

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וירא

- הדלקת נרות 4:27

November, 7, 2014

יד' חשוון תשע"ה

ערב שבת פרשת וירא

Candlelighting 4:27

Mincha 4:35

Shkiah 4:45

שבת פרשת וירא

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"Sh 9:07

Halacha Shiur 3:30

Mincha 4:15

Shkiah 4:44

Maariv 5:28

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 11/9-11/7

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 4:30

Second Maariv

Mon-Thurs 8:00

NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת חיה שרה

Candlelighting 4:20

Mincha 4:25

Shkiah 4:38

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Steve and Jackie Fessel in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Steve's Bar Mitzvah.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

BNOS every Shabbos from 2:30-3:30 for girls grades Kindergarten through 7th grade. **BNOS is sponsored this week by Shlomo and Keren Stern.** 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. .

Rabbi Frand's Thursday shiur via the TCN network is Thursday nights at **9pm**, and **Rabbi Reisman's** shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at **7:30PM**.

Avos U'Banim Learning returns THIS Motzaei 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! This week is sponsored by Duvi and Shulamis Yeger. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week email Jonathan Rosenstock Jonathan.Rosenstock@yahoo.com. Pizza and prizes begin next week!

Daf Yomi was sponsored on Friday by Irving Rohinsky for the yartzheit of his mother, Sarah Leah bas Eliezer, A"H

In conjunction with Community Synagogue we are pleased to announce our annual **Scholar in Residence featuring Rabbi Yona Reiss** is next Shabbos Parshas Chaya Sara **November 14-16**. Rabbi Reiss will speak at Community Synagogue Friday night at 8:30 PM "**Contemporary Conversion Controversies**" followed by an Oneg Shabbos. Please join us for Seudas Shabbos (reservations required) at 12:00 PM at Bais Torah followed by Rabbi Reiss' lecture at 1:15 pm "**Can the Agunah Problem be Fixed?**" Motzaei Shabbos at 8:30 PM Community Synagogue will host Rabbi Reiss' "**Women's Leadership Roles and Halacha**," lecture, and Sunday morning at Bais Torah 9:30 AM a small collation will be followed "**Shidduchim-Have We All Gone Mad?**" **For Shabbos lunch reservations, (\$35 per person) please contact Marilyn Sapir at 369-3631.**

We are planning a wonderful **Photo Exhibit on Motzaei Shabbos November 22** at Bais Torah. If you would like to have your photos included in the exhibit please contact Moshe Kranzler **by Thursday November 13.**

HAVE A GOOD SHABBOS!

Refuah Shelaimah

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

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא
Helen Furman חנה בת תמרה
Andy Yurowitz אליהו זבי בן חנה
Fran and Ben Horwitz's son inlaw
משה צבי בן פריידא שמחה

Allen Nussbaum אשר בן קילה
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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 Eliezeri

Wednesday

8:15PM Shmuel Aleph

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:15 Women's Mishnayot

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Vayera – One Bright Candle

Last week I wrote about HaShem's promise to Avraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. And I mentioned that, at first glance, this is hard to understand, because the Jewish People, the main "seed of Avraham," are a relatively small people numerically. I attempted to reconcile the apparent contradiction by suggesting that the "count the stars" reference may have been to the descendants of Esav and Yishmael. But this too is difficult to understand, especially in connection with Yishmael, whose descendants seem to be sworn enemies of the Jewish People.

However, this week's parashah seems to offer a solution to the problem. Out of the millions of idol-worshippers in the ancient world, one bright flame, Avraham Avinu, shone forth. And he changed the world, by teaching the idea of monotheism and the ethics of the Torah. One might ask, "How was it possible for Avraham to be so successful?" I think the answer to that is that **his ideas were true and Truth is contagious.**

In this week's Jewish Week, an article by Steve Lipman caught my eye. "L'havdil eleph havdalos," there was an article about one Muslim scholar who is coming this year to teach at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Yasin Meral, assistant professor of history of religions at Ankara University, will conduct post-doctoral research at JTS this year. His Ph.D. dissertation was on "Islam and Muslims in the Writings of Maimonides," and he has done post-doctoral work on end-times issues in the Jewish and Islamic traditions.

The interview with Dr. Meral was enlightening. He was an MA student at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 2005-2007. During that time, Professor Burton Visofsky of JTS came to Rome as a visiting professor. Dr. Meral took his course, and they kept in touch. The JTS professor invited him to the Seminary to conduct post-doc research. He knows the Hakham Bashi (Chief Rabbi) of Turkey, and some rabbis from the bet din of the Chief Rabbinate in Istanbul. He was taught Jewish religion and culture by Rabbi Yehuda Adoni of the Turkish Chief Rabbinate for one year. He spent two years in Jerusalem, where he became familiar with Jewish milieu.

As a response to the question of whether he was an outlier or whether there was a "critical mass" of "moderate" Muslims open to dialogue, he responded as follows:

"Jews and Muslims have much in common. I encourage Jewish-Muslim dialogue in my native country to build bridges between the communities. In the theology faculty of Ankara University, I teach Hebrew, Basics of Judaism, and other relevant courses. I believe that Jews can find many Muslims who are open to dialogue and vice versa."

"I see that political problems can ruin every kind of favorable efforts for Jewish-Muslim dialogue. Each side should leave politics aside in their dialogue activities, as I always do. Otherwise, every side would try to convince the counterpart – that usually is pointless discussion. Learning about Judaism or Islam either via the Internet or even unbiased scholarly books can not be compared with meeting with religious others. Sitting around the same table, setting the politics aside and sharing knowledge is the most easy, practical and lasting solution in the long run for Jewish-Muslim dialogue as far as I have experienced."

I think this man has unusual potential for lighting a flame in the Jewish world, but **more important** in the Islamic world, to look with fresh eyes at their Jewish cousins and, with God's help, begin the building of a healing bridge between our worlds

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

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