

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

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הדלקת נרות 5:40

October 27, 2017

ז' חשוון תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת לך לך

Candle lighting	5:40
Mincha	5:50
Shkiah	5:58

שבת פרשת לך לך

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K" S	10:01
Halacha Shiur	4:40
Mincha	5:25
Shkiah	5:56
Maariv	6:38
Shabbos Ends	6:46

Weekday Schedule: Week of 10/29-11/3

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Tues 5:40 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת וירא

Candle lighting	5:31
Mincha	5:40
Shkiah	5:49

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Nachum and Miriam Rosenberg in honor of the Sheva Brachos of Ettie and Yaakov Tzvi Wayntraub.

Please join us **Thursday nights for shiurim through the Torah Conferencing Network. At 7:45 is Rabbi Mansour's shiur and at 9PM, is Rabbi Frand's shiur. Rabbi Reisman's shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at 9PM.**

Rabbi Gottlieb is continuing his series on Contemporary Kashrus, Shabbos afternoons-45 minutes before Mincha. This week: The Microwave.

Are you celebrating **Birthday or Anniversary in October or November?** Then celebrate with your Bais Torah family and help support our weekly Kiddush. On **Shabbos Parshas Vayera, November 4th** honor your loved ones at the next Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush. **For only \$18 per name** or couple you can participate. Please contact Rivky in the office at Baistorah@gmail.com by October 30th.

Rabbi Gottlieb's Wednesday night shiur on Trei Asar continues. With sefer Nachum. Wednesday nights at 8PM. All are invited to attend.

Avos Ubanim is around the corner! Starting **Motzaei Shabbos November 11th** the program of father-son learning is back for another inspiring year. Participants enjoy learning, pizza, and prizes. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. For any questions, or to be a part of this program please contact Amy Gottlieb: mrsagottlieb@gmail.com.

Save the date- November 17th and 18th Scholar in Residence with Rabbi Hayyim Angel.

MAZAL TOV

Irving and Eudice Rohinsky on the birth of a great granddaughter Chava Gitel born to their grandchildren Aharon and Rivka Rohinsky of Yerushalayim children of Reuvan and Miriam Rohinsky.

Nachum and Miriam Rosenberg on the marriage of their children Ettie and Yaakov Tzvi Wayntraub. Mazal tov to the grandparents Edwin and Ruth Levi.

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson born to their children Betzael and Chana Sochaczewski

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 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

שירה רות בת שרה

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גישל

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 –on hiatus

8:30 PM Navi Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Lech Lecha Avraham Avinu and Elimelech Gavriel "Mike" Tress

Mike Tress, ZT"l, the former president of Agudath Israel of America, who passed away in July, 1967, would definitely have been embarrassed by any comparison between himself and Avraham Avinu. But I see a basis for the comparison, based on the following: The characteristic Avraham were *והייתה אורחיו* and *והייתה אורחיו*. The outstanding biography "They Called Him Mike," by Yonason Rosenblum, we find: "Chesed flowed in the Tress home. The house was always filled with visitors, some who would stay for months at a time. At one point, an invalid relative lived with the family for six months. She was given the largest room in the house, and her own private bathroom, while the rest of the family made due with three rooms and a small bathroom. After the war, the family took in two sisters from Europe... The girls were still suffering from the aftereffects of severe malnutrition and would wake up screaming in the night with nightmares of the ordeal they had been through. An honored guest was a Talmid Chacham who had been left traumatized for life when the Nazis murdered his Kallah under the Chupah."

Mike's accomplishments could be briefly and very inadequately summarized as follows: He drew Jewish youth, from his neighborhood and from across the country into a Torah-based organization, assuring that they would not stray from their tradition; Working with youthful volunteers, he obtained affidavits and visa applications for European Jews, saving thousands of lives; He enabled 70 great European Talmidei Chachamin to enter the United States; He nurtured the development of Camp Agudah; He nearly bankrupted himself by helping Jews trapped in Europe; He served as president of Agudath Israel of America.

At his funeral, Rabbi Gedaliah Schorr, said of him, "Whatever one could say about him, it would not be enough. Elimelech Gavriel Tress was responsible for bringing Torah to the shores of America."

"When we think of most people," said his cousin and successor as president of Agudath Israel, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, "We picture individual limbs forming a human being. With Mike it was different. All you think of is one big heart."

One Tuesday night shiur given by Reb Shraga Feivel Mendlowitz in Williamsburg, began as follows: "Last night I had a dream. In my dream, Mashiach came. Kings, presidents and prime ministers all came to greet him. But ahead of them all were the great rabbanim of our generation: Rabbi Eliezer Silver in his tall stovepipe hat, Rabbi Aharon Kotler with his burning eyes, Rabbi Kalmanowitz with his long white beard. The Mashiach turned to me and asked, 'Who is that sitting in the back, not pushing forward, the one without the beard?' And I answered, 'That's the one who brought you – Reb Elimelech Gavriel Tress.'"

Mike had gone to the DP Camps with the intention of living among the survivors, on the theory that there was no other way to truly gain an understanding of their problems. "As a guest from the US, I was given a straw sack to sleep on... No coverings, no sheets or pillows, not even such elementary sanitary facilities as a water supply... Finally, I was able to fall asleep... In the middle of the night it was pitch dark. Suddenly, one of the survivors gets up and lights a candle. I awoke and watched what he was doing. I saw him going around with his candle looking in every corner, looking under the bunks, looking all over. Then he put out the candle and shouted... 'They are not here. I burned them myself.' Suffice it to say that I did not sleep any more that night. In the morning, I said to those around me, 'What was this?' And they told me that this man had lost his wife and six children, which [in that place] was nothing new. But what was different was that he was the one who had put the coal into the crematorium where they were being burned. And so he went around every night looking for his wife and six children, even though he knew that they were not alive."

After Mike's passing, Zvi, his son, went to Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetsky to gain some understanding of the early death of his father. Reb Yaakov said, "Chazal tell us that originally HaShem intended to create the world according to the attribute of strict justice alone, but He saw that the world could not exist on that basis and therefore added the attribute of Divine mercy to the Creation. But the original Divine intention to create the world only on the basis of strict judgment remained to a degree. In every generation there are a select few worthy to be judged according to the attribute of strict judgment. Your father was one of those."

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

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