

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ואתחנן

פרקי אבות פרק ג'

July 27, 2018

ט"ו אב תשע"ח

## ערב שבת פרשת ואתחנן

Mincha 7:00

### Candle lighting :

Summer schedule 7:20

Actual 8:00

Shkiah 8:18

## שבת פרשת ואתחנן

Hashkama 7:30

Daf Yomi 8:00

Shacharis 8:45

Sof Zman K"Sh 9:25

Pirkei Avos 6:10

Halacha 7:00

Mincha 7:45

Shkiah 8:17

Maariv 8:59

Shabbos Ends 9:07

## Weekday Schedule:

### Week of 7/29-8/3

Sunday 7:45

Mon.Thurs. 6:20,7:45

Tues,Weds.Fri  
6:30,7:45

## MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs 8:00 PM

Shiur\* 7:30 PM

## NEXT WEEK

### פרשת עקב

Mincha 7:00

### Candle lighting :

Summer schedule 7:20

Actual 7:52

Shkiah 8:10

## WHAT'S NEW

**This week's Kiddush** is sponsored by Michael and Rena Rossman in honor of the marriage of their children Tziporah and Boruch Lerner.

**סעודה שלישית** is co-sponsored by Seymour Lutwak commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Esther Malka bas Shlomo and by Charlie and Shulamith Grandovsky commemorating the yartzheits of her mother, Mrs. Ethel Bernstein Ettl bas R' Avrohom Yitzchok, and her brother Mr. Isaac Bernstein, R' Avrohom Yitzchok ben Yosef, and by Max and Beverly Rubinstein commemorating the yartzheit of his mother Roza Gittel bas Yosef Reuven and her mother Chana bas Meyer Nisson Aaron Halevi.

Bais Torah will be streaming the **Irgun Shiurai Hatorah** series for the next few weeks. The first shiur is **Wednesday August 1st at 9PM** and features Rabbi Yonatan Rietti discussing: **"I Was Only Kvetching! How Does Hashem View My Complaining?"** All are welcome to attend.

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

**Women of Bais Torah**, Please Save the Date: Tuesday evening, **September 4 at 7:00 pm**, the Sisterhood will have its Simcha/Membership Tea in the Simcha Room. Please mark the date, come, and bring your friends. We expect this to be a special and enjoyable evening for all. Please send names of recent kallos, chassonim and bas mitzvah girls to Rivki in the shul office. Email your info to [baistorah@gmail.com](mailto:baistorah@gmail.com)

The **Daf Yomi Shiurim** for this upcoming week are sponsored by Jennifer Herrmann in memory of her father Mr. Walter Preiss, Shlomo ben Yisroel. Thursday August 2nd is sponsored by David Mayerfeld in memory of his mother Esther bas Moshe.

SAVE THE DATE!  
*Annual Dinner*  
Sunday, November 11, 2018

## MAZAL TOV

Michael and Rena Rossman on the recent marriage of their children Tziporah and Boruch Lerner

## NICHUM AVEILIM

The Hellman family on the petirah of Mrs. Rebecca Hellman

## 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 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 גיטל

Goldress grandson  
אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrman's mother  
שרה צירלא בת יודיל

Marty Ginsberg  
משה זאב בן אסתר

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

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## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher 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 Va-Eschanan Love of Israel (the Nation and the Land), Freedom of Choice and "Teshuvah" (Repentance)

"The context of the Book of Devarim is the standing of the People of Israel on the precipice of their entry into the Holy Land of Israel. This entry had also been the lifelong dream of their leader, Moshe "Rabbeinu." That is the reason Parashas VaEschanan begins, "I implored HaShem at that time, saying, 'My Lord, HaShem/Elohim, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand, for what power is there in the heaven or on the earth that can perform according to Your deeds and according to Your mighty acts? Let me now cross over and see the good Land that is on the other side of the Yarden, this good mountain (Yerushalayim – Rashi) and the Levanon ((the 'Bais HaMikdash' – Rashi).'" (Devarim 3:23-25)

Now Moshe knew the power of prayer better than any other human being (the only possible comparison is Avraham "Avinu"). After all, he had prayed to HaShem to save the People of Israel twice when HaShem had considered destroying them and rebuilding them from Moshe, the first time after they had constructed the Golden Calf; the second, after they had been led astray by the perfidious report of the "Meraglim." (Moshe had refused, revealing his self-sacrifice in these words, "And now, if You would but forgive their sin! – but if not, erase me, I beg of You, from this Book that You have written." (Shemos 32:32)) And that is why, according to the Midrash, Moshe prayed 515 times for HaShem to rescind His decree barring him from "Eretz Yisrael," until HaShem, realizing that He could not refuse further prayer from Moshe, said to him, "...You already have a great reward! Do not continue to speak to Me further about this matter." (Devarim 3:26)

Background for Moshe's behavior can be found in "Hilchos Teshuvah" of the Rambam:

"Permission is granted to each person; if the individual wishes to incline himself to a good path and be a righteous person, that permission is granted to him; and if he wishes to incline himself towards a path of evil, and be a wicked person, that permission is granted. That means that this species of creature; namely, the human being, is unique in the universe that, on its own, in its understanding and thought, can recognize good and evil, and is free to do as it wishes, and there is no one forcing a member of that species to do good or evil, and since that is the case, it is his responsibility to choose wisely." (Rambam ("Hilchos Teshuvah" 5:1))

The Rambam continues, "Let there not pass through your mind the nonsensical thought expressed by fools among the nations and ignorant Jews that the Holy One, Blessed Be He, decrees concerning the human being from its conception to be righteous or wicked. That is not so! Rather, each individual has the potential to be as righteous as Moshe or as wicked as Yerovam, or wise or foolish, or compassionate or cruel, or stingy or generous, and the same freedom regarding all other characteristics... That is what Yirmiyahu said, 'From the mouth of the Supreme One does not emanate evil or good.'

"That is to say, the Creator does not decree concerning an individual that he be good or evil. And since this is true, it follows that the sinner has determined his own fate. And therefore, it is appropriate for him to weep and to plead concerning his sins and regarding what he did to himself and caused himself harm. That is the meaning of what is written afterwards, "A living person has no right to complain about the consequences of his bad behavior..." And since we had the freedom and by our own choice did we perform all our evil deeds, it is most appropriate for us to reverse our course and do "Teshuvah" and abandon our wickedness, for we have the freedom now to do so; that is what is written afterwards, 'Let us search our pathways, examine them carefully, and return...' (Rambam ('Hilchos Teshuvah' 5:2))"

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

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