

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ויחי
הדלקת נרות 4:12

December 21, 2018

יג טבת תשע"ט

ערב שבת פרשת ויחי

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

שבת פרשת ויחי

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"S	9:37
Halacha	3:15
Mincha	4:00
Shkiah	4:31
Maariv	5:13
Shabbos Ends	5:21

Weekday Schedule: Week of 12/23-12/28

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:25 PM

NEXT WEEK

ערב שבת פרשת שמות

Candle lighting	4:17
Mincha	4:25
Shkiah	4:35

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in December and January/ Thank you and Mazal Tov! The list is attached.

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Rabbi Shlomo Horowitz commemorating the yartzeit of his father Azriel ben Shlomo Zalman.

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 co-sponsored by Miriam Nussbaum **in memory of her husband Allen Nussbaum, Asher ben Eliezer and by the Ludzker Family**.. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. Please contact Amy Gottlieb 357-3913 or email: mrsagottlieb@gmail.com or Rivki in the office..

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 Miriam Nussbaum in memory of her husband Allen Nussbaum, Asher ben Eliezer.

Join **Active Seniors of Rockland** on Monday mornings at 10 AM for beginner's mahjong with Regina Abramczik. To **get updates on other events, trips and lectures being planned by the Active Seniors of Rockland, send your name and email address to baiberuthfive@aol.com**.

HAVE A GOOD SHABBOS!!

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

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

בתיא בת מרים

Marty Ginsberg

משה זאב בן אסתר

Ken Gribetz mother

פייגל בת ישע

BIKUR CHOLIM-

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Rebecca Tilson 369-9789

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

Parashas Vayechi-- Yaakov in Mitzrayim

"And Yaakov lived in the Land of Egypt Seventeen years." Bereshis (47:28)

Ramban sees the descent of Yaakov and his family to Egypt, which was the beginning of the Jewish Exile as a "remez," a "hint" to the Exile of Rome, the "fourth beast" as predicted by the Prophet Daniel (7:7), in accord with the principle of "Maasei Avos Siman LeBanim" – "What happens to the fathers will recur in the lives of their descendants." For the sons of Yaakov themselves caused that historical tragedy by their sale of Yoseph, into slavery in Egypt. Yaakov went down to Egypt to be with his beloved son, Yoseph, in the harsh environment of the famine. And their original intention was to leave Egypt when the famine ended in the Land of Canaan, as they said, *"We have come here only because pasture land is very scarce for our flocks in the land of Canaan"* (Bereshis 47:4), but they became entrapped, by the lengthening Exile, and their worsening conditions. Yaakov himself died there; and only his bones escaped Egypt, and only his sons and the elders of Pharaoh and his officers carried him to Canaan and made for Yaakov a *"grievous mourning."*

And a similar fate has befallen us in our interaction with Rome and Edom. Our brothers caused our falling into their hands, for they made a covenant with the Romans. And King Agrippas, one of the last kings in the Second Temple Era, fled to them because of a famine, the men of Yerushalayim were captured, and this Exile has lasted very long for us. And we hope to see the vengeance of HaShem upon our enemies; May He raise us up and we will live before Him!

Later in the Parashah, the Ramban discusses the "Birchos Yaakov," the "Blessings of Yaakov." For brevity I will focus on Yehudah.

"The Scepter [note: the Hebrew word 'shevet' in this verse is translated as 'scepter'] *shall not depart from Yehudah"* (Bereshis 49:10) — Its meaning is not that the scepter of royalty shall never depart from Yehudah, for it is written, *"HaShem will bring you, and your king whom you will set over you, unto a nation that you have not known, you and your fathers,"* (Devarim 28:36) with the result that the people and their king will be in exile, devoid of royalty and nobility, and for a long time there has not been a king in Israel! The prophet Yaakov did not assure Israel that they would not enter captivity under any circumstances because Yehudah would rule over them. Instead, the meaning of the verse before us is that the scepter shall not depart from Yehudah to any of his brothers, for the king of Israel, who will rule over them, will be from the Tribe of Yehudah, and none of his brothers will rule over him. The same meaning also applies to the expression, *"there shall not depart a law-giver from between his feet,"* which means that every lawgiver in Israel who carries the king's signet shall be from Yehudah. It is he who will rule and command in all Israel; and he will have the seal of royalty until the coming of his son, who [will have] the obedience of all people, to do with all as he pleases; this being a reference to the Messiah. "Shevet" is thus an allusion to David, who was the first king to have the scepter of royalty, and "Shiloh" is his descendant, who will have the obedience of all the peoples.

This taking from what was rightfully Shevet Yehudah's, was the reason for the punishment of the Hasmoneans, who reigned over Israel during parts of the Second Temple Era. On one hand, these individuals were saints of the Most High, without whom the learning of Torah and the observance of Torah Commandments would have been forgotten. Yet, the four sons of Matisyahu, despite all their prowess and success, fell by the sword of their enemies. And ultimately, the extent of the punishment reached the stage where anyone who declared that he was from the Hashmonai Family, was in fact a slave.

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

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