

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

שבת פרשת ויגש הדלקת נרות 4:18

December 30, 2011

ד'טבת תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת ויגש

הדלקת נרות	4:18
מנחה	4:25
שקיעה	4:36
הלכה שיעור	8:00

שבת פרשת ויגש

דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:40
גמרא שיעור	3:20
מנחה	4:05
שקיעה	4:37
מעריב	5:19

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 1/1-1/6

Sun, Mon שחרית 7:45

Tues, Weds, Fri שחרית
6:30, 7:45

Thursday: See Box

Sun-Thurs

מנחה - מעריב 4:25

Tues-Thurs*

מעריב 8:00

*No 2nd *maariv* this Monday

Next Week:

שבת פרשת ויחי

הדלקת נרות	4:24
מנחה	4:30
שקיעה	4:42

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is sponsored by Jack Schloss for the yartzheit of his mother, Faiga bas Menachem Mendel. Moshe Rosenbaum is also sponsoring

AVOS UBANIM Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Miketz, December 31 at 6:45 PM in the Bais Medrash. Learning, hot pizza and fabulous prizes! This week's learning is sponsored by Nachum and Miriam Rosenberg l'zecher nishmas Kayla bas Ely-okim. There are still weeks available for sponsorship-only \$50! please email Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com to sponsor-More information is also available at the shul website, www.baistorah.org

Community announcement: The **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

Please join us, Motzoei Shabbos **January 7 at 8 PM** when renowned Israeli lecturer, **Dr. Mordechai Kedar** will present a fascinating lecture: "**The Middle East: 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! **Bais Torah Matzah Baking** is Sunday, February 12. More information to follow. To order your Matzos, contact the Lieders: email eiyyintova@optonline.net or call 352-0122

Asara B'Teves-Thursday Jan 5

Fast Begins	6:09 AM
Shacharis	6:00, 7:45
Mincha	4:15 PM
Fast Ends	5:22 PM

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
יעקב 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 פריעלד**

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 Vayigash

Chanukah and the Battle of the Bulge

At the beginning of today's Parashah, Vayigash, we find Yehudah entering into a confrontation with the Viceroy of Egypt, whom he as yet does not realize is Yoseph. He is resolved to substitute himself as a servant to the Viceroy in the place of his brother, Binyamin. He has inserted himself into the matter because of the commitment he made to his father, "I will personally guarantee his safe return; of my hand you can demand him; If I do not bring him back to you and stand him before you, I will have sinned against you for all time." (Bereshit 43:9) And Rashi explains that "all time" includes the World-to-Come.

We have seen Yehudah rise to greatness before. Tamar, at her trial, **indirectly** implicates Yehudah for putting her in the predicament in which she finds herself, teaching the lesson that it is better to cast oneself into a fiery furnace than to embarrass another publicly. Yehudah confesses, "...She is more righteous than I..." (Bereshit 38:26) From the behavior of both, we see the power of righteousness to overcome the destructive force of fire.

On Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, we kindle Menorot, in commemoration of another occasion when the light of righteousness prevailed, this time over the false light of Hellenism. When we kindle the Menorah, we recite the blessing, "Blessed are You, HaShem, our G-d and the G-d of our fathers, **Who sanctified us** with His Commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Light of Chanukah." Combustion, burning, can also be within the realm of holiness. Chanukah is the Holiday on which we commemorate the rededication of the sacrificial altar in the past, and sing in prayer for its rededication yet again in the future:

"O Mighty Rock of my salvation,

To praise You is most fitting;

Restore my House of Prayer,

And there we will bring you a Thanksgiving offering..."

Seven years ago, my family attended the 60th Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge, that occurred December, 1944 – January, 1945, in which American forces defeated Hitler's army in the Bastogne area of Belgium. My father-in-law, Mr. Josef Bienstock, who was then attached to the Seventh Armored Battalion and part of a team that interrogated Nazi POW's, was one of three veterans of that conflict who spoke. In his remarks, he made reference to the fact that he was born in Germany, and barely escaped capture by the Nazis. He mentioned that in November, 1938, the terrible event that foreshadowed the disaster that was to come upon the Jewish People, "Kristal-Nacht," the Night of Shattered Glass, occurred, in which synagogues all over Germany were burnt to the ground. That was an occasion when the destructive power of fire seemed to be triumphant, as it was when the Temples were burnt first by the Babylonians and then by the Romans. However, when the Romans murdered the Ten Martyrs, including Rabbi Chanina ben Teradyon, they wrapped him in a Sefer Torah, and set it afire. When the great Sage was asked by his students what he saw at the moment of his martyrdom, he answered, "...parchment burning, but holy letters flying in the air."

The Menorah in the Holy Temple and the Menorot that we light in our homes, represent the Holy Spirit, the source of light. It is that light about which we read that at the time of Creation, "G-d said, 'Let there be light;' and there was light. And G-d saw that the light was good, and He divided between the light and between the darkness..." (Bereshit 1:2-3)

My father-in-law said that after the War, walking through his birthplace "was a high point of my life that was not only satisfying and gave me a very grateful feeling, but also a conviction that a force of **free people** will eventually prevail over the forces of tyranny." The Prophet Zechariah explains the inevitability of that victory, "...Not through armies and not through might, but through My Spirit, says HaShem, Master of Legions..." (Zechariah 4:6) On the "Chag HaUrims," the Festival of Lights, let us "Give thanks to Him Who makes the great luminaries, for His Kindness endures forever. (Psalms 136:7) And request of Him, "May You shine a new light on Zion, and may we all speedily merit its light." ("Birchot Kriat Shema")

L'Illuy Nishmat 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.