

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

שבת חנוכה פרשת מקץ הדלקת נרות 4:14

December 23, 2011

נז' כסלו תשע"ב

## ערב שבת חנוכה פרשת מקץ

מנחה Early 3:00

הדלקת נרות 4:14

מנחה 4:15

שקיעה 4:32

## שבת חנוכה פרשת מקץ

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:37

מברכים החדש טבת

גמרא שיעור 3:15

מנחה 4:00

שקיעה 4:32

מעריב 5:14

## Weekday Schedule:

Week of 12/25-12/30

Sunday שחרית 7:45

## Mon-Tues

שחרית ראש חודש  
6:10, 7:35

Weds, Thurs שחרית  
6:20, 7:45

Fri שחרית 6:30, 7:45

## Sun-Thurs

מנחה - מעריב 4:15

## Mon-Thurs

מעריב 8:00

## Next Week:

## שבת פרשת ויגש

הדלקת נרות 4:18

מנחה 4:25

שקיעה 4:36

## WHAT'S NEW

**This Week's Kiddush is sponsored by** the Gottlieb family in honor of Rabbi Gottlieb, this year's Chosson Torah, and by Laurence and Gloria Gordon in honor of the engagement of their son, Stephen to Caron Pinkus. Also by all of those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries in December and January. Mazal Tov! Thank you for helping to keep our weekly Kiddush going! See attached for a full list of celebrants and sponsors!

**שלישית is co-sponsored by** Michael and Sharon Kronenberg for the yartzheit of Sharon's mother Harabanit Rivka bat Harav Shimon Asher, by Diane Schmeltz for the yartzheit of her husband Yitzchak ben Avraham Aryeh Leib and by Irving Malinowitz for the yartzheit of his mother Miriam bas Mordechai

**AVOS UBANIM** Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Miketz, December 24 at 6:45 PM in the Bais Medrash. Come learn with your son or grandson and enjoy hot pizza and fabulous prizes! This week's learning is sponsored by **Rabbi Yisroel and Amy Gottlieb** in honor of all those who come and learn at the Avos Ubanim program. Sponsorships are available for \$50. If you would like to sponsor, please contact [Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com](mailto:Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com). More information is also available at the shul website, [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org)

**Join the Chanukah Toy Drive**, donations of **toys or checks** are accepted until Motzoei Shabbos, December 24. Please contact Dovid Katz for more information 729-5329 or by email: [Dovidkat@gmail.com](mailto:Dovidkat@gmail.com)

**The recommended time for lighting Chanukah candles is 5:12 PM**

Community announcement: **Tomche Shabbos Dinner is Sunday January 8, reception at 5:00**, Dinner at 6:00 at the Atrium. To place an ad in the journal or to make reservations please contact: 356-0202 or email: [Debra@tomcheshabbos.org](mailto:Debra@tomcheshabbos.org)

Please join us, Motzoei Shabbos **January 7 at 8PM** when we welcome back **Mordechai Kedar** who will present a fascinating lecture: **"Where does the Middle East head to –The Arab Spring or Islamic Winter?"** A lively question and answer period will follow.

Motzoei Shabbos **January 14** at 8PM, **Sheldon Eisenberger**, a well-known attorney, will address issues pertaining to **Jewish Business Ethics**. More details to follow.....

Back by popular demand! Talented chazzan **Moishe Weinstock** will be our guest on **Shabbos Parshas Va'era, January 20**. He will lead kabbolas Shabbos **B'Nusach Carlebach**, and mussaf, including birchas ha'chodesh.

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is January 9. Our goal is 120 cans for the month

## MAZAL TOV

Jeffrey and Marilyn Sapir on the engagement of their daughter, Debra to Avi Strulowitz of Teaneck

Avromy and Renee Fein on the birth of a grandson, Yaakov Eliezer, born to their children Dahlia and Boruch Goldbrenner

Shloime and Chaya Pollak on the birth of a grandson born to Sara and Tevie Kagan.

