

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת אמר
פרקי אבות פרק ד'

May 4, 2018

י"ט אייר תשע"ח

ערב שבת פרשת אמר

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting :

Summer schedule 7:20

Actual 7:38

Shkiah 7:56

שבת פרשת אמר

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"S 9:21

Pirkei Avos 5:50

Halacha 6:40

Mincha 7:25

Shkiah 7:57

Maariv 8:38

Shabbos Ends 8:46

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 5/6-5/11

Sunday 7:45

Mon.,Thurs 6:20, 7:45

Tues,Weds Fri
6:30,7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 7:50 PM

Shiur* 7:20 PM

NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת בהר- בחקתי

Mincha 7:00

Candle lighting :

Summer schedule 7:20

Actual 7:45

Shkiah 8:03

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודה שלישית is sponsored by Laurence Gordon commemorating the yartzheit of his father Moshe ben Yosef Rephoel..

This week **Rabbi Gottlieb's** Contemporary Halacha Shiur dives into "What's the Deal with Swordfish?" All are invited to attend.

Please join us **Thursday for shiurim through the Torah Conferencing Network. At 7:45 is Rabbi Mansour's shiur and Rabbi Frand's shiur is at 9PM. Rabbi Reisman's shiur is Motzaei Shabbos at 10:30 PM.**

*Rabbi Josef Fischer will be giving his Bava Kama Mishnayos shiur every Monday through Thursday 30 minutes before Mincha in the Simcha Room.

The **Daf Yomi Shiurim for last week** were co-sponsored by by Mrs Joyce Fein in memory of her grandparents Avrohom ben Chayim and Esther bas Zelig and by Yisroel Helprin in memory of his mother Devorah bas Shlomo HaCohen and by Mrs. Sonia Kornbluth Fogel in memory of her father Yitzchok ben Menachem HaKohen

Please join us for the 39th Annual Elaine Fischer/Ilan Tokayer Chevra Mishnayos Siyum and sumptuous Breakfast-Sunday May 13 at 9:30 AM. Special guest speaker Rabbi Daniel Feldman who will be speaking about "Jerusalem: Yesterday, Today, and Forever." Reservations are \$18 please contact the shul office, 352-1343 or Rabbi Yossi Fischer 425-2785.

Please join us Sunday evening **May 13th** for a special **Yom Yerushalayim** presentation of the film "**The Prime Ministers: Soldiers and Peacemakers,**" based on the book by Yehuda Avner. **Mincha is at 7 PM** followed by the screening. The program is **sponsored by the Schloss family** in commemoration of the 1st yartzheit of **Jack Wimmer, z"l.**

MAZAL TOV

Steven and Jacquelyn Fessel on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Ariella and Bobby Faigen.

NICHUM AVEILIM

Rita Landa on the petirah of her mother Mrs. Rose Moskowitz.

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

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

Marty Ginsberg

משה זאב בן אסתר

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zcher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** after-noon 45 minutes before the Pirkei Avos 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 Emor—“And you shall count for yourselves...” (Vayikra 23:15)

One may count most objects: gold and silver, one's change at the store, the number of stars in the sky. One may count distances between objects, such as the distance between the earth and the moon, the earth and the sun, and the distance between the stars. One may count the number of radiated particles in scientific studies, or healing devices. One may measure the speed of light. And we may count time: the number of days in a week, a month or a year. And we will see below that we may count the days and weeks between the Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt on Pesach and their receipt of the Torah on Mt. Sinai on Shavuos, and that counting is called the “Sephiras HaOmer.”

But there is one object that one is forbidden to count. And that is the human being. That is why whenever HaShem wants a census to be undertaken, He calls for an object, such as a silver “shekel,” to represent the person. And that is why “HaMelech” David was punished so severely, where we find, “A satan (i.e. a evil impulse (Radak)) enticed David to count Israel.” (Chronicles 21:1) And also, “So the king said to Yoav, the commander of his army, ‘Travel around among all the Tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beer Sheva, and count the people, so that I may know their number. But Yoav said to the king, ‘May HaShem your God increase the number of the people a hundred times, while the eyes of my Lord live to see it, but why should my master the king desire such a thing?’ But the king's word prevailed over Yoav and the officers of the army...and they went to count the people, Israel.” (Shmuel II, 24:2-4, 10, 17)

“David's heart smote him after having counted the people and David said to HaShem, ‘I have sinned greatly in what I have done...’” (Shmuel II, 24:10)

A possible reason that counting people is viewed as such a serious crime is that human beings are created in the “image of God,” Who is immortal. Therefore, to count human beings is analogous to “counting God!” which is absurd, for He is absolutely unique, and each human being also possesses an immortal soul.

The input for the remainder of this essay comes from the work by Rabbi Shimon Schwab, “The Spring of the Flowing Fountain.”

It seems that the Holiday of “Shavuos” has two elements (“two halachos,” as it were, to paraphrase Reb Chaim Soloveitchik of Brisk). Or one could say that it is actually two holidays wrapped in one; or perhaps, even three holidays combined, two more closely linked, the third, of a completely different nature. The first aspect involves the release from the prohibition of the new grain. The combination involves the release from the prohibition of “Chodosh” outside the Temple, involving the grain of barley, which is accomplished by the “Mitzvah” of “Sephiras Ha-Omer.” The second involves the offering of the “Two ‘Breads’ ” of wheat which accomplishes the release from the prohibition of “Chodosh” in the Temple.

The second aspect involves the idea of “Shavuos” as “The Time of the Receipt of the Torah.” Because the Children of Israel had the enthusiasm to say “Na’aseh Ve’Nishma,” “We will practice the Commands before we understand them,” (a possible reversal of the usual learning curve), HaShem said, “I’ll give them another Holiday to celebrate on Shavuos.”

And here Rabbi Schwab refers to the Pesach Seder and says, “And here the son asks, ‘Why is it that the Torah conceals the idea of celebrating the receipt of the Torah?’ And the son enlarges the question by asserting that the Torah seems to have concealed the aspect of ‘Rosh HaShanah’ as ‘Yom HaDin,’ the ‘Day of Judgment.’ And, in addition, we also do not understand the idea of ‘Shmini Atzeres’ as the Day on which, after the 70 nations brought their sacrifices, HaShem said to his ‘Special Nation,’ Israel, ‘Come, let us celebrate our special relationship by an intimate ‘Seudah’ of just one Sacrifice.’ And Rabbi Schwab answers that these three are bound by and associated with the ‘Torah she Be’Al Peh,’ as we see that HaShem delivered the ‘Aseres HaDibros’ to us orally, and in fact only the first two Utterances could be comprehended by the People of Israel. Likewise, the special Sacrifice on ‘Shemini Atzeres,’ which relates to the future and the time of Moshiach, and it is distinguished by the expression “*And you shall be especially joyful*” (Devarim 16:15) was revealed only in the ‘Torah she Be’Al Peh.’”

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

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