

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת מצורע
הדלקת נרות 7:15

April 12, 2019

ז'ניסן תשע"ט

ערב שבת פרשת מצורע

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting	7:15
Shkiah	7:33

שבת פרשת מצורע

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"S	9:39
Drasha	6:00
Mincha	7:05
Shkiah	7:34
Maariv	8:16
Shabbos Ends	8:24

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 4/14-4/19

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 7:25 PM

NEXT WEEK

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Candle lighting	7:22
Shkiah	7:40

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שליטית is sponsored by Gil Backenroth commemorating the yartzheit of his mother, Tziril bas Eliyahu.

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 **10:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

The Rav's Shabbos Hagadol Drasha will be Shabbos afternoon at 6:00 PM "**Bread of Affliction, Bread of Reflection. Food for Thought.**" **All are invited to attend.**

The **Daf Yomi Shiurim** for April 11th was co-sponsored by Ronnie Herrmann in memory of Hachover Arye Yaakov Eliezer ben Hachover Naftoli., and by Shira Rus Steinberg in memory of her husband Aharon Simcha ben Yehuda . This upcoming week is sponsored by Ozzie Willner in memory of his father Tzvi Hirsch ben Reb Mordechai April 15th will be sponsored by Joseph Lowin in memory of his mother, Sara Raizel bas Elimelech Halevi

REMINDER: ALL cubbies, boxes and the coatroom needs to be cleaned out.

Matzos can be picked up at the shul office, **Monday-Thursday 9 AM to 1 PM.**

Rabbi Gottlieb's 3rd Pre-Pesach shiur - Seder and Haggadah is this Sunday, April 14th at 8:00 PM. All are invited.

On Tuesday, April 30th at 2 p.m., Ramapo Police invite you to attend a special informational talk at Bais Torah entitled "Staying Safe." Officers Dave Small and Rob Navarro will be speaking about security and taking your questions following the presentation.

Save the Date; Yom Haatzmaut celebration at ASHAR, **May 8th at 8 PM** featuring Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb. More details to follow....

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Bais Torah Dinner will be **Sunday May 12** at 6PM at Valley Terrace. We will be honoring Dr. Gedalya and Leana Rapoport, our baal Koreh Rocky Cohen and Moshe Lehmann. **More details and an ad blank are attached.**

Active Seniors of Rockland have obtained discount tickets to Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, performed by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival at Boscobel. The open air production is **on Sunday, June 16th at 7:30 p.m.**; tickets are \$30.40 for side seats and \$41.60 for rear center. The grounds open at 5:30 for picnicking. Write to Marilyn.sapir@gmail.com to reserve your seats; **deadline is Wednesday, April 17th.**

MAZAL TOV

Marvin and Sally Borgen on the engagement of their grandson Avi Borgen to Abby Rubin children of Dov and Jacqueline Borgen and the engagement of their granddaughter Elizabeth Borgen to Shimon Cohen, children of Yumi and Reva Borgen

Yis and Bella Helprin on the birth of their first great grandchild born to their grandchildren Yocheved and Moshe Hirschberg children of Gila and Avi Cohen.

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

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

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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 Mischeches Pesachim

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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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 Metzorah "Readin' 'n 'Ritin' 'n 'Rithmetic

'Rithmetic: We'll start with 'rithmetic because we are approaching the Period of Sefiras HaOmer, where we are commanded to count the days and weeks between the Second Day of Passover and the Holiday of Shavuot. But in Judaism, one is not permitted to count objects arbitrarily. In particular, it is definitely prohibited to count people directly. This is why when a census was required of the Jewish People, the count was made by means of counting coins. And it is why King David was punished severely when he conducted an unauthorized census of the Jewish People. With regard to one's wealth, there is also a negative connotation attached to making a direct count. In that area, the operative principle is "blessing is found only in that which is hidden from the eye."

However, with regard to time, there seems to be no such hesitation on the part of the Torah. The Torah, it can be said, specifically wants us to count time, in order to help us evaluate it, appreciate it, cherish it, and properly utilize this great gift. The most important count for an individual is probably the count of the days of his or her life in terms of the measure of accomplishment in life versus potential, the count concerning which King David asks G-d, "how to count our days, let us understand." From the Jewish perspective, it is clearly true that "one's time is a terrible thing to waste!"

Readin' 'n 'ritin': The New York Times Science Section of April 6, 1999, raised a fascinating question regarding the first written message created by a human being. For whom was it written, when nobody could read? How does one learn to read? By reading written material. But before the first writing, there was nothing available from which to learn to read! What came first - the chicken or the egg?

It is possible that the Jewish approach to this question can be found in the statement found in the Talmud in Pesachim 54a, which reads as follows: "Ten items were created on Erev Shabbos during the period of twilight:

The miraculous well (which traveled with the Jewish People in the desert), The 'mohn' (the miraculous food received by the Jewish People in the desert), The rainbow (which obtained special significance after the Great Flood), 'Ksav' (the ability to write) and 'Mi-Ksav,' ('from the writing;') namely, reading - etc.

Thus, after Adam and Chava partook of the Tree of Knowledge, which resulted in their expulsion into the world more-or-less as we know it, Hashem illuminated in their minds simultaneously the ability to write and the ability to read, interdependent abilities, the development of which would have been impossible without this Divine intervention.

It is interesting to note, as well, that one of the most ancient examples of writing discovered is of Sumerian origin, found in a location between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, (approximately 5,600 years ago, dating by scientific methods), two of the four river branches in the vicinity of which the Torah places the Garden of Eden. This is remarkably close to our traditional date for the emergence of the human race, Original Man and Woman and their descendants, into history (their Creation?), as occurring 5,779 years ago, a percentage difference from the less reliable date of the Sumerian document of only 2.8 percent!

It is also interesting that the Sumerian document in question was in fact a recipe for beer. This alcoholic tendency, which can be problematic at times, was not much ameliorated for the next ten generations, for the Torah tells us that the first act performed by Noach, after surviving the Great Flood, was to plant a vineyard!

From a literary point of view, the Sumerian recipe is also highly reminiscent of the "holy" document in "A Canticle for Leibowitz." That novel is set six hundred years in the future, in the "dark ages" which ensued after Mankind had effectively destroyed its civilization and all of its culture, by engaging in nuclear warfare at the end of the twentieth century. In that book, the document attributed to Leibowitz, and the only remaining evidence of human culture, was, in fact, a grocery list that the Saint had been carrying in his pocket!

The bottom line, though, is that the three R's, the ability to form letters and words, and to perceive and recognize their form and meaning, plus the ability to measure the world and understand its quantitative relationships, represent the manifestation within the human being of G-dly intelligence. It was these abilities with which the Creator favored His most beloved creature that raised him from the level of "What is man that You take notice of him?" to the level "only a little bit (relatively speaking) lower than Yourself." (Psalms 8:5-6)

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

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