

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת תולדות - Shabbos Mevorchim

הדלקת נרות 4:17

Welcome Rabbi Angel

November 17, 2017

כח' חשוון תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

Candle lighting	4:17
Mincha	4:25
Shkiah	4:35

שבת פרשת תולדות

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K" S	9:10
Halacha Shiur	3:15
Mincha	4:00
Shkiah	4:34
Maariv	5:16
Shabbos Ends	5:24

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 11/19-11/24

Sunday Rosh Chodesh	7:45
Mon	6:20, 7:45
Tues-Fri	6:30, 7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:25 PM

**Second Maariv
Mon-Weds 7:30PM**

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת ויצא

Candle lighting	4:13
Mincha	4:20
Shkiah	4:31

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Nechemia Zyskind commemorating the yartzeit of his mother Chaya bas Rav Dov Ber.

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 7:30PM.**

Welcome to our **Scholar in Residence Rabbi Hayyim Angel**. Rabbi Angel will be speaking Friday night at 8:15 about "**Dogma, Heresy and Classical Debates: Creating Jewish Unity in an Age of Confusion**," followed by an Oneg. Shabbos afternoon at 1:15 PM he will be speaking about "**Revelation and Reason: Rambam's Approach to the Bible**," and Motzaei Shabbos at Community Synagogue at 8PM: "**The Akedah: Extremely Religious without Religious Extremism**." Everyone is invited to attend.

THIS WEEK: Avos Ubanim is Motzaei Shabbos at 6:45 pm this program of father-son learning is back for another inspiring year. Participants enjoy learning, pizza, and prizes!!! **This week is sponsored by Yehuda and Judi Eliezri in memory of her father Mordechai Gershon ben Shlomo**. 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

MAZAL TOV

Miriam Nussbaum on the marriage of her granddaughter, Adina Adler, daughter of Rabbi Aryeh and Dr. Keri Adler of Atlanta, to Mordechai Berenstein of Lakewood

Irwin and Leslie Goldress on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Ilan Raphael, son of Dr. Andrew Eisenberger and Jennie Goldress. Thanks to all for the continued tefilot for a refuah shelemah

Yossie and Aviva Schmutter on the engagement of their daughter Chavi to Tzvi Heinemann of Cleveland.

Yisroel and Ruthie Safrin on the engagement of their granddaughter Yael Safrin daughter of Yanky and Shiffy Safrin to Shimshy Myerowitz of Toronto.

NICHUM AVEILIM

The London Family on the petirah of founding member Shirley London

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הרולד

Henry Shapiro-

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Larry Seligson

אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-

רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קיילה

פנחס לואן 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 יודיל

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'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 –no shiur 11/22

8:00 PM Navi Shiur-trei asar

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Toldos – Yitzchok and Yishmael

Avraham was promised by HaShem, "...You shall be the father of a multitude of nations...I will make you most exceedingly fruitful...and kings shall descend from you." (Bereshis 17:4,6) Another promise: "...Through Yitzchok will offspring be considered yours." (Bereshis 21:12) Apparently, Avraham, the one who re-discovered the One True G-d, had three streams of posterity: the first, the relatively small quantitatively but qualitatively great Jewish People, the second, the other much larger quantitatively, monotheistic nations, the Christians and the Muslims, and the third, not literally his posterity, the large nations which would become monotheistic at the time of Mashiach. As it says, "And HaShem will be King over all of the world; on that day, HaShem will be One and His Name, One." (Zechariah 14:9)

I would like to focus in this essay on the relationship between Avraham's original two sons: Yishmael and Yitzchok, in birth order, and their descendants, the Jewish People and the Muslim nations. Avraham and Sarah were of two minds regarding Yishmael. At the banquet the couple made to celebrate Yitzchok's weaning, Sarah noticed Yishmael, son of Hagar, mocking. And she reacted with anger and said to Avraham, "Drive out this slavewoman with her son, for the son of that slavewoman will not inherit with my son, with Yitzchok." (Bereshis 21:10) Scripture records, "Avraham was greatly distressed over the matter regarding his son." (Bereshis 21:11) "So G-d said to Avraham, 'Be not distressed over the youth or your slavewoman. Whatever Sarah tells you, heed her voice, since through Yitzchok will offspring be considered yours.'" (Bereshis 21:12)

On an earlier occasion, when Hagar conceived, while Sarah, her mistress, remained childless, Sarah perceived her attitude as contemptuous, and chased her into the desert, where she rested at a well. Angels of HaShem told her that she should return to Sarah and submit to her domination. She would give birth to a son and she should name him Yishmael. The well was called באר , באר לחי ראי the "Well of the Living One Who saw me in my anguish..." (Bereshis 16:13)

When Eliezer, servant of Avraham, was bringing Rivkah to Yitzchok, Yitzchok had been "conversing with G-d," davening Minchah, the Prayer that he had established, at באר לחי ראי . He had been praying for the success of Eliezer's mission and perhaps also expressing closeness to Yishmael and his mother, Hagar, and praying for Yishmael to do Teshuvah.

Yishmael had displayed courage by choosing to undergo circumcision at the age of thirteen. Many parents have chosen the name Yishmael for their sons; after all, it has the beautiful meaning of "The Almighty will listen to their prayers." Every morning, before the morning prayers, we recite the authoritative compilation by Rabbi Yishmael of the thirteen traditional principles of logic which the rabbis used in many cases to derive the Laws of the Oral Law from the Written Law.

I wonder if the principle of , מעשה אבות סימן לבנים "Events which occurred in the lifetimes of the Avos, the Patriarchs of the Jewish People, will occur to their descendants" applies as well to the Muslim nations. We know that Yishmael did "Teshuvah," i.e. he repented, from the verse regarding the burial of Avraham. The Torah says, "His sons Yitzchok and Yishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah..." (Bereshis 25:9) Rashi comments on this verse, "From here we see that Yishmael did Teshuvah, from the fact that Yishmael allowed Yitzchok to precede him, although Yishmael was the elder son. And Yishmael's repentance was the "good old age" that the Torah records as one of the rewards of Avraham. And with respect to Yishmael's death, the Torah uses the expression "ויגוע" (Bereshis 25:9), about which Rashi comments that that term is used only with respect to the righteous.

We find in a verse earlier in the Torah in which HaShem assures Avraham, "But regarding Yishmael, I have heard you. He will beget 12 princes, and I will make him a great nation." (Bereshis 17:20) R' Bachya, citing R' Chananel, writes, "We see from the prophecy in this verse that 2,337 years elapsed before the Arabs, Yishmael's descendants, became a great nation (with the rise of Islam in 624 C.E.)."

Unfortunately, the Arabs in our time have tried repeatedly to destroy the modern State of Israel. But if the principle cited above regarding מעשה אבות applies to them, there is reason to hope: Since Yishmael was the patriarch of the Muslim nations, and he repented, then it is likely that his descendants will ultimately do the same.

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

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