

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

Scholar in Residence פרשת ויצא – הדלקת נרות 4:25

November 8, 2013

Welcome Rabbi Breitowitz

ה' כסלו תשע"ד

ערב שבת פרשת ויצא

הדלקת נרות	4:25
מנחה	4:30
שקיעה	4:43

שבת פרשת ויצא

שחרית השכמה	7:30
דף היומי	8:00
שחרית	8:45
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:08
Halacha Shiur	3:30
מנחה	4:15
שקיעה	4:42
מעריב	5:24

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 11/10-11/15

שחרית

Sunday	7:45
MonThurs	6:20,7:45
Tues,Weds,Fri	6:30,7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs	4:25
<u>Second מעריב</u>	
Mon-Thurs	8:00

NEXT WEEK:

פרשת וישלח

הדלקת נרות	4:19
מנחה	4:25
שקיעה	4:37

WHAT'S NEW

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship

Pirchei for boys from K-7th grade Shabbos afternoon from 2:00-2:50 . **Bnos** for girls from K-8th grade Shabbos afternoon from **3-4PM**.

This Shabbos **Parshas Vayetze, November 8-10 is our Annual Scholar-in-Residence weekend**. Our guest lecturer is Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz. 8:30 PM Friday night Rabbi Breitowitz will speak at Community Synagogue :”**The Concept of Daas Torah: The Reliance of the Charedi Community on its Leadership**” An oneg follows. Shabbos afternoon at 1:15 PM Rabbi Breitowitz will speak at Bais Torah: “**The Status of Israel in the Eyes of the Chiloni and the Eyes of the Charedi.**” Motzoie Shabbos at 8:30 PM is a lecture followed by Melave Malka at Community Synagogue: “**Banned Books in the Jewish World: The Science of Torah by Rabbi N. Slifkin.** The final lecture is Sunday morning at 9:30 at Bais Torah: “**Differing Responses to Reform: Chasam Sofer vs. Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch.**” Everyone is invited to attend.

AVOS U'BANIM IS BACK!! Starting THIS Motzoie Shabbos November 9th at 6:45 PM. Learning, pizza and prizes!! **This week is co-sponsored by** David and Judy Rhine lezecher nishmas Nesanel Ezra ben Shlomo Dovid, and Harry and Judy Baldinger. To sponsor a night of learning for only \$50 please contact the shul office or Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com .

The Daf Yomi shiurim were sponsored this week by Irving Safrin In memory of his mother, Chaya bas R' Menachem Mendel.

The first Oneg Shabbos of the season is next Shabbos Parshas Vayishlach, November 15 at 8:30pm at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb. We hope everyone will attend!

Join us at the Palisades Mall IMAX theater to see “Jerusalem.” Tickets are \$11 payable in advance for Sunday evening 7:30p.m. November 17, **Deadline is November 10.** Contact Aviva 352-1343 or aviva@baistorah.org .

Please join us Thursday evenings for **Rabbi Frand at 9 pm**, and Motzoie Shabbos for **Rabbi Reisman at 7:30 PM**. All are invited to attend.

An **Oneg Shabbos for teen boys** will take place at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Gottlieb on Shabbos parshas Vayeshev. More details to follow....

JOIN THE SIMCHA KIDDUSH! Shabbos Parshas Vayeshev, November 23, celebrate your simcha with your Bais Torah Family! Only \$50 per family and all simchos will be listed separately, Deadline is **Monday November 18**. Contact Aviva 352-1343 or Aviva@baistorah.org

MAZAL TOV

Dovi and Tzippy Rakower on the bar mitzvah of their son, Moishy

Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann on the bas mitvah of their granddaughter Atara Raizel, daughter of Daniel and Chani Herrmann of Teaneck.

Edwin and Ruth Levi on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Yehudah Mayerfeld, son of Debbie and Eli Mayerfeld of Detroit

Eddie and Ellen Tager on the bas mitzva of their granddaughter Allison Stafford

Marvin and Sally Borgen, on the birth of a granddaughter and grandson , twins, born to their grandchildren Adam and Dania Lauer of Englewood, children of Simeon and Ruth Lauer

Barry and Emily Lifschitz on the birth of a grandson born to Adina and Hillel Mann

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson -
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner- הינדא טודרוס בן הינדא

Rosalie Kallner
שיינה רחל בת שרה הודל

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 אפרים בן סימא פרידעל

Manny Mayerfeld
מנחם בן קילה
פנחס ליאן בן רייזל

Ruth Malinowitz
רבקה בת פרידא

Helen Furman
חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz
אליהו זבי בן חנה

Edward Tager
יצחק עיזיק שמחה בן פיגא בילא

Joe Goldman
יוסף שלמה בן שרה

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Ed Tager-Friedwald House

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoon 30 minutes before Halacha 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

8:15PM Shoftim

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:15PM Women's Mishnayos

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Vayetze And Chanukah

"Yom Shenai," Monday, "L'Shabbos Parashas Vayetze" was the first day of "Rosh Chodesh Kislev," the month in which the Holiday of Chanukah falls. I would like to explore whether there are connections between the parashah and the holiday.

