

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת תצוה
הדלקת נרות 5:12

February 15, 2019

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ערב שבת פרשת תצוה

Candle lighting	5:12
Mincha	5:20
Shkiah	5:30

שבת פרשת תצוה

Haskama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K”S	9:30
Halacha	4:15
Mincha	5:00
Shkiah	5:31
Maariv	6:13
Shabbos Ends	6:21

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/17-2/22

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 5:25 PM

NEXT WEEK

ערב שבת כי תשא

Candle lighting	5:20
Mincha	5:30
Shkiah	5:38

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שליטת is sponsored by Alan and Malkie Zamore commemorating the yartzheit of Alan's father Yaakov ben 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 **8:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

The Rav, at the Halacha shiur on Shabbos afternoon will be discussing "The Kosher Bread Crisis: The Real Story"

Avos Ubanim, the popular Motzaei Shabbos father-son learning program with pizza and prizes **is this Motzaei Shabbos at 7:45 PM**. This week is sponsored anonymously. Sponsorships are \$50 per week. Please call Amy Gottlieb 357-3913 or email baistorah@gmail.com to sponsor.

The **Daf Yomi Shiurim** for this week are sponsored by Steve and Jackie Fessel in memory of his mother Yehudis bas Shimshon and in memory of Hillel Zev ben Shlomo Cweiber, son in law of our shul secretary, Rivki Faivelson.

The next **Birthday and Anniversary kiddush** is Shabbos Parshas Vaykhel, March 2nd. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February and March you can sponsor for only \$18 per name or couple, and help support our weekly kiddush! Please email Baistorah@gmail.com by February 25th.

Mishloach Manos forms should have been received in the mail!. Please read the instructions carefully as some changes have been made. Also, please help the **Purim Committee** by sending in your forms as soon as possible with your checks included.

Save the Date! Matzah Baking is March 3rd at 2:30 PM at the Shatzer Matzah bakery, 210 Cortelyou Road in Brooklyn. The cost per pound is \$28. Three ways to order: fill in the order sheet on the bulletin board in shul, email your order to: eiointova@gmail.com, or call/text Sandy Lieder at 845 304 8884 (please do not call the house phone, messages will not be retrieved) checks should be made to Bais Torah prior to baking.

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 ליאן 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 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

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher 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 Miseches 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 Tezaveh – The Concept of “Mitzvah”

This week's Parashah Tetzaveh, begins as follows: *“Now you shall command the Children of Israel that they shall take for you pure, pressed olive oil for illumination, to kindle the lamp continually.”* (Shemos 27:20) Here the verb “Tetzaveh” has been translated as “you shall command.” The noun associated with this verb is “Mitzvah,” generally translated as “Commandment.” The skeleton and backbone of the Jewish religion consists of 613 Divine Commandments, 248 Positive Commandments, corresponding to the number of bones or significant organs in the body and 365 Negative Commandments, corresponding to the number of days in the solar year. This is the case so that every part of the human body can participate in the holiness that is part and parcel of the Divine Commandments, as Chaza”l, who formulated the “Birchos HaMitzvos,” the Blessings recited before performance of a “Mitzvah,” realized, because they used the language *“...Who sanctified us with His Commandments, and Who commanded us...”* And similarly with the Negative Commandments, the Torah teaches that its Author is above Time, to paraphrase, substituting time for space in the famous Chassidic saying “There is no place where He is not,” similarly, “There is no time where He is not.”

Another Parashah that begins with an expression related to commanding is Parashas Tzav, where we find, *“Command Aharon and his sons, saying: ‘This is the Law of the Elevation Offering; it is the Elevation Offering that stays on the flame on the Altar, all night until the morning...’”* (VaYikra 6:2) Rashi, commenting on the first verse in Parashas Tzav, says. “The word ‘Tzav’ indicates that the command includes the idea of performing the indicated action with ‘zerizus’ (translated as agility, nimbleness and alertness), immediately and for all generations.” Here we have a first sign of the direct relation between the “Mitzvos” and the psychological and spiritual makeup of the commanded. “Zerizus” was always considered to be the attitude of the priests serving in the Temple. A Biblical indication of a connection between observing the “Mitzvos” and one's attitude is found in the Ten Commandments, where HaShem promises to shower Kindness for thousands of generations upon *“...those who love Me and observe My Commandments.”* (Shemos 20:6)

The effect of the “Mitzvos” upon human emotions is indicated by the verse (Tehilim 19:9), *“The statutes of HaShem are right, rejoicing the heart; the ‘Mitzvah’ of HaShem is pure, enlightening the eyes.”*

There is a strong connection between “Emunah,” Faith, and “Mitzvos.” Avraham Avinu was the Founder of our Faith in HaShem, and he was rewarded because he *“obeyed My voice, and observed My safeguards, My ‘Mitzvos,’ My decrees, and My Laws.”* (Bereshis 26:5)

King David, the “sweet singer of Israel,” loved the “Mitzvos” with an abiding passion:

“Your ‘Mitzvos’ are my delight.” (Tehilim 119:143)

“You are near, HaShem, and all Your ‘Mitzvos’ are true.” (Tehilim 119:151)

“My tongue shall speak of Your Word, for all Your ‘Mitzvos’ are righteousness.” (Tehilim 119:172)

“Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have believed in Your ‘Mitzvos.’” (Tehilim 119:66)

“...Fortunate is the man who fears HaShem and who delights greatly in His ‘Mitzvos.’” (Tehilim 112:1)

His son, Shlomo, builder of the First Temple, carried on the great tradition of his father:

“For Your ‘Mitzvah’ is a lamp and the Torah is light itself...” (Mishlei 6:23)

“Observe My ‘Mitzvos’ and live.” (Mishlei 4:4)

At the end of Megilas Koheles, after examining all philosophies of life, he states his conclusion: *“After everything has been said, and everything has been heard –Fear G-d and observe His ‘Mitzvos,’ for that is the sole purpose of Man.”* (Koheles 12:13)

Finally, there are verses in the Bible that declare the Infinite Majesty of the One Who is the “Metzaveh,” the One Who issues the Commands. Iyov, who had met all of G-d's expectations of him, was challenged by HaShem before He restored that suffering hero's good health and fortune, *“Have you, in your lifetime, commanded the onset of morning? (38:12)”* In Tehilim (148:5) we find, *“For He commanded, and the universe came into being.”*

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

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