

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת בלק

פרקי אבות פרק ו'

הדלקת נרות 7:20

July 3, 2015

ט"ז תמוז תשע"ה

ערב שבת פרשת בלק

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting (summer) 7:20

Candle lighting(actual) 8:14

Shkiah 8:32

שבת פרשת בלק

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"Sh 9:14

Pirkei Avos 6:25

Halacha Shiur 7:15

Mincha 8:00

Shkiah 8:32

Maariv 9:15

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 7/5--7/10

Shacharis

Sunday 7:45

Mon.,Thurs. 6:20,7:45

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

Mincha-Maariv

Mon-Thurs
8:20

NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת פינחס

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting (summer) 7:20

Candle lighting(actual) 8:12

Shkiah 8:30

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Rabbi Shlomo Horowitz for the yartzheit of his mother Elka bas Shmuel.

The **daf yomi shiurim** for the upcoming week are sponsored by **Marilyn Sapir** in memory of her mother, Chaya Rochel bas Refoel Yitzchok.

The Adult Education Committee has the following programs lined up for the upcoming weeks: July 12 Lecture by Shani Taragin July 19: movie "The Prime Ministers" July 26: Tish b'av program Details to follow....

The **2015-2016 KOSHER DISCOUNT CARD** is now available. The new lower cost is \$15.00. The card benefits Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. See Aviva in the office.

Join us on **Tuesday, August 4th** for an evening of Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven at Lincoln Center's **Mostly Mozart Festival**, as well as the optional pre-concert recital. **Bais Torah has reserved a limited number of tickets at \$50 each.** Contact Kay Greenblatt to reserve your tickets: kaygreenblatt@gmail.com or 914-261-6449.

Sunday Fast of 17 Taamuz

Fast begins: 3:40 AM -

(Those who have difficulty fasting may eat until 4:17 AM)

Shacharis: 7:45 AM

Mincha: 8:00 PM

Maariv: 9:00 PM

Fast ends: 9:13 PM

MAZAL TOV

Marty and Carol Ginsberg on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Hudi and Adam Kenigsberg of Mitzpe Yericho, Israel.

Nechemia and Pesi Zyskind on the birth of a grandson born to their children Moishe and Yvette Zyskind.

Yussie and Gail Tuchman on the marriage of their grandchildren, Shira and Ike Sultan children of of Rabbi Elie and Suzie Tuchman of Passaic .

NICHUM AVEILIM

Carol Ginsberg on the petirah of her sister, Ilene Karson.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's
grandson-

יהונתן 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 לייאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz

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אשר בן קילה

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** after-noon 30 minutes before the Pirkei Avos shiur

Sunday:

6:25 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Mischeches 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 Chumash Shiur
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur
Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Wednesday

Following Maariv-Navi

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:15 Women's Mishnayos

Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parashas Balak Bilaam, the "Yetzer HaTov" and the "Yetzer HaRa"

(The bulk of this essay is based on the analysis of the parashah by Rav Shimon Schwab, ZT"l)

When Bilaam sought permission the first time from HaShem to accompany the messengers of Balak who'd sought his services on a mission to curse the Children of Israel, he was turned down flatly, "You shall not go with them! You shall not curse the people, for it is blessed!" (BaMidbar 22:12) However, when Bilaam indicated to the messengers that his response was somewhat conditional, depending on the price, and Balak responded by sending a second set of messengers, with fatter wallets, this time the response was different, "If the men come to summon you, arise and go with them, but only the thing that I speak – that shall you do." (BaMidbar 22:20) Bilaam leaves with the men and we find the following verse: "God's wrath flared because he was going..." (BaMidbar 22:22) Now, how could HaShem have told Bilaam, "Arise and go with them" and two verses later, we find "God's wrath flared because they were going." ?

Rabbi Schwab answers with the only possible answer: Until this point, it could have been said in defense of Bilaam that he was only after honor and after money; but now the truth came out starkly: Bilaam wanted to curse the People of Israel for its own sake and specifically because they were HaShem's Chosen People.

He analyzes Bilaam's actions in terms of the capability of "Free Choice," as Chazal say in Makkos 10b, "On the path that a person chooses, he is permitted to go" and, as the Rambam says in the beginning of chapter 5 of the Laws of Repentance: "Permission is granted to every person. If he wishes to incline himself towards a lifestyle of goodness and become a righteous person, he is permitted to do so and likewise if he wishes to adopt a lifestyle of evil, and become a wicked person, that path is open to him; and no one can interfere with his ability to choose good or evil."

"And so it was with regard to Bilaam, that as long as he acted 'shelo-lishmah,' seeking honor or wealth, it would be better for him than if he acted in an evil manner 'lishmah,' out of hatred. That is why HaShem told him to 'go with the men of Balak,' who had promised him untold wealth."

"From these ideas, an individual should be clear with regard to his service of his Creator, for it is an important principle taught in Maseches Sotah 11a that a measure of goodness is far greater than a measure of evil and punishment. And, if so, there is no limit or boundary to what one can accomplish in the realm of Torah and Mitzvos, if only one would remove from his heart ulterior motives of honor and wealth which confuse his thoughts; in particular, with regard to the study of Torah."

"By the light of the above, we can reflect on the words of Chazal in connection with the verse 'And Bilaam arose in the morning and saddled his donkey.' The Holy One said to him, 'you were preceded by Avraham, about whom it is said: 'And Avraham arose early in the morning and saddled his donkey' (Bereshis 22:3) [on the way to the Akeidah of Yitzchak]. From here, we see that hatred overcomes the boundaries of common sense but that love also overcomes the boundaries of common sense. And thus, it is not a problem that we see sometimes that the wicked are successful in their wickedness and that is because they act 'lishmo,' i.e. for the sake of evil, without any ulterior motives... And the good advice to defeat evil is to strengthen ourselves to fulfill the commandments of HaShem also 'lishmah,' without any ulterior motive..."

"Because of our great sinfulness, in our generation, there are many haters of Israel whose hatred overcomes the boundaries of common sense to the point that the haters endanger their own lives by fighting against us, but it is only worship of HaShem 'lishmah' that can overcome them with His Help, May he be Blessed, until the time comes that all evil will disappear like smoke, and the rule of evil will disappear from the world."

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