

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת תצוה-זכור
הדלקת נרות 5:22

February 23, 2018

ח' אדר תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת תצוה-

Candle lighting	5:22
Mincha	5:30
Shkiah	5:40

שבת פרשת תצוה-

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K"Sh	9:24
Second Reading of Parshas Zachor, after Mussaf	
Halacha Shiur	4:25
Mincha	5:10
Shkiah	5:41
Maariv	6:23
Shabbos Ends	6:31

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/25-3/2

Sunday	7:45
Mon.,	6:20, 7:45
Tues, Fri	6:30, 7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Tues 5:30 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת כי תשא

Candle lighting	5:30
Mincha	5:40
Shkiah	5:48

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by all those celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in February and March. Thank you for your support and Mazal Tov!! The list is attached.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship .

Rabbi Gottlieb's Shabbos afternoon Contemporary Halacha shiur continues the series on Kashrus. This week: **"Eretz Yisroel and Cholor Yisroel."**

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 8:00PM.**

THIS FINAL WEEK: Avos Ubanim is Motzaei Shabbos at 7:45 pm. This week is sponsored by Leiby and Devorah Pomerantz. Thank you to everyone who came every week, and thank you to all the sponsors!

Matzah Baking this past Sunday was a busy, beautiful few hours of mitzvah prep! Thank you **Rabbi Gottlieb and Rich Levy** for inspecting the matzos, to **Jay Kimmel** for overseeing that those matzos made their way into our matza boxes, and to **Jossi Lieder** for being the traffic coordinator on the floor of the matza bakery. BH we had a large contingent of children helping! **Matzos can be picked up Monday thru Thursday when Rivki is in the office 9:00- 1:00 PM**

Just in time for Pesach, we kashered the movie!! Coming to Bais Torah on Sunday March 11, 2018 at 7:30p.m., "The Band's Visit". All are invited.

Taanis Esther-Wenesday February 28th

Fast begins: 5:10 AM

Shacharis 1: 6:10 AM

Shacharis 2: 7:45 AM

Mincha: 5:15 PM

Fast ends: 6:28 PM

Those who are having difficulty may eat or drink lightly before Megillah

Maariv: 6:15 PM

Megillah 6:30 PM

Purim Day Thursday March 1

Shacharis 1: 6:00 AM

Shacharis 2: 7:45 AM

Mincha 3:00 PM

Maariv 8:00PM

NICHUM AVEILIM

Tzippy Rakower on the petirah of her father, Mr. Shia Sternhill

Susie Kirshenbaum on the petirah of her mother Mrs. Fela Ramras

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 בן 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 בן 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

Marty Ginsberg

משה זאב בן אסתר

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Please Call Before Visiting

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'z'cher 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 -

8:00 PM Navi Shiur-trei asar

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Tezaveh The "Kohanim," Rabbi Dr. Natan Slifkin, Charles Darwin and the Platypus

Parashas Tetzaveh focuses, to a large extent, on the "Kohanim," the Priests, descendants of Aharon. Addressing Moshe, HaShem says, *"Bring near to yourself Aharon your brother, and his sons with him, from among the Children of Israel – Aharon, Nadav and Avihu, Elazar and Itamar, the sons of Aharon – to minister to Me."* (Shemos 28:1) And that will have a profound effect on the nature of your People – *"And you will be for Me a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation."* (Shemos 19:6)

In Parashas Emor, we find, *"They shall be holy to their G-d"* (VaYikra 21:6) – on which the Ramban comments, "The Holiness is their separateness, meaning that even with respect to those items which are permitted to most Jews, the "Kohanim" should maintain a certain separateness. For example, they should stay away from the impurity of the dead and, in the area of marriage, they should avoid marrying women who, while being Jewish, are not fit for them in terms of purity and in clean characteristics, and the reason is that I am HaShem, Who makes you holy. Now, HaShem is either speaking here directly with the "Kohanim," as in fact the Parashah begins, *"Speak to the 'Kohanim,'*" or the meaning is "I am HaShem Who makes all of you holy, the "Kohanim" and also the rest of the People; and the reason is that by virtue of the fact that he sacrifices the "Bread of G-d," Holiness will be yours, for through his actions, I sanctify all of you, and allow My Divine Presence to dwell in your Temple." In fact, Holiness will be the defining characteristic of the Jewish People.

The "Sefas Emes" writes, "These two righteous individuals were prepared to be servants in the Temple, as it is written, *"Moshe and Aharon among His 'Kohanim' "* for the "Kohen" must be totally negated with respect to the One, Blessed be His Name, as it is written with respect to them, *"And who are we?"* and another verse writes concerning Aharon, *"And Aharon, who is he?"* for they had totally negated themselves, the only distinction being that Moshe Rabbeinu was humble by virtue of being a completely righteous person, and Aharon came to total self-negation by virtue of being a Master of Repentance." (VaYikra Shemini 645)

In the Jewish Press of 2/18/18, there appears a fascinating essay by Rabbi Dr. Natan Slifkin, entitled, "The Paradox of the Platypus." "... Three years ago, I opened the museum... featuring an extraordinary array of both inanimate and live exhibits... but the single most extraordinary creature I have ever met is the Australian duck-billed platypus. How could a furry animal with four legs have a beak and webbed claws like those of a duck? The early naturalists were amazed before they found out something even more extraordinary - that this mammal lays eggs! Such a creature was a paradox and was given the name Ornithorhynchus paradoxicus – the 'paradoxical bird-snout.' Upon first sight, I pronounced the blessing the Talmud prescribes for seeing wondrous creatures, *'Baruch meshanah habriyot' – 'Blessed is the One Who makes extraordinary creatures.'*"

"In 1836, Darwin was on his voyage in Australia when he came across several platypuses. He wrote in his diary that this most extraordinary animal, so different from everything in the rest of the world, had given him cause for theological concern. Surely two distinct Creators must have been at work at the same time. His observation of an Australian ant convinced him otherwise – 'The one hand had surely worked throughout the universe.'"

[And now, we speak about another unique creature: above, spiritual; below, physical, with the same Creator, and, as we'll see below, one can serve as a metaphor for the other, though they are separated by an infinity of levels.] "Platypuses are not primitive. Rather, they combine certain very ancient characteristics – laying eggs, a single cloaca – with some very advanced characteristics, such as electroreceptors. Indeed, using the *etz chaim* metaphor, the platypus is a worthy metaphor for Judaism itself. The fact that Judaism separated itself from the rest of the world many millennia ago means that the rest of the world was primitive, and Judaism has continued to progress over thousands of years. It delicately and harmoniously combines ancient and meaningful traits with advanced accomplishments."

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

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