## NICHUM AVEILIM

David Zelmanovic on the petira of his mother

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-  
יהונתן משה בן דבורה  
טובה

Teddy Kallner- **טודרוס בן  
הינדא**

Henry Shapiro- **חיים מאיר  
יחיאל בן מלכה לאה**

Manny London **מנחם מונש בן  
חנה פרידא**

Bob Schore - **חיים ראובן בן  
הענדל יהודית**

Suzie Kirshenbaum's father-  
**יוסף בן שרה**

Tova Eizik's grandson - **שלמה  
עקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל**

Leni Loebenstein - **הילני בת  
רחל**

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in  
law - **חיים יששכר בן -  
חיה משקט**

Ben Zauderer - **בנימין בן בילה**

Chana Mayerfeld- **חנה פרומה  
בת יהודית גיטל**

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -  
**פסע לאה בת שפרינצא**

Larry Seligson-  
**אריה לייב בן רבקה**

Larry Seligson's son- **רפאל  
אפרים בן סימא פריעדל**

Felise Katz's father- **חיים בן חנה**

## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher  
nishmas Feigel bas Men-  
achem Mendel, meets  
Shabbos afternoon 45  
minutes before Mincha

### Sunday:

6:30 AM Daf Yomi  
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Miseches  
Pesachim  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

### Sun-Thurs:

10:00 AM Daf Yomi  
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

### Mon-Friday

5:25 AM Daf Yomi I  
Rabbi Avromy Fein

7:00 AM Daf Yomi II  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

8:25 AM Navi Shiur  
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur  
Rabbi Leibel Reznick

### Wednesday

8:15 PM Melochim Beis  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

### Thursday

8:00PM Women's Mish-  
nayos class-Tumah and  
Tahara  
Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

## Parashas Miketz Yoseph HaTzaddik," Joseph the Righteous

At the beginning of this Parashah, we find Yoseph rising to a position of greatness and power in Egypt on the strength of his ability to accurately interpret the dream of the Pharaoh. Yoseph maintains his attitude of modesty when Pharaoh says to him, "...and I have heard that you comprehend a dream to interpret it" (Bereshit 41:15), by saying "...That is beyond me; it is G-d Who will respond and restore Pharaoh's peace of mind." (Bereshit 41:16) Here we see a great talent of Yoseph understood by him and explained to others as a gift of G-d. However, there was a behavior demonstrated by Yoseph in last week's Parashah for which he must accept full credit. I am referring to his response to his attempted seduction by the wife of Potiphar. We found there, "After these things, his master's wife lifted her eyes to contemplate Yoseph, and she said to him, 'Lie with me.' But he adamantly refused... (and the Torah places on the word signifying his refusal a 'shalshelet,' a musical note consisting of two-and-a-half 'pazer's,' denoting intense personal struggle). He said to her, 'My master has trusted me completely... and he has denied me nothing but you, inasmuch as you are his wife; how then can I betray his trust and perpetrate this great evil against G-d?'" (Bereshit 39:7-9) **It is for this and this alone that Yoseph is given the title of "Yoseph HaTzaddik," Yoseph the Righteous.** In Masechet Sotah 36b, we find that at the height of his passion, "... the image of his father appeared to him in the window..." and he was able to overcome his desire. The appearance of the image of his father was brought about by the deep spiritual bond between them rooted in his sub-conscious and reaching upward to the conscience of Yoseph.

A question has arisen with regard to the righteousness of Yoseph – how could he not have, once he rose to power, contacted his grieving father and communicated to him that he was still alive?

I believe that a possible answer to this may lie in the last set of interactions between Yoseph and his father. At the beginning of Parashat Vayeshev, the Chumash tells us that Yoseph was guilty of slandering Leah's sons, hardly a behavior that would endear him to his father. Worse than that, when Yoseph described his dream of the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowing to him, Yaakov's reaction is, "...And his father scolded him, and said to him, 'What is this dream that you have dreamt? Are we to come – I and your mother and your brothers – to bow down to you on the ground?' So his brothers were jealous of him, **but his father was silent, remembering the dream for the future.**" (Bereshit 37:10-11) And soon afterwards, his father had sent him on a mission he must have known to be dangerous. "And Yisrael said to Yoseph, 'Your brothers are shepherding the flocks in Shechem, go now, for I will send you to them...'" (Bereshit 37:13) And Yoseph, not wishing to disobey his father, had responded, "...Here I am!" (ibid) He had received a murderous reception from his brothers, and he could not help but implicate his father as well, despite the earlier gift of the many-colored coat! Thus, for all the intervening years, he had resented not only his brothers, but also his father, for exposing him to the cruelty of his brothers.

