

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת פינחס-פרקי אבות פרק א'
הדלקת נרות 7:20

July 14, 2017

כ' תמוז תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת פינחס

Mincha 7:00
Candle lighting (early) 7:20
Candle lighting (actual) 8:10
Shkiah 8:28

שבת פרשת פינחס

Hashkama 7:30
Daf Yomi 8:00
Shacharis 8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh 9:19
Halacha Shiur 7:15
Mincha 8:00
Shkiah 8:27
Maariv 9:09
Shabbos Ends 9:17

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 7/16-7/21

Shacharis

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 8:15 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי

Mincha 7:00
Candle lighting (early) 7:20
Candle lighting (actual) 8:05
Shkiah 8:23

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

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

Thank you **Rabbi Mordechai Kronenberg** for filling in this Shabbos while the Rav is away. The topic of the halacha shiur is "**GMO: What You Need to Know.**"

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

The Daf Hayomi shiurim this coming week are sponsored by Marilyn Sapir In memory of her mother, Chaya Rochel bas Refoel Yitzchak, Helen Hirschhorn.

Mishnayos Meseches Yoma 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 7:45.

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**. Don't miss the opportunity to say goodbye to our longtime wonderful friends.

Their many **friends at Bais Torah** would like to **extend the celebration** by having a **buffet Shabbos lunch** following the Kiddush. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to join in the lunch and for further details, please email by Monday, July 17th:

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MAZAL TOV

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the bar mitzvah of their great grandson Dov Ber son of Aviva and Michael Rohinsky

Michael and Rena Rossman on the birth of a grandson born to their children Josh and Tani Rossman. Mazal tov to the great grandfather Mr. Kurt Rossman.

Steve and Noga Romer on the birth of a grandson, Yaacov Alexander born to their children Shellie and Ronnie Rosenbaum

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הרדל

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

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן חנה

Shira Steinberg

שירה 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** after-noon 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 Pinchas— The History of Semicha

This Shabbos, we read Parashas Pinchas. It is not too far-fetched to say that both ends of the Parashah deal with Semicha, because when someone receives Semicha, he is elevated. In the beginning of the Parashah, Pinchas is the one who is elevated. He is the recipient of the "Bris Shalom" of HaShem and he is now eligible to become a "Kohen," a priest. At the end of the Parashah, it is Yehoshua who is elevated, to the leadership of the Jewish People.

Towards the end of the Parashah, HaShem informs Moshe that, despite his greatness and heroism, he will not be allowed to accomplish his life's goal of entering the Holy Land of Israel, because of a mysterious sin, in which he failed to sanctify G-d's Name. Moshe accepts his fate, but beseeches HaShem to appoint a leader to succeed him who will "go out before them and come in before them...and let the Assembly of HaShem not be like sheep that have no shepherd." (BaMidbar 27:17)

"HaShem said to Moshe, 'Take to yourself Yehoshua bin Nun, a man in whom there is spirit, and lean your hand upon him.'" (BaMidbar 27:18) This is the first case recorded in Scripture of Semicha, in which a master invests authority in a student, in which the physical aspect of the ceremony involves the "laying on of the hands of the master upon the head of the student." In the modern context of "Semicha" – Rabbinical Ordination, the Torah's description is figurative; there is no "laying on of hands." Rather, the procedure is spiritual and psychological and the Ordination may be conveyed by a document or an Oral Message to a student who has successfully completed an exhaustive sylabus of Torah study.

The Morning Prayer Service includes the following blessing: "Blessed are You, HaShem, our G-d, King of the universe, Who selected us from all the nations and gave us His Torah. Blessed are You, HaShem, Giver of the Torah."

The Torah is what makes the Jewish People and, ultimately, the human race, unique. Some 3500 years ago, it was given to "Moshe Rabbeinu," Moshe, our Teacher and Master, representing the Jewish People, on Mt. Sinai, on the Holiday of Shavuot, called "The Time of the Giving of Our Torah." It consists of two parts: The Written Torah and the Oral Torah, with the latter explaining the former. It is the foundation of Morality for human life. To master it is a lifelong pursuit. Its knowledge has been passed from Sinai to the present in an unbroken Chain of Tradition. Scholars of the Torah who possess the knowledge to make rulings based on its laws are called "Rabbis." Each "Rabbi" assumed that title by the process of Semicha.

The first historical stage of the Chain of Tradition is described in the first chapter of "Pirkei Avos," "Chapters of the Fathers." The first Mishnah reads as follows: "Moshe received the Torah from Sinai and transmitted it to Yehoshua; Yehoshua to the Elders; the Elders to the Prophets; and the Prophets transmitted it to the Men of the Great Assembly..." in a process that took approximately a thousand years.

After the failed revolution against Rome by Bar Kochba, in 132-135 C.E. the Roman Emperor Hadrian realized that the Sanhedrin, the Supreme legislative and religious body of the Jewish People, which the Romans wanted to destroy, was being continuously replenished by scholars given their authority by the Semicha process. He decreed that anyone who gave or received Semicha would be killed, any city in which the ceremony was performed would be razed and all crops in its vicinity would be destroyed. The Chain of Tradition was saved by Rabbi Yehuda ben Bava, who took five students of the recently martyred Rabbi Akiva to a mountain pass far from any settlement or farm, and he gave Semicha to Rabbi Meir, Rabbi Shimon, Rabbi Yehuda ben Ila'i, Rabbi Yosi and Rabbi Elazar, the nucleus of a whole generation of Torah scholarship. When the Romans attacked, the teacher blocked the pass with his body, allowing the students to escape, while he was made into a sieve by 300 spear wounds. But under the brutal Roman regime, the "classic" Semicha process involving the "laying on of hands" could not be sustained, and the Chain of Tradition was continued by the modern Semicha.

Attempts at Restoration: Six attempts have been made to restore the "classic" Semicha and reconstitute the Sanhedrin, but thus far none has succeeded. The most recent attempt was made in Israel in 2004, with "members" of the Sanhedrin serving as "place-holders" until more worthy candidates join. Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the Nasi of the "theoretical Sanhedrin" has said, "I'd be happy if in another few years these chairs are filled by scholars who are greater than us and we can say, 'I kept the chairs warm for you.'"

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

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