Yaakov was the center of his family, spiritually as well as physically. Similarly, Matisyahu, the "Kohen Gadol," was the center of his family, spiritually as well as physically. He was the one who could unite his family as well as the Jewish People as a whole in their rebellion against the "Misyavnim," the Jews who chose to assimilate to the Greek life-style, and the Syrian Greeks, when he calls out "Mi La-HaShem Eloy," "Whoever is ready to fight on the side of HaShem against the enemies of G-d, let him follow me."

Each of these heroes was part of a family that was united and unafraid. Yaakov had the twelve "Shivtei Kah," Tribes of HaShem, who were all loyal to HaShem and to His moral code, and ready to defend it. The leading Tribe was the Tribe of Yehudah, about whom his father said, "The scepter shall not pass from Yehudah nor a scholar from between his thighs..." (Bereshis 49:10). Matisyahu had five sons, the "Macabim," The "Hammers of G-d," each of them a military hero and a loyal Jew. The greatest among them was also named Yehudah; in this case, Yehudah "HaMacabi," the leader of the Jewish forces against the "Misyavnim," the assimilationist Jews who were backed by the powerful army of the Syrian Greeks, who introduced the use of military elephants as "tanks" into Middle Eastern warfare, under the rule of Antiochus Epiphanes, the murderous Emperor.

Dina, the daughter of Leah and Yaakov went out to look for and to socialize with the "girls of the land," where she was noticed by Shechem, the prince of the land, who proceeded to seduce and rape her. This terrible act was avenged by Shimon and Levi, the firebrands of the Tribes, who wiped out the entire male population of Shechem. When challenged by their father for arousing hatred against himself, they replied simply, "Shall he make a prostitute of our sister?" At that point, HaShem appears to Yaakov, and commands him "Arise, and go up to Beth-El, and make an altar there to G-d Who appeared to you when you fled from Esav your brother. So Yaakov said to his household and to all who were with him, 'Discard the alien gods that are in your midst; cleanse yourselves and change your clothes. Then come, let us go up to Beth-El, and I will make there an altar to G-d Who was with me in my time of distress... They set out, and there fell a G-dly terror on the cities which were around them, so that they did not pursue Yaakov's sons.'" (Bereshis 35:1-3,5)

Years later, when news of Yoseph still being alive reached their home, Yaakov refused to believe the good news until Serach bas Asher, his granddaughter, used her sweet and mild manner to convince Yaakov that Yoseph was still alive. And later, in Mitzrayim, the Jewish women came to the aid of their weary and depressed husbands, soothed and uplifted their spirits so that they would live with them, as it says in Shir HaShirim, "...Under the apple tree I aroused you..." (Shir HaShirim 8:5)

On Chanukah, when the main celebratory act is to light the Chanukah lights, women are also encouraged to participate in this act. And there is also a custom that women do no work while the lights are lit. This is because of the principle "They too were involved in the miracle." One of the most gross abuses against the Jewish People was that a Jewish bride was brought to a Greek official first. The daughter of Yochanan, the High Priest, was very beautiful, and the evil king desired her. To put an end to this vile practice, she pretended to agree to be with him. She fed him "milchige" dishes and he became thirsty; she then gave him wine to drink, whereupon he became intoxicated and fell into a deep sleep. She proceeded to decapitate him and bring his head to Yerushalayim; when the Greek army officers saw that, they panicked and fled.

The Greeks were not at first interested in the physical destruction of the Jews. Rather, they were interested in destroying them from within; that is, in their spiritual destruction. They decreed that it was forbidden for the Jews to practice three basic commands: Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh and Bris Milah. The Misyavnim went along with the Greeks, but the majority of the Jews rejected their decrees. Antiochus observed this and he sent armed regiments to enforce the Greek laws. These troops killed and tortured men, women and children. Some of the People fled to the Wilderness, where they hid in caves.

The first heroic act in the war between the People of G-d, and the "Misyavnim" and the Greeks, was performed by the women of Israel. When a baby was born to one of them, she would mount the wall of the city, baby in hand. Then she would throw the baby and herself over the wall to their deaths. The message to their husbands was clear: "If you want to have a Jewish family, come out of your cave, and do battle with the hated enemy." Matisyahu and his sons, the "Macabim," got the message, and the battle was on.

From the time of the "Avos" through Chanukah, till the modern State of Israel, the Jewish People have for the most part provided a reliable moral compass to the rest of the world – a favor not always appreciated by them. And on those occasions, we turn to our "Father in Heaven" and "remind Him" of the Miracle of Chanukah when "You in Your great Mercy stood up for them in the time of their distress... You delivered the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few... the wicked into the hands of the righteous... and for Yourself, You made a great and Holy Name in Your world..."

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

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