

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת במדבר -- פרקי אבות פרק ו'

May 10, 2013

ראש חודש סיון תשע"ג

ערב שבת פרשת במדבר

מנחה	7:00
*הדלקת נרות (early)	7:20
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:45
שקיעה	8:03

שבת פרשת במדבר

שחרית השכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:17
Pirkei Avos Shiur	6:00
Halacha Shiur	6:50
מנחה	7:35
שקיעה	8:04
מעריב	8:48

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 5/12-5/17

שחרית

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

מנחה-מעריב

Sun-Mon	7:55
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SCHEDULE FOR SHAVUOS IS ATTACHED NEXT WEEK:

שבת פרשת נשא

מנחה	7:00
הדלקת נרות (early)	7:20
הדלקת נרות (actual)	7:52
שקיעה	8:10

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Raizie Lutwak in honor of the first anniversary of Seymour's 60th birthday.

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Larry Seligson commemorating the yartzheit of his wife, Sima Bas Avrohom Yaakov.

Pirchei for boys every Shabbos **2:00-2:50- BNOS** for girls every Shabbos **3:00-4:00** . Both are for **Kindergarten - 7th grade**. **The program will end for the season Shabbos Parshas Nasso, May 17th**. Thank you to everyone who made it success! We will see you in the fall!

Rabbi Gottlieb continues his Shabbos afternoon halacha series: "**The Halachic Aspects of Vacations.**" All are invited to attend.

Come enjoy the live Shiurim: **Rabbi Frand** Thursday night at **9:00 pm**, **Rabbi Reisman's final shiur for this year** Motzoei Shabbos **10:30 pm**. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Bais Torah Dinner Journal is ONLINE! To view or download the journal (in PDF form) just go to: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/139079605/Bais-Torah-2013-Ad-Journal>

Please join us **Shavuos** night for a full slate of Shiurim given by Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb:

12:30 - 1:45 The Dawn of a New Mourning: A new perspective on the mourning rites of the sefirah period

2:00 - 3:15 The Vanity of the Bonfires: A fresh look at the history and mystery of La'g Ba'omer

3:30 - 4:45 Segulah, Supernatural or Superstition? An examination of mystical practice

SAVE THE DATE!!! Shabbos Parshas Balak, June 21 Bais Torah will be hosting a full-filling **Youth Shabbos**. For more information please e-mail Akiva Gottlieb:

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MOSTLY MOZART is back!! Wednesday, August 7th at 8.p.m. at Avery Fisher Hall. Program: Mozart: Overture to Le Nozze di Figaro Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 25 and Beethoven: Symphony No. 1 There are a limited number of tickets, payable in advance to Bais Torah, available at \$55.00 each. For reservations call Aviva at 352-1343 or email Sandra Thurm at sfthurm@gmail.com

MAZAL TOV

Yoni Greenstein on his engagement to Nechama Rabhan of Savanah Georgia

David and Ruth Lehmann on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Aviva and Steven Schwartz of New Hempstead

Mr. Felix Lehmann on the birth of a great-grandson born to Aviva and Steven Schwartz

Moishe and Eileen Frommer on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children, Shoshana and Yossi Sheinfil

Manny Mayerfeld on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to his grandchildren, Avraham and Necham Mayerfeld, children of Tzvi and Dena Mayerfeld.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grand-son-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner-הנדא 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

Larry Seligson-

אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-

רפאל אמרים בן סימא פריעדל

Ed and Helen Furman's

son in law
רפאל צבי בן עיטא לאה

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

Bella Helprin

בילה בת פיגע

מנחם ליאן בן ריזל

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets Shabbos afternoon 30 minutes before Pirkei Avos Shiur

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

Women's Hilchos Shabbos
Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb-

Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mish-
nayos class-

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Bamidbar "A Gift from the Wilderness" (BaMidbar 21:18)

