

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת יתרו
הדלקת נרות 4:50

January 29, 2016

י"ט שבט תשע"ו

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

Candle lighting 4:50
Mincha 4:55
Shkiah 5:08

שבת פרשת יתרו

Hashkama 7:30
Daf Yomi 8:00
Shacharis 8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh 9:41
Halacha 3:55
Mincha 4:40
Shkiah 5:10
Maariv 5:53

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 1/31-2/5

Sunday, 7:45
Mon, Thurs 6:20, 7:45
Tues, Weds, Fri
6:30, 7:45

Mincha-Maariv

Sun,-Thurs
5:00

Second Maariv

Mon-Thurs 7:30

NEXT SHABBOS

פרשת משפטים

Candle lighting 4:59
Mincha 5:05
Shkiah 5:17

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship

Bnos is Shabbos afternoon from **2:30-3:30PM** for girls in Kindergarten through 7th grade.

Avos Ubanim Motzaei Shabbos January 30th at 7:15 PM. This week is co-sponsored by Charlie and Shulamis Grandovsky in memory of his mother, Golda Rivka bas Chizkiyahu Hakohen, a"l and an anonymous sponsor. To be a sponsor, e-mail jonathan.rosenstock@yahoo.com.

Rabbi Mansour's shiur is at 7:45 **Thursday night**, followed by **Rabbi Frand's** shiur at 9PM. **Rabbi Reisman's** shiur this **Motzaei Shabbos** is at **7:30PM.**

The **Wednesday night navi shiur** this week was sponsored by **Mrs. Rosalie Kallner**, for the yartzheit of her mother, Sara Hudl bas Naftoli Hertz .

Join us February 20th at 8:30PM for a screening of the film "Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem," with a post film discussion with Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb. Admission is \$5.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Bais Torah **Matzah Baking** is **Sunday February 28th 2PM** at the Shatzer Matzah Factory in Brooklyn. The list for ordering will be up soon, please come and help participate in this mitzvah!

MAZAL TOV

David and Ruthie Lehmann on the marriage of their granddaughter, Yaffa Benmergui, to Yair Hershkowitz. The parents are Shira and Ariel Benmergui of Ramat Shlomo, Yerushalayim.

NICHUM AVEILIIM

David and Naftoli Lehmann on the petirah of their father, Felix Lehmann

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-

מנחם בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס לייאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פרייזא

Helen Furman

חנה בת תמרה

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן
חנה

Allen Nussbaum

אשר בן קילה

Shira Steinberg

שירה רות בת
שרה

Ron Lowenstein's mother

שרה בת יהודית חוה

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

BIKUR CHOLIM-

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zcher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** after-noon 30 minutes before the Halacha 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

8:00PM Navi Shiur
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 Women's Mishna
Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Yisro – A Great Soul

This Shabbos, we read Parashas Yisro, the highlight of which is the “Aseres HaDibros,” the Ten Utterances, which lay down the basics of the Torah, the basics of what HaShem demands from the Jewish People and, ultimately, from all of Mankind. It also provides information about Yisro, “Chosen Moshe,” the Father-in-Law of Moshe, who had fled the room when Pharaoh sought counsel regarding his plan to attack the male population of the Jewish People. He possessed a great soul. A fundamental belief of the Jewish Religion is that the human being possesses a “Neshamah,” an immortal soul.

Time Magazine dedicated its January 29, 2007 issue to a discussion of “The Brain – A User's Guide.” Time presented about ten essays; their authors, with medical, experimental and theoretical experience, all seemed to be saying that the notion of consciousness, of unique identity, is an illusion; the product of a random set of biochemical reactions. I was about to put down the magazine with disappointment that ten or so extremely intelligent authors could not recognize and reject their secular, anti-spiritual bias.

Until I came upon an essay which seemed to be an exception; “The Power of Hope,” by Scott Haig, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. In his essay, he writes: “David's head was literally stuffed with lung cancer...I dreaded making rounds on a patient for whom there was no good news, no good plan. When his doctors rescanned his head, there was barely any brain left...It was particularly bad in the room that Friday when I made evening rounds. The family was there, sad, crying faces on all of them. I fussed with the hip a bit. His respirations had become agonal – the gulping kind of breathing movement that immediately precedes death...Saturday morning the sun poured in as I checked the room. The bed was at chest height, made up and empty, with clean, fresh sheets over the vinyl mattress. As I turned to leave, I was blocked by a nurse, an older Irish lady with a doleful look on her face. She had taken care of David last night. ‘He woke up, you know, doctor – just after you left – and said goodbye to them all. Like I'm talkin' to you right here. Like a miracle. He talked to them and patted them and smiled for about five minutes. Then he went out again, and he passed in the hour.’ But it wasn't David's brain that woke him up to say goodbye that Friday. His brain had already been destroyed. Tumor metastases don't simply occupy space and press on things, leaving a whole brain. The metastases actually replace tissue...”

“What woke my patient that Friday was simply his mind, forcing its way through a broken brain, a father's final act to comfort his family. The mind is a uniquely personal domain of thought, dreams and countless other things, like the will, faith and hope. These fine things are as real as rocks and water but, like the mind, weightless and invisible, maybe even timeless. Material science shies from these things, calling them epiphenomena, programs running on a computer, tunes on a piano. This understanding can't be ignored; not too much seems to get done on earth without a physical brain. But I know this understanding is not complete, either.

I see the mind have its way all the time when physical realities challenge it. In a patient stubbornly working to rehab after surgery, in a child practicing an instrument or struggling to create, a mind or will, clearly separate, hovers under the machinery, forcing it to a goal. It's wonderful to see, such tangible evidence of that fine thing's power over the mere clumps of particles that, however pretty, will eventually clump differently and vanish... But many think the mind is only in there – existing somehow in the physical relationship of the brain's physical elements. The physical, say the materialists, is all there is. I fix bones with hardware. As physical as this might be, I cannot be a materialist. I cannot ignore the internal evidence of my own mind. It would be hypocritical. And worse, it would be cowardly to ignore those occasional appearances of the spirits of others – of minds un-cloaked, in naked virtue, like David's goodbye.”

When a Jew puts on his “Tephilin shel Rosh,” he recites the following prayer, “...and on the head, opposite the brain, that the **soul in my brain**, together with all my senses and potentialities, should all be bound in His Service, May His Name be Blessed.”

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

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