

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת לך לך - הדלקת נרות 5:35

October, 31 2014

ז' חשוון תשע"ה

ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

Candlelighting 5:35

Mincha 5:40

Shkiah 5:53

שבת פרשת לך לך

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"Sh 10:03

Halacha Shiur 4:40

Mincha 5:25

Shkiah 5:52

Maariv 6:35

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 11/2-11/7

Shacharis

Sunday 7:45,8:30

Mon, Thurs
6:20,7:45,8:30

Tues,Weds, Fri
6:30, 7:45,8:30

Mincha Maariv

Sunday-Thurs 4:40

Second Maariv

Mon-Thurs 8:00

NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת וירא

Candlelighting 4:27

Mincha 4:30

Shkiah 4:45

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by all those celebrating Anniversaries and Birthdays in October and November. Thank you to all the sponsors, and Mazal Tov to all the celebrants..

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship. Thank you to Dr. Yehuda Eliezri and Yis Helprin for stepping in to sponsor Seudas Shlishis last week.

BNOS every Shabbos from 2:30-3:30 for girls grades Kindergarten through 7th grade. Sponsorships are available for only \$25 a week! Call Aviva at 352-1343 ext 1 for this great opportunity!

Rabbi Gottlieb's contemporary halacha Shiur for the winter months will focus on the halachos of **shemitta**. Join us each Shabbos afternoon as we explore the history and halacha of shemitta and demystify this oft misunderstood mitzvah. .

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR MOTZOE SHABBOS.

8:00PM (Second) Ma'ariv will begin Monday November 3rd.

Rabbi Frand's Thursday shiur via the TCN network is Thursday nights at **9pm**, and **Rabbi Reisman's shiur** is Motzoie Shabbos at **8:30PM**.

Save The Date!!! Avos U'Banim Learning returns on Motzoie Shabbos November 8 at 7PM followed by a grand kick off event! Juggling Moish will perform at 7:45, and all are invited to attend! Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week email Jonthan Rosenstock Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com

Rabbi Gottlieb's Wednesday night Shmuel Aleph Navi shiur has resumed Wednesday nights at 8:15 PM.

Join our new **Chumash Class by Dr. Yehuda Eliezri 8:15 Tuesday night.**

ZUMBA!!! Women's Zumba is every Monday night at 8:15 PM. Call Betty Schloss, 369-1833 Hinda Kimmel 357-9571 for details.

MAZAL TOV

Rabbi Yosef and Barbara Fischer on the marriage of their grandson, Reuven Fischer of Monsey, to Shira Janette of New Haven, CT

Sally and Marvin Borgen on the birth of a great granddaughter, Elizabeth, born in Los Angeles to Elaina and Nachum Hascalovici, children of Ruth and Simeon Lauer.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה
Rosalie Kallner
שיינה רחל בת שרה הודל
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חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה
Bob Schore -
חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית
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Larry Seligson's son-
רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל
Manny Mayerfeld
מנחם בן קילה
פנחס ליאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

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Helen Furman חנה בת תמרה
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Fran and Ben Horwitz's son inlaw
משה צבי בן פריידא שמהה

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoons 30 minutes before the 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 Chumash Shiur

Dr. Yehuda Eliezri

Wednesday

8:15PM Shmuel Aleph

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:15 Women's Mishnayot

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Lech Lecha – "...And Count the Stars if you can;...

Such will be Your Seed" (Bereshit 15:5)

In this week's Parshah, "Lech Lecha," the spotlight of the Chumash is cast upon Avraham, the first of the Avot of the Jewish People, a spiritual giant, who introduced the idea of monotheism to the world. Because of his great faith, Avraham is promised by G-d that his descendants will be as innumerable as the stars. (Bereshit 15:5)

Yet there is something very puzzling about this promise. For the Chumash itself testifies that G-d's "yearning for and selection of the Jewish People is not based upon your great numbers, for indeed you are the smallest of the nations." (Devarim 7:7) That this at first glance surprising historical fact has not changed substantially is made clear when Jewish population figures are compared with those of China. It is estimated that in Biblical times, the population of that nation was approximately equal to that of the Jewish People; namely, about twelve million. During the millenia of relatively isolated and tranquil existence that it enjoyed in the Far East, China's population has grown to more than a billion. Jewish population, on the other hand, due to persecution by and assimilation into more nations than we can count, has remained basically stationary, at the level of twelve to thirteen million.

A possible resolution of the conflict described above is to say that the promise of multitudes for the descendants of Avraham was fulfilled in the two monotheistic world religions Christianity and Islam, whose adherents, almost as numberless as the stars, trace their lineage also to Avraham. Each showed great spiritual strengths. "On the very same day, Avraham and his son Yishmael, were circumcised." (Bereshit 17:26) Esav too showed strong spiritual qualities. His specialty was honoring his father, and his father loved him for it. When Esav learned that Yaakov had taken his father's blessing, he let out a "great and bitter cry." (Bereshit 27:34) That cry was paid for by Mordechai, as we read "And he went into the city, and cried out a great and bitter cry," (Esther 4:1) when his People were threatened by Haman, a descendant of Amalek and Esav.

But both Yishmael and Esav had tragic flaws. Yishmael is described by a heavenly angel before his birth, "And he shall be a wild man; his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him..." (Bereshit 16:12) David HaMelech in prophecy foretold the difficulties of dealing with him. "Woe unto me, for I have dwelt in Meshech; I have dwelt with those who inhabit the tents of Kedar. Long has my soul dwelt with those who hate peace. I am for peace - but when I speak, they are for war!" (Psalms 120) Yishmael's descendants are motivated to self-sacrifice by violent rage and jealousy, and to "Jihad," "Holy War" throughout the Middle East, incapable of realizing that there is nothing holy about war. Yitzchak is motivated to self-sacrifice, as we saw at the Akeidah and throughout centuries of Jewish History, by "Yirat Shamayim," Fear and Awe of his Heavenly Father, and respect and reverence for his earthly father.

Esav's father prophesied as to his son's future. He said to Esav, "You shall live by the sword!" (Bereshit 27:40) This has been tragically borne out by centuries of persecution by the ancient Romans, by Christians during the Crusades and the expulsions from England, Spain and Portugal, further borne out by pogroms and massacres in Poland and Russia, and climaxed last century by the Holocaust. And even in the twenty-first century, sparks from the "strange fire" of unholy Anti-Semitism have been carried by descendants of Yishmael and readily received in Europe and elsewhere in the world by descendants of Esav. But it is Yaakov Avinu, Jacob our father, who is considered the "chosen one of the Avot" because he produced no Yishmael and no Esav, whose children were the Twelve Tribes of Israel, the "Shivtei Kah," the Tribes of Hashem.

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

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