

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת קרח-פרקי אבות פרק ד'  
הדלקת נרות 7:20  
Shabbos Rosh Chodesh

June 23, 2017

כ"ט ' סיון תשע"ז

## ערב שבת פרשת קרח

Mincha 7:00  
Candle lighting (early) 7:20  
Candle lighting (actual) 8:15  
Shkiah 8:33

## שבת פרשת קרח

Hashkama 7:30  
Daf Yomi 8:00  
Shacharis 8:45  
Sof Zman K"Sh 9:11  
Pirkei avos 6:25  
Halacha Shiur 7:15  
**Mincha 8:00**  
Shkiah 8:33  
Maariv 9:16  
Shabbos Ends 9:23

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 6/25-6/30

### Shacharis

Rosh Chodesh, Sunday 7:45

Mon., Thurs 6:20, 7:45

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

### MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 8:20 PM

### NEXT WEEK

#### שבת פרשת חקת

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## WHAT'S NEW

**There is no Kiddush this week, in deference to the Shabbos Sheva Brachos in the Simcha Room, please do not use that door to enter and exit the building.**

**סעודה שליטת** is sponsored by Nechemia Zyskind commemorating the yartzheit of his father.

Rabbi Gottlieb continues his **summer Halacha series** on contemporary kashrus. This week's topic: **Buying Cut Up Fruits and Vegetables in the Grocery Store.**

The **TCN shiurim at Bais Torah**: Rabbi Frand's shiur is Thursday night at 9PM.

Special Video Shiur by **Rabbi Eli Mansour next Motzaei Shabbos July 1st at 10:30 PM** in Simcha Room, The topic: **Techiyas Hamesim: Why is it a Fundamental Principle of Faith?**

**Mishnayos Shiur: Half an hour before Mincha, Monday through Thursday**, by Rabbi Josef Fischer in the Simcha Room. All are welcome to attend. This week's shiur is at 7:50.

**Save the Date Shabbos Parshas Matos Masei July 22, 2017 for a Gala Kiddush** sponsored by Yussie and Fayge Deutsch in honor of their upcoming Aliyah to Eretz Yisroel. You will want to be in shul to say good-bye to our longtime wonderful friends

## MAZAL TOV

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a great granddaughter to Gedalya and Rachel Rohinsky.

Irvng and Eudice Rohinsky and Hilde Zauderer on the marriage of Rachelle to Ronny Korn

## NICHUM AVEILIM

Doris Newman on the petirah of her brother Joseph Lichtman.

## 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 בן 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

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

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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 Korach – Korach and Albert Einstein

Korach was a Levi, chosen by HaShem to serve in the Mishkan as an assistant to the Kohanim, but he rejected that greatness. It was not good enough for him. He sought the priesthood, and organized a conspiracy against Moshe. He claimed that the latter had, on his own, not by the command of Ha-Shem, arrogated power to himself, as king, and to his brother, Aharon, as High Priest (which was bad enough!) and had furthermore skipped over Yitzhor and Chevron, and chosen Elitzaphan, son of Uziel, the youngest son of Kehas, as "Nasi" of the Leviim! "I hereby dispute his decision and nullify his words!" (Tanchuma 1)

Korach could only have acted in this manner in the aftermath of the debacle of the "Meraglim," described in last week's parashah, when the spies had delivered to the people concerning אָרַךְ, causing the people to say, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt!" (BaMidbar 14:4) After initially considering destroying the Jewish People for that spirit of disloyalty and rebuilding them from Moshe, HaShem was convinced by Moshe's prayers to change that verdict. Ultimately, the decree was issued that all those who had not had sufficient faith in Him would not have the right to enter the Holy Land, but would rather wander for forty years until their entire generation would perish in the Wilderness, but their children would enter.

Moshe could not have won a popularity contest at this point among the Jewish people, so now Korach had an audience to play to, and he won them over. But now, that they had sinned a fourth time, Moshe said, "How can I be מַטְרִיחַ the Creator? So he did not dare pray for the People. Therefore, Korach's revolt ended in tragedy for himself and all his comrades.

After the destruction of two Temples and 2,000 years of Exile, a very interesting historical phenomenon occurred; namely, the simultaneous appearance in the world of Zionism and an upheaval in physics; the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> through the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Theodor Herzl (1860-1904), among many others, was the founder of Zionism. Albert Einstein (1879-1955), among many others, revolutionized physics. Interestingly enough, although not an observant Jew, he played a significant role in Zionism as well.

The Theory of Special Relativity was one of the pillars of Einstein's fame in science. One of the pivotal ideas of that theory is that the universe should not be viewed as 3-dimensional, with time a different type of variable, but rather as 4-dimensional, with time an equivalent variable with the three dimensions of space, introducing the concept of spacetime. He also maintained that light is a unique entity, traveling at a constant speed. This fits nicely with the verse in Bereshis, "*The Almighty said, 'Let there be light. And there was light.'*" (Bereshis 1:3) Einstein's ideas concerning the Creator can be summarized in two conversations and a letter. To Martin Buber, he said, "What we strive for is just to draw His lines after Him," reminiscent of the verses "...I shall shield you with My hand until I have passed. Then I shall remove My hand, and you will see My back, but My face may not be seen." (Shemos 33:22-23) To a physicist in his Berlin office, he said, "I want to know how G-d created this world. I want to know His thoughts...The rest are details," To Max Born in 1926, he wrote, "Quantum mechanics is certainly imposing. But an inner voice tells me that it is not yet the real thing...it does not really bring us any closer to the secret of the 'Old One.'"

Chaim Weizman, the first president of Israel, had made it a high priority to attract Einstein to Zionism, and to join him on a fund-raising trip to America, and he succeeded. Regarding that trip, Einstein wrote, "It was in America that I first discovered the Jewish People. I have seen any number of Jews, but the Jewish People I have never met in Berlin or elsewhere in Germany. This Jewish People that I found in America came from Russia, Poland, and Eastern Europe generally. These men and women still retain a healthy national feeling. I found this people extraordinarily ready for self-sacrifice."

In "Einstein – The Life and Times" by Ronald W. Clark, we find, "But there was no doubt about Einstein's almost embarrassing enthusiasm for Palestine – or of Palestine for him. Inside, Einstein was speaking, 'I consider today the happiest day of my life...Today I have been made happy by the sight of the Jewish People learning to recognize themselves and to make themselves recognized as a force in the world. This is a great age, the age of the liberation of the Jewish soul; and it has been accomplished through the Zionist movement, so that no one in the world will be able to destroy it.'"

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

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