

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וארא
הדלקת נרות 4:22
Shabbos Mevorchim

January 4, 2019

כז טבת תשע"ט

ערב שבת פרשת וארא

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| Candle lighting | 4:22 |
| Mincha | 4:30 |
| Shkiah | 4:40 |

שבת פרשת וארא

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| Hashkama | 7:30 |
| Daf Yomi | 8:00 |
| Shacharis | 8:45 |
| Sof Zman K"S | 9:41 |
| Halacha | 3:25 |
| Mincha | 4:10 |
| Shkiah | 4:41 |
| Maariv | 5:24 |
| Shabbos Ends | 5:32 |

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 1/6-1/11

Shacharis

Sunday 7:45

Rosh Chodesh Monday
6:10, 7:35

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

Thursday 6:20, 7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:35 PM

NEXT WEEK

ערב שבת בא

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WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Michael and Rena Rossman in honor of Kurt Rossman's birthday. .

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Mendel and Rene Rosenbaum in honor of Celia Rosenbaum's bas mitzvah.

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 "Security Cameras on Shabbos."

Avos Ubanim, the popular Motzaei Shabbos father-son learning program with pizza and prizes **is this Motzaei Shabbos at 6:45 PM**. This week is sponsored by Mendel and Rene Rosenbaum in honor of their granddaughter Celia Rosenbaum's Bas Mitzvah Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. Please contact Amy Gottlieb 357-3913 or email: mrsa-gottlieb@gmail.com or Rivki in the office..

The **Daf Yomi shiurim** for this past week were sponsored by Emily Lifschitz in memory of her mother Fraidel bas R'Zalman Yehuda Ha-Cohen. The shiurim for this upcoming week are co-sponsored by Peter and Felise Katz in memory of Felise's mother, Mrs. Thea Loeser, and by Lazer and Mina Pilchick in memory of Joel Sanders, Hachover Yoel Nossan ben Rav Yaakov Halevi

Active Seniors of Rockland have many activities planned and in the works. Join the mailing list to stay informed! Send your name and email address to baberruthfive@aol.com.

MAZAL TOV

Mendel and Rene Rosenbaum on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter Celia Rosenbaum, daughter of Chaim and Anna Lizzle Rosenbaum of Seattle Wash
Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Danielle Rena born to their grandchildren, Shyra and Gidon Gross of Efrat, children of Laura and Lawrence Ben David
Kurt Rossman on his birthday.

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

בתיא בת מרים

Marty Ginsberg

משה זאב בן אסתר

Ken Gribetz mother

פייגל בת ישע

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zacher 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 Vaera-- – The “Makkos,” – The Beginning of the Exodus

The beginning of the Parashah contains a rebuke to Moshe by HaShem and a comparison of his faithfulness to that of the patriarchs; Avraham, Yitzchok and Yaakov. Moshe comes out lower in this comparison. This is reflected in the Divine Names in which He revealed Himself to the “Avos,” i.e. He made promises to each of them, and in each of them, revealed Himself with the Name “El Shaddai,” which represents the Maker of unfulfilled great Promises. I did not reveal Myself to them with the Name with which I revealed Myself to you, Moshe, “HaShem,” which represents my Faithfulness to fulfill My Promises. Yet they did not complain, whereas Moshe was impatient and demanded fulfillment of HaShem's promises.

HaShem assures Moshe with the four Expressions of Redemption: “VeHotzaisi,” “And I will Take you out of Bondage,” “VeHitzalti,” “And I will Save you,” “VeGoalti,” “And I will Redeem you,” “VeLokachti eschem Li lo-am,” “And I will take you unto Me as a Nation” at Har Sinai, the fulfillment of Spiritual Redemption.

The “Makkos,” the Mechanism of Redemption

Almighty God begins a ten-step program of “education,” three sets of three plagues, followed by the Tenth Plague, the Plague of the Firstborn, the final blow which would break down Pharaoh's resistance totally.

The first set of plagues was designed to teach the lesson that HaShem is the Creator of the Universe “Yesh MeAyin,” “Ex Nihilo,” “Something from Nothing.”

The next set showed the Creator's intimate involvement with His Creation.

And the final set showed that HaShem's power is unequaled by any other.

The (First Seven of) Nine Makkos are as follows:

“Dam,” “Blood;” All the bodies of water within the land of Egypt were turned to blood. This plague was duplicated by Pharaoh's magicians.

“Tzefardeah;” “Frogs;” An uncountable number of frogs were drawn forth from the bodies of water in Egypt (after the plague of “Dam” had cleared), into every part of the homes in Egypt. This plague was also duplicated by Pharaoh's magicians, giving him an excuse not to free the slaves.

“Kinim,” “Lice;” Aharon's striking of the ground in Egypt brought forth a mass-infestation of lice in Egypt. The magicians attempted to duplicate this plague, but were unable to, saying that this was beyond their powers; It is a “Finger of God,” a manifestation of God's power. Anyway, Pharaoh strengthened his heart.

“Arov,” “Wild Animals;” which proved that “*I am HaShem, in the midst of the Land.*” (Shemos 8:28)

“Dever,” “Pestilence;” The result: “There perished all the cattle of Egypt, and from the Cattle of Israel, not one died.” (Shemos 9:6)

“Shechin,” “Boils;” Apparently, Pharaoh's will was almost broken, for we find, “HaShem strengthened the heart of Pharaoh.” (Shemos 9:12)

“Barad,” “Hail;” The Barad was so intense that Pharaoh says to Moshe, “*I am the sinner this time... Pray to HaShem, for there has been an overabundance of Godly thunder and hail. I shall send you out and you shall not continue to remain.*” (Shemos 9:27-28) But once again, Pharaoh's words are empty, because HaShem hardened his heart.

Freedom of Choice

“Freedom of Choice is granted to every person such that if he wishes to incline himself to a good way and to become righteous, permission is granted to him. But if he wishes to incline himself to a bad way and to make himself wicked, permission is granted for that as well. That is what is written in the Torah, Behold! The Man has become like one of us to grasp the difference between Good and Evil...And since that is the situation, lest he stretch forth his hand.”

“Let there not pass this idea that non-Jewish fools and the majority of Jewish simpletons hold, that the Holy One Blessed is He decrees upon the human being from the beginning of his Creation to be righteous or wicked. The matter is not so, rather, every human being has the possibility of being as righteous as Moshe “Rabbeinu” or as wicked as Yerovom or wise or foolish or merciful or cruel or all the other characteristics...” (Rambam Hilchos Teshuvah 5:1-2)

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

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