

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת משפטים - הדלקת נרות 5:04

February 8, 2013

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ערב שבת פרשת משפטים

הדלקת נרות	5:04
מנחה	5:10
שקיעה	5:22
שבת פרשת משפטים	
שחרית השכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:34
מברכים החודש אדר	
מנחה	4:50
שקיעה	5:23
מעריב	6:05

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/10-2/15

שחרית

Sun., Mon. ראש חודש

Sunday	7:45
Mon,	6:10, 7:35
Tues, Weds, Fri	6:30, 7:45
Thurs	6:20, 7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs	5:15
Mon-Thurs	8:00

NEXT WEEK:

שבת פרשת משפטים

הדלקת נרות	5:12
מנחה	5:20
שקיעה	5:30

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

BNOS at Congregation Bais Torah in the Shul Every Shabbos from 2:30-3:30pm for **girls Kindergarten - 7th grade. Pirchei for boys begins February 23, Shabbos Parshas Tetzaveh.** For more information, please contact Mrs. Mendlowitz at (845) 357-1630

AVOS U'BANIM THIS MOTZOEI SHABBOS AT 7:15 PM. This week's learning is co-sponsored by Pinchas and Miriam Frankel, and by Leiby and Devorah Pomeranz. To sponsor a night of learning please contact Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com or the shul office.

Motzoei Shabbos, **February 16th Rabbi Yakov Horowitz**, founder and Director of Project Y.E.S. (Youth Enrichment Services) and founder of Yeshiva Darchei Noam of Monsey, an authority on raising children in these troubled times, will address **"The Role of the Community in Child Safety."** Non-members: \$10 admission per person. Don't miss this important special presentation.

Matzah Pick-Up before and after Rabbi Horowitz's lecture, Motzoei Shabbos February 16. After that pickup at the Lieder home 75 College Road. **CASH/CHECK AND CARRY ONLY.**

Celebrate with us! The next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush is Shabbos Parshas Tetzaveh, February 23. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February or March help support our weekly Kiddush! Please contact the shul office 352-1343 or email aviva@baistorah.org. to be included. The deadline is Monday February 18.

THIS Coming Week is Rosh Chodesh Adar, **PLEASE send back your Mishloach Manos lists, and get ready for a really exciting delivery!**

The Adult Education Committee is working on plans for a fun-filled Purim party to take place on Purim! Motzoei Shabbos February 23. Details to follow.

Tomche Shabbos Executive Purim cards are available in the shul office. A beautiful purim card for machatanim, business associates, or someone extra special-\$20 each

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is **February 13** please bring cans of fruit.

Come enjoy the live Shiurim by **Rabbi Frand** -Thursday night at 9:00 pm and by **Rabbi Reisman**-Motzoei Shabbos at **8:00 pm**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bais Torah's 34th Annual Siyum Mishnayos is Sunday March 3 at 6 PM. Special Key-note speaker: Rabbi Tzvi Sobolofsky, Rav of Congregation Ohr Hatorah in Bergenfield, NJ, will present: "Between Purim and Pesach: A Torah Response to Miracles." For reservations call the shul office 352-1343 or Yussie Fischer 425-2785 or Moshe Kranzler 352-8410.

The annual **Bais Torah dinner** will take place **Sunday April 21** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Suffern., Featuring: Guests of Honor-**Rabbi and Amy Gottlieb**, Presidential Award-**Michael Kronenberg**, Eishes Chayil Award-**Sandy Lieder**, Gabbai of the Year Award-**Rabbi Shlomo Horowitz**. Stay tuned for more information...