When, at the moment of truth with Potiphar's wife, his sub-conscious had saved him by projecting an image of his father in the window, doubt had entered his mind concerning his suspicion of his father. When he learned from Pharaoh's dream that there would be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine, a means of testing the members of his family began to crystallize in his mind. He planned the complicated series of events that would result in Yaakov's releasing of Binyamin to his brothers, and his simulated imprisonment of Binyamin, to elicit the reaction of the brothers. And when Yehudah stepped forward and said, "...Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore two sons for me. One has left me and I assumed that alas, he has surely been torn to pieces, for I have not seen him since! So should you take this one also from my presence, and disaster befall him, then you will have brought down my white hair in an evil way to the grave!' And now, if I come to your servant, my father, and the youth is not with us, **since his soul is bound up with his soul, when he sees that the youth is missing, he will die ... For your servant took responsibility for the youth from my father saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I will have sinned against my father for all time! Now therefore, let your servant remain instead of the youth, as a servant to my lord, and let the youth go up with his brothers...'**" (Bereshit 44:27-33) Yoseph had heard convincing testimony that he had misjudged his father, and that his brothers had repented for the sin of selling him into slavery. The Chumash continues with Yoseph's immediate revealing of his identity to his brothers.

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

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rear washing station and the Simcha Room.

The defibrillator is in a cubby in the coat room  
opposite the Hatzolah phone.

# Happy Birthday

Ahuva (Thurm) Fichtenberg .....January 8th  
Tzofia Fichtenberg.....January 13th  
Meir Simcha Gelbein (Gordon grandson) .....January 26th  
Amy Gottlieb .....December 12th  
Yehuda Gottlieb.....January 19th  
Richard Greenblatt ..... December 21st  
Ayelet Rivka Haimowitz (Kronenberg).....December 26th  
Tova (Kronenberg) Herrmann .....December 28th  
Felise Katz.....January 4th  
Marty King.....January 15th  
Mordechai Kronenberg ..... December 8th  
Shimon Kronenberg .....January 3rd  
Avigayil Lieder .....December 25th  
Steven Paul (Markowitz grandson, 12).....December 13th  
Debra Paul (Markowitz granddaughter, 15) .....January 3rd  
Nachman Paul (Markowitz son-in-law).....January 10th  
Avrohom Peikes (Lieder grandson).....January 30th  
Dovid Rapoport.....January 20th  
Gedalya Rapoport .....December 15th  
Peretz Rapoport .....December 24th  
Sandy Rosenwasser.....January 27th  
Devorah Schloss (daughter-in-law) .....December 13th  
Jonah Schloss (grandson) .....December 15th  
Jonathan Schloss (son) .....December 13th  
Rivka Schwartz (Lehmann granddaughter) .....January 12th  
Sandra Thurm.....January 12th  
Bina Weiss (Abramczik granddaughter).....January 1st

# Happy Anniversary

David & Carol Abramczik.....January 27th  
Pinchas & Miriam Frankel ..... December 23rd  
Seymour & Raizie Lutwak (35th) .....January 16th  
Irving & Ruth Malinowitz (63rd) .....January 15th  
Aviva and David Markowitz (16<sup>th</sup>).....January 14th  
Yael (Thurm) & Norman Saffra ..... December 7th  
Yussie & Gail Tuchman (46th).....December 26th

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Rabbi Gottlieb and family  
in honor of  
**RABBI YISROEL GOTTLIEB**  
THIS YEAR'S CHOSSON TORAH

Laurence and Gloria Gordon  
in honor of the engagement of their son  
**STEPHEN TO**  
**CARON PINKUS**