

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת אמור-פרקי אבות פרק ד'
הדלקת נרות 7:20

May 12, 2017

ט"ז אייר תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת אמור

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting (early)	7:20
Candle lighting (actual)	7:47
Shkiah	8:05

שבת פרשת אמור

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"S	9:16
Pirkei avos	6:00
Halacha Shiur	6:50
Mincha	7:35
Shkiah	8:06
Maariv	8:48

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 5/14-5/19

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 7:55 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת בהר בחוקתי

Mincha	7:00
Candle lighting (early)	7:20
Candle lighting (actual)	7:54
Shkiah	8:12

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Raizie Lutwak in honor of her husband Seymour's birthday.

סעודה שליטית is available for sponsorship.

"Summer Schedule" for Shabbos has begun. Mincha is at 7:00 PM, and candle lighting at 7:20, when the shul accepts Shabbos.

Bnos is Shabbos afternoon 2:30-3:30 for girls kindergarden through 7th grade.

The TCN shiurim on Thursdays Rabbi Mansour's shiur is at 7:45PM, Rabbi Frand's shiur is at 9PM. Rabbi Reisman Motzaei Shabbos 10:30 PM.

Thank you to all those who made the Dinner a success: Laurence and Gloria Gordon, Ronnie and Jennifer Herrmann, Felise Katz, Michael and Sharon Kronenberg, David and Ruth Lehmann, Barry and Emily Lifschitz, Sandy Lieder, Marilyn Sapir, and Aviva Schmutter. Thank you to all the honorees, Raizie and Seymour Lutwak, Abe Frankel and Debbie Raice Fox.

New Shiur: Half an hour before Mincha, Monday through Thursday, Rabbi Josef Fischer gives a **Mishnayos** shiur in the Simcha Room. All are welcome to attend. This week's shiur is at 7:25.

Please join us Tuesday May 16 at ASHAR for a Yom Yerushalayim celebration and "Leil Limud," featuring **Rabbi Dr. Jacob J Schachter who will speaking about "The Reunification of Yerushalayim Fifty Years Later: History, Theology, Liturgy."** Mincha is at 7:40 followed by the program. ASHAR is now located at 360 New Hempstead Road.

Save the Date: Sunday May 21st, 9:15AM –12PM a Yom Iyun reflections of Shavuot and Beyond, featuring Dr. Michelle Levine and Elana Flaumenhaft. This event is sponsored by Bais Torah and Community Synagogue.

Save the Date: Tuesday August 15- Mostly Mozart at Lincoln Center-tickets are \$60, contact Kay Greenblatt kaygreenblatt@gmail.com or 914 261 6449 to order your tickets today.

MAZAL TOV

David and Ruth Lehmann on winning the parking space raffle.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הרול

Henry Shapiro-

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Bob Schore -

חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

Larry Seligson's son-

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

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן חנה

Shira Steinberg

שרה רות בת שרה

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

Goldress grandson

אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrman's mother

שרה צירלא בת ידיל

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoon 45 minutes before the Halacha shiur

Sunday:

6:25 AM Daf Yomi

Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Mischeches Pesachim

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

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

8:30 PM Navi Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Emor Light, Speech, Time and Space and "The Time that We Received Our Torah"

In Parashas Emor, we find, "You shall count for yourselves – from the morrow of the rest day, from the day that you bring the Omer of the Waving – seven weeks, they shall be complete. Until the morrow of the seventh week, you shall count, fifty days. And you shall offer a new Meal-Offering to HaShem." (VaYikra 23:15-16) The "Regel," the Pilgrim Festival, following Pesach, is Shavuos, which occurs on the fiftieth day after the first day of Pesach. Shavuos has several levels of significance. On one level, it is called "Chag HaBikkurim," the Holiday of the First Grain Offering to HaShem. As opposed to Pesach, this Grain Offering should specifically be "Chometz," leavened, because the "Yetzer Tov," of "Matzah" will have purified the "Yetzer HaRa" of the "Chometz."

A second level of significance of Shavuos is that it is called "Zeman Matan Toraseinu," the "Time of the Giving of our Torah." It represents the spiritual maturation of the Jewish People, of their "Aliyah," their elevation from the level of idol-worshippers, on a par with the Egyptians, to the level of "Avdei HaShem," servants of HaShem.

Shavuos is also called "Atzeres," meaning conclusion, implying that it is not really an independent Holiday, but rather an extension of Pesach, the Holiday of Freedom. It is the fiftieth day (7 weeks + 1 day) from the second day of Pesach. The first day of the Holiday is reserved for the commemoration of the Exodus, which testified that HaShem had created the universe and modified nature so as to extract the People of Israel from the Bondage of Egypt. But the purpose of physical freedom was not fulfilled until the Jewish People achieved spiritual freedom when they accepted the Torah on Shavuos at Mt. Sinai.

We find, later in Emor, "HaShem spoke to Moshe, saying: 'Command the Children of Israel that they take to you clear olive oil, pressed for lighting, to kindle a continual lamp; Outside the Curtain of the Testimony, in the Tent of Meeting, Aharon shall arrange it, from evening to morning, before HaShem, continually; an eternal decree for your generations. On the pure Menorah, shall he arrange the lamps, before HaShem, continually.'" (VaYikra 24:1-4)

Light is thus an important element in the "Mishkan." It was first created during "Ma'aseh Bereshis." That act was accomplished by speech; "HaShem said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." (Bereshis 1:3)

Speech is also important in the Parashah, for it begins emphasizing the verb "to speak." "... Speak to the 'Kohanim,' Children of Aharon, and speak to them as follows:..." (VaYikra 21:1)

When the Torah describes the creation of the human being, we find the following: "And Almighty G-d formed the man from the dust of the ground, and He blew into his nostrils a soul; and man became a living being." (Bereshis 2:7) Onkelos translates "nefesh chayah" not as a "living being," but as a "speaking being." Obviously, he felt that speech is the major hallmark of human intelligence.

The following is a rather odd way of concluding a Dvar Torah, but Albert Einstein, one of the greatest scientists of all time, revolutionized physics in the 20th century by introducing Special and General Relativity, thereby redefining and unifying space and time. In "Einstein – The Life and Times," by Ronald W. Clark, Erwin Schrodinger, another great 20th century physicist, is quoted as saying, in his Tarnier Lectures of 1956, regarding the transformations of space and time associated with relativity, "I have sometimes wondered why they made such a great stir among the general public and among the philosophers, but I suppose that the reason is this: that it meant the dethronement of time as a rigid tyrant imposed on us from outside, a liberation from the unbreakable rule of "Before and After." For indeed time is our most severe master by ostensibly restricting the existence of each of us to narrow limits – seventy or eighty years, as the Pentateuch has it. To be allowed to play about with such a master's program believed unassailable until then, to play about with it, albeit in a small way, seems to be a great relief; it seems to encourage the thought that the whole "timetable" is probably not quite as serious as it appears at first sight. And this thought is a religious thought; nay, I shall call it **the religious thought.**"

The "After" at the "End of Time" may refer to the period of "Tehiyas HaMesim," when the dead shall "return to life," and humanity will unite in the Service of HaShem.

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

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