg

משה זאב בן אסתר

Ken Gribetz mother

פייגל בת ישע

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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 Vayigash-- Vayigash, Chanukah and the Battle of the Bulge

At the beginning of today's Parashah, Vayigash, we find Yehudah entering into a confrontation with the Viceroy of Egypt, whom he as yet does not realize is Yoseph. He is resolved to substitute himself as a servant to the Viceroy in the place of his brother, Binyamin. He has inserted himself into the matter because of the commitment he made to his father, Yaakov. *"I will personally guarantee his safe return; of my hand you can demand him; If I do not bring him back to you and stand him before you, I will have sinned against you for all time."* (Bereshis 43:9) And Rashi explains that "all time" includes the World-to-Come.

We have seen Yehudah rise to greatness before. Tamar, at her trial, **indirectly** implicates Yehudah for putting her in the predicament in which she finds herself, about to be burned for adultery, teaching the lesson that it is better to cast oneself into a fiery furnace than to embarrass another publicly. Yehudah confesses, *"...She is more righteous than I..."* (Bereshis 38:26)

On Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, we kindle Menoros, in commemoration of another occasion when the light of righteousness prevailed, this time over the false light of Hellenism. When we kindle the Menorah, we recite the blessing, "Blessed are You, HaShem, our G-d and the G-d of our fathers, **Who sanctified us** with His Commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Light of Chanukah." Combustion, burning, can also be within the realm of holiness. Chanukah is the Holiday on which we commemorate the rededication of the sacrificial altar in the past, and sing in prayer for its rededication yet again in the future:

"O Mighty Rock of my salvation,

To praise You is most fitting;

Restore my House of Prayer,

And there we will bring you a Thanksgiving offering..."

Thirteen years ago, my family attended the 67th Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge, that occurred December, 1944 – January, 1945, in which American forces defeated Hitler's army in the Bastogne area of Belgium. My father-in-law, Mr. Josef Bienstock, who was then attached to the Seventh Armored Battalion and part of a team that interrogated Nazi POW's, was one of three veterans of that conflict who spoke. In his remarks, he made reference to the fact that he was born in Germany, and barely escaped capture by the Nazis. He mentioned that in November, 1938, the terrible event that foreshadowed the disaster that was to come upon the Jewish People, "Kristal-Nacht," the Night of Shattered Glass, occurred, in which synagogues all over Germany were burnt to the ground. That was an occasion when the destructive power of fire seemed to be triumphant, as it was when the Temples were burnt first by the Babylonians and then by the Romans. However, when the Romans murdered the Ten Martyrs, including Rabbi Chanina ben Teradyon, they wrapped him in a Sefer Torah, and set it afire. When he was asked by his students what he saw at the moment of his martyrdom, he answered, "...parchment burning, but holy letters flying in the air."

The Menorah in the Holy Temple and the Menoros that we light in our homes, represent the Holy Spirit, the source of light. It is that light about which we read that at the time of Creation, *"G-d said, 'Let there be light; and there was light. And G-d saw that the light was good, and He divided between the light and between the darkness..."* (Bereshis 1:2-3)

My father-in-law said that after the War, walking through his birthplace "was a high point of my life that was not only satisfying and gave me a very grateful feeling, but also a conviction that a force of **free people** will eventually prevail over the forces of tyranny." The Prophet Zechariah explains the inevitability of that victory, *"...Not through armies and not through might, but through My Spirit, says HaShem, Master of Legions..."* (Zechariah 4:6) On the "Chag HaUrim," the Festival of Lights, let us *"Give thanks to Him Who makes the great luminaries, for His Kindness endures forever. (Psalms 136:7)* And request of Him, "May You shine a new light on Zion, and may we all speedily merit its light." ("Birchos Krias Shema")

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

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