Parashas BaMidbar begins, "And the L-rd spoke unto Moshe **in the Wilderness of Sinai**" (Bamidbar 1:1). Indeed, the most famous and the most important "Dibbur" of HaShem to the Jewish People took place in the Wilderness of Sinai, in its feature-less, distraction-free terrain. And it was precisely at "Har Sinai," Mount Sinai, about which Moshe had been given the sign before his exploits in Mitzrayim, "When you take the People out of Egypt, they will serve the L-rd on this mountain" (Shemos 3:12). And it was there that HaShem revealed Himself and delivered to the People of Israel the "Aseres HaDibros," the Ten Utterances, which constitute the foundation of Morality, the most valuable gift that the Holy One, Blessed Be He, ever gave to humanity, and which constituted the purpose of the entire Creation, as we find "Thus said HaShem: 'If not for My Covenant, neither Day nor Night would I have created, nor would I have brought into being the Laws of Heaven and Earth.' " (Yirmiyahu 33:25)

In the "Daf Yomi," "Eruvin" 54a, we find Wilderness symbolizing the character trait of humility, in a number of statements of Chaza"l: "Rav Masna said, "What is the meaning of the expression "a gift from the Wilderness" (BaMidbar 21:18)? And he answered his own question, 'If a person makes himself like the Wilderness, over which everyone tramples indiscriminately, then his Torah study will remain with him; but if not, and he allows his ego to exert dominance within his personality, then his Torah study will not be a permanent possession.' " Chaza"l continue in a similar vein, "Rava, son of Rav Yoseph, the son of Rav Chama once had a dispute with Rav Yoseph. When Erev Yom Kippur came around, he said, 'I'm going to go and try to appease Rav Yoseph.' Rav Yoseph said, 'I will accept your appeasement only if you explain the meaning of this verse: 'And from the Wilderness, it was a 'Matanah' (a present), and from 'Matanah' they went to 'Nachaliel,' and from 'Nachaliel' to 'Bamos' (the heights) and from 'Bamos' to the 'Guy' (the Valley).' (BaMidbar 21:19-20) Rava answered, 'If a person makes himself like a Wilderness, on which everyone tramples, the Torah is given to him as a present, as it says 'umi-Midbar Matanah;' if he is successful at this, the Torah is made his permanent possession by HaShem, as it says, 'umi-Matanah Nachaliel' and since the Torah has been made his possession by HaShem, he rises to greatness, as it says, 'umi-Nachaliel Bamos;' but if he then becomes haughty, HaShem lowers him, as it says, 'umi-Bamos ha-Guy' (the valley); all human greatness has the negative potential of being destroyed by haughtiness; but if he then does 'Teshuvah,' HaShem restores him to greatness, as it says in the Haftarah of Shabbos Nachamu, in which the Prophet Yeshayahu extols the 'midah' of 'Teshuvah,' 've-chol Guy yinosay' ('every valley will be lifted') (Yeshayahu 40:4).

There is a hint in the verse "And from the heights to the valley in the field of Moav, at the top of the peak, overlooking the surface of the Wilderness" (BaMidbar 21:20) to the reading of Megilas Ruth on Shavuot. For it was from the "fields of Moav" that the precious soul, the "Eishes Chayil," Ruth, the ancestress of Dovid HaMelech and of the Moshiach, was retrieved.

Another aspect of the feature-less Wilderness is that it makes clear the nature of love and loyalty, by stripping all irrelevant features from the "love story," and reducing it to its essential elements. "Grace is false and beauty vain; a woman who fears HaShem, she should be praised." (Mishlei 31:30) And as it says in Pirkei Avos (5:19), "Any love that is dependent on a physical thing, is destined to fail, but love which is not dependent on anything physical, is destined to last." And the prophet Yirmiyahu makes the point that love must be suffused with loyalty; "Thus said HaShem: 'I recall for you the kindness of your youth, the love of your nuptials, your following Me into the Wilderness, into an unsown land.' " (Yirmiyahu 2:2)

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

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