MAZAL TOV

Teddy and Malkie Katzenstein on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children, Refoel and Gitty Katzenstein

Laurence and Gloria Gordon on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Meir Simcha, son of Dina and Moshe Gelbein

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grand-son-
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

Tova Eizik's grandson -

שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Rena Rossman's mother-

שושנה בת לאה צירל

Larry Seligson-

אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-

רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Ed and Helen Furman's

son in law
רפאל צבי בן עיטא לאה

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס ליאן בן רייזל

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before Mincha

Sunday:

6:25 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

Tuesday

8:15 PM Sha'arei Torah
Chavrusa Program

Wednesday

8:15 PM Navi Yechezkel
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb-

Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mishnayos class-

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Mishpatim - "An Eye for an Eye"

In Parashas Mishpatim, are found a series of verses that emphasize the inter-dependence of the Written Torah and the Oral Torah. When read without proper understanding, they allow individuals to draw distorted conclusions concerning the nature of "Justice" as taught by the Torah, and indeed allow false assumptions concerning the nature of HaShem, the Author of the Torah and of Morality. These *p'sukim* are found in *Shemot* 21:23-25, as follows: "But if there shall be a fatality, then you shall require a life for a life; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot; a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, a bruise for a bruise." These verses seem to demand a literal interpretation and to express an attitude of vengeance that has justly been called "an eye for an eye;" that is, if the perpetrator has caused the loss of an eye (foot, hand, etc.), his punishment is to lose his eye (foot, hand, etc.); aka Taliban Justice.

The Talmud in *Masechet Bava Kama*, Chapter *HaChovel*, the "One who injures," explains the true position of the Torah regarding the punishment of individuals who cause others to lose their limbs or the use of their sensory organs. The Torah demands a five-part **monetary** punishment, consisting of *Nezek*, payment for reduction in earning power, *Tzaar*, payment for pain suffered, *Ripuy*, payment for medical expenses, *Shevet*, "Unemployment" Compensation, and *Boshet*, payment for embarrassment and humiliation.

Thus, if the victim were a virtuoso pianist, and the injury involved the loss of his right hand, the payments might be computed as follows:

Nezek: an estimate would be made of his future earning potential as a pianist, now forever lost to him. Thus assuming that he would have performed in one hundred additional concerts during the rest of his career, earning \$100,000 for each, the loss of would be \$10,000,000.

Tzaar: the payment for pain, the amount would depend on the *Bet Din's* (Jewish court's) estimate of his tolerance for pain. In this case, the estimate might be \$1,000,000.

Ripuy: payment for medical costs, assuming an initial emergency operation, thirty payments for rehabilitation, and twenty payments for fitting and attachment of an artificial hand - \$950,000.

Shevet: Unemployment Compensation, for the 3-month period when he was "flat on his back," and couldn't even work for the minimum wage: \$3,000.

Boshet: payment for embarrassment; the estimate is made, according to the Talmud, corresponding to the one who embarrassed and the one who was embarrassed. Since an artistic performer is generally quite sensitive, the amount for this payment might be around \$20,000,000.

The total payment would therefore be approximately \$31,953,000, a large sum of money, but not large in comparison to the loss of a career, and the loss of one's hand.

In truth, that the punishment for injuries short of murder is monetary could be inferred from the Written Torah itself, because the Torah says (*Bamidbar* 35:31), "And do not take a ransom for the life of a murderer, who is worthy of death, for he shall surely die." This implies that for injuries short of murder, you can *and must* take a ransom, as described above.

But the question remains, if this is the meaning of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, etc." why does the Torah use language that can mislead the reader into thinking that the literal punishment is meant? The answer to this is found in the RAMBAM, *Hilchot Chovel U'Mazik* 1:3, "When the Torah states 'as he inflicted an injury upon his fellow man, so shall be done to him,' the meaning is not to injure him as he injured his fellow, but rather that *he deserves* to lose that limb, or to be injured in the same way as he injured, and therefore he is required to pay..."

This explanation is based on the fact that in Judaism, the concept of punishment is associated with the concept of atonement. Though the atonement for taking another's limb "should have" been to lose that limb, G-d in His Mercy accepts a lesser atonement and a lesser punishment for the crime. But for murder, the only sufficient atonement for that great sin is the loss of one's own life. Therefore, the Torah says, "do not take a ransom for the life of a murderer," for the atonement would be insufficient for one who had extinguished a human soul, a "lamp of G-d."

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

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