

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת וישלח -
הדלקת נרות 4:10

December 1, 2017

ג' כסלו תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת וישלח

Candle lighting	4:10
Mincha	4:15
Shkiah	4:28

שבת פרשת וישלח

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"S	9:24
Halacha Shiur	3:15
Mincha	4:00
Shkiah	4:28
Maariv	5:10
Shabbos Ends	5:18

Weekday Schedule: Week of 12/3-12/8

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

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 4:15 PM

Second Maariv
Mon-Thurs 7:30PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת וישב

Candle lighting	4:09
Mincha	4:15
Shkiah	4:27

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישיית is sponsored by Michael and Sharon Kronenberg in honor of their longtime friend, neighbor and teacher, Gil Backenroth upon the completion and publication of his new sefer, Tapuchei Zahav (תפוחי זהב) based on the Torah teachings of Rav Avrohom Yehuda Leib Pesin זצ"ל.

*Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos afternoon Contemporary Halacha shiur continues the series on Kashrus, this week: "**The Dairy Dispute: Controversy over the Kashrus of Milk**" at 3:15 PM

Bnos is back, and begins next week, Parshas Vayeshev. Girls K-8th grade can join in a fun filled hour Shabbos afternoon from 2:30-3:30.

Please join us **Thursday 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.**

THIS WEEK: Avos Ubanim is Motzaei Shabbos at 6:30 pm. This program of father-son learning is back for another inspiring year. Participants enjoy learning, pizza, and prizes!!! This week is sponsored by Jonathan and Chavy Rosenstock.. 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

Join us this **Motzaei Shabbos December 2nd at 8:40 p.m.**, for the film "**A Man Called Ove.**" Based on the international best-selling novel by Fredrik Backman, the film is a touching, beautiful and uplifting film. It was nominated for several awards, including two Academy Awards and was the winner of nine international awards, including Best Actor. In Swedish with Bais Torah-edited subtitles.

Bais Torah Sisterhood is resuming the Book Club. Reserve Tuesday evening, December 26, 2017, 7:30 p.m. for a tantalizing discussion of *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright at the Kimmel home. Please call Hinda at 357-9571 to RSVP.

Bais Torah will once again be participating in an annual Chanukah Toy Drive, collecting on behalf of 19 charities in the tri-state area and two charities in Israel. (See attached.) You can make your check payable to Congregation Bais Torah and receive a tax receipt in return; be sure to inform us that your donation is for the toy drive. For further information, contact Dovid Katz at dovidkat@gmail.com.

Begin "v'sain tal umatar l'vracha" at Maariv on Monday evening December 4.

MAZAL TOV

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson born to their children Rabbi Noam and Bracha Peikes

Charlie and Shulamith Grandovsky on the marriage of their grandchildren Rivky and Chaim Fogel, children of Yitzzy and Elisheva Braunstein.

Gil Backenroth on the publication of his new sefer, Tapuchei Zahav, a detailed analysis of Rash"i on the Torah based on the derech of Rav Avrohom Pessin ZT"L.

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a grandson born to their children Shaul and Malky Mayerfeld

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 קילה

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 -

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 VaYishlach – Yaakov, the Dreamer, with Long-Range Dreams

“Yaakov Avinu” is known in Jewish Tradition as the **איש האמת**, the “Man of Truth,” and thus he imposed the same standard on HaShem, **שחותמו אמת**, “Whose seal is Truth,” and asked the basic question that “Avraham Avinu,” the **איש החסד**, the “Man of Kindness,” had failed to ask on his own behalf, because he truly believed that he was only **אפר ואש** “dust and ash” (Bereshis 18:27), when HaShem commanded him to sacrifice Yitzchok. Yaakov, fearful of the consequences of the approach of his brother at the head of a battalion of 400 armed men, asked the following of G-d: “Rescue me, please, from the hand of Esav, my brother, for I fear lest he come and strike me down, mother and child. And You had said, ‘I will surely do good with you, and I will make your offspring like the sand of the seabed, which is too numerous to count.’” (Bereshis 32:12-13)

Yaakov’s mother, Rivkah, had heard Yitzchok say to Esav to go to the field and hunt for game and prepare it in the manner that he enjoys in order that Yitzchok would bless him with a full heart, before his death. Why Yitzchok preferred Esav to Yaakov is a mystery. Perhaps his near brush with death on the altar of the Akeidah led him to appreciate more the physical world, Esav’s arena of specialty. Who knows? But Rivkah could not tolerate the thought that the “Birchas Avraham” would pass to Yitzchok and wind up in the possession of Esav. So she told Yaakov to impersonate Esav, she would prepare the food that Yitzchok wanted. Yaakov, the **איש האמת**, reluctantly agreed, impersonated Esav, and acquired the Blessings. When Esav learned that he had lost the Blessings, he swore to kill Yaakov after Yitzchok’s death. Fearful of losing both her sons, Rivkah sent Yaakov to the home of Lavan, her brother, until Esav’s anger would abate.

On his way, Yaakov experienced his Dream of the Ladder upon which Angels were ascending and descending, and HaShem was “standing” on top. There, HaShem promised Eretz Yisrael to his descendants, that he would be a blessing for all nations, and Divine protection from his enemies.

Yaakov was a great realist. We find the following in Rashi’s commentary: “He (Yaakov) prepared himself for the confrontation with Esav in three ways - **דפלומאטיא, תפלה ולמחמה** - “Diplomacy, Prayer and (as a last resort) War. (Tanchuma Yashan 6) - **“ותעבור המנחה על פניו”** - “So the tribute passed on before him” (Bereshis 32:22) - **“אלהי אבי אברהם ואלהי אבי יצחק”** - “G-d of my father Avraham, and G-d of my father Yitzchok” (Bereshis 32:10) - **“והיה המחנה הנשאר לפליטה”** - “The remaining camp will be saved.” (Bereshis 32:9) Rashi on that verse: “Against his will, for I will fight with him.”

Yaakov is criticized by Chazal for “starting up with Esav;” in effect, pulling the wild dog by his ears. Perhaps Yaakov thought, “I am one of the three **אבות** of the Jewish People. It is my duty to begin the process of healing the breach between myself and my brother which I, some would say, caused. And even if the process takes thousands of years to be completed, I must begin the healing.” And even more important, Yaakov thought that he had to attempt to bring his brother back into the orbit of recognition and proper Service of HaShem, which seems, at last, to be happening, with the most recent Popes of the Roman Catholic Church referring to us as their brothers, and founders of the original true religion, and the leaders of the Evangelical Christians, whose friendship to the Jewish People and the State of Israel seem to be sincere.

In the beginning of the Parashah, Yaakov sends “Malachim” (messengers or Angels; Rashi prefers the Angels scenario) to deliver to Esav oxen and donkeys, flocks of sheep, servants and maid-servants, and to assess his strength and intentions, and to report back that information to Yaakov. The group returned with the following report: “The man you referred to as ‘your brother’ is marching towards you at the head of an armed force of 400 men, and betrays no sign of brotherliness.”

Not bad for a display of information gathering, rivaling Israel’s modern-day Mossad. The performance of Israel’s **חיל האוויר** during the 6-Day War was nearly Biblical. Israel is growing and expanding technologically at a very high level. Yet it still faces implacable enemies and anti-Semitism poisons the atmosphere.

We need just a few things to make the Jewish People and the State of Israel a truly unbeatable **עם**. They are **אמונה** Faith in the Holy One and **אהבת חנם** one to the other, in the spirit of **כל** חברים . And, in the spirit of Chanukah (here in two weeks), we will merit the **נסים ונפלאות שעשית** . **לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה** .

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

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