

# BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת ואתחנן-פרקי אבות פרק ג'  
הדלקת נרות 7:20

August 16, 2019

טו' אב תשע"ט

## ערב שבת ואתחנן

**Mincha** 7:00  
Candle lighting (early) 7:20  
Candle lighting (actual) 7:36  
Shkiah 8:54

## שבת פרשת ואתחנן

Hashkama 7:30  
Daf Yomi 8:00  
Shacharis 8:45  
Sof Zman K"S 9:34

**Mincha** 7:20

Shkiah 7:52

**Maariv** 8:34

**Shabbos Ends 8:42**

## Weekday Schedule:

**Week of 8/18-8/23**

## Shacharis

Sun., 7:45  
Mon.,Thurs 6:20, 7:45  
Tues.Weds.,Fri 6:30,7:45

## MINCHA-MAARIV

**Mon-Thurs 7:35 PM**

## NEXT WEEK

### ערב שבת פרשת עקב

Mincha 7:00  
Candle lighting (early) 7:20  
Candle lighting (actual) 7:25  
Shkiah 7:43

## WHAT'S NEW

**This week's Kiddush** is available for sponsorship.

**סעודה שלישיית** is co-sponsored by Tzvi Sternberg in honor of a Seudas Hoda'ah, and Seymour Lutwak commemorating the yartzeit of his mother Esther Malka bas Shlomo

The **Daf Yomi Shiurim this upcoming week** are sponsored by Max and Beverly Rubinstein in memory of their mothers Chana bas Mayer Nisson Halevi and

Raiza Gittel bas Yosef Reuven.

Join us Shabbos **Parshas Shoftim, September 7th**, for the **JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush**. For just \$18 per name or couple you can celebrate with your Bais Torah family and help **support** our weekly Kiddush! Please email the shul office with all your info, Baistorah@gmail.com. Please send in your names by September 2nd!

**Active Seniors of Rockland** invites you to a **Rockland Boulders game** at Palisade Credit Union Park in Pomona on **Sunday, August 25th** at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are free of charge; limit 4 per family. R.S.V.P. Ruthie Lehmann at [baiberuthfive@aol.com](mailto:baiberuthfive@aol.com). The next **ASR "Rosh Chodesh" buffet luncheon** will be held at Primavera on Wednesday, September 4th at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$16 per person and advanced reservations are required. Please write Marilyn Sapir at [marilyn.sapir@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.sapir@gmail.com) to reserve your seat. On Monday, September 9th, the **ASR Book Club** will discuss People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. The meeting will take place at 3 p.m. at Bais Torah. Contact Diane Schmeltz for further information. To be added to the ASR mailing list, send your name and email address to [baiberuthfive@aol.com](mailto:baiberuthfive@aol.com).

We are gauging interest in transportation to the OU Torah event at Citi Field. If you would be interested please contact David Lehmann.

**The Irgun Shiruai Torah Lecture Series for the summer is as follows, all Shiurim begin at 9PM:**

**Tuesday Aug 20th** Rabbi Yosef Sayag- "Shatnez Update-Recent Findings in Clothing in our Community and in Repaired Talleisim"

**Wednesday Aug 28** Rabbi Eytan Feiner "Chodesh Elul- The quest to attain Ahavas and Yiras Hashem"

**HASHAVAS AVEIDA:** A pair of prescription sunglasses was lost at the levaya on Sunday. If found please give to David Lehmann.

Please visit us at our new improved site: [www.baistorah.org](http://www.baistorah.org).

## MAZAL TOV

Edwin and Ruth Levi on the marriage of their grandchildren Dovid and Adina Katzenstein, children of Adele and Naftoly Katzenstein.

## NICHUM AVEILIM

Pamela Erdfarb on the petirah of her mother Mrs. Rose Perry

The Holzer family on the petirah of Mrs. Marcia Holzer

## Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הודל

Larry Seligson's son-

רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס לויאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן חנה

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

Goldress grandson

אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrmann's mother

שרה צירלא בת יודיל

Ruth Lowenstein's mother

בתיה בת מרים

Marty Ginsberg

משה זאב בן אסתר

## BIKUR CHOLIM-

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## SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'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 V'eschanan- Prayer and the Characteristic of "Chen," "Favor" in the Eyes of HaShem

Moshe's phrase, "*Va-Eschanan el HaShem*" is translated as "*I implored HaShem.*" His request, which ultimately was denied, was that he be allowed to cross the Yarden and see, in his mind's eye, Yerushalayim and the Holy Temple. Rashi cites the Sifri, in which we find, regarding the word "*Va-Eschanan*" that it is one of the ten expressions meaning "*Prayer.*" The root of the word is "*Chen,*" meaning "*Favor,*" meaning that the righteous individual relies on his characteristic of finding favor in the eyes of HaShem, when he stands before Him in Prayer.

Why were Moshe's prayers not accepted? The Parashah begins with the word "*Va-Eschanan*" – suggesting, perhaps, that Moshe may have abused the characteristic of "chen," favor, that he had found in HaShem's eyes. And when was this? In Beha'alosecha, where the Jews were complaining about the **absence of meat** from their diet. Moshe could not bear the materialism and lack of spirituality of the Jews at that time. We find the verse, "*If You make me the leader of this kind of People, then kill me, I beg of you, if I have found 'chen' in Your eyes!*" (*Bamidbar 11:15*) This may be an instance of "Tzaddik gozer, ve-HaKadosh Baruch Hu Mekayem!" "The righteous person decrees and the Holy One, Blessed is he, carries out the decree." What is the logic behind that idea? The righteous person knows himself or herself very well, both their strengths and weaknesses. Moshe may have realized subconsciously that his unique mission was to uplift his People, indeed the entire world, to higher spiritual levels, and at this task he was a great success. But when it would come to the grinding, mundane, daily trials and tribulations of entering, conquering, dividing and settling the Land of Israel, he was perhaps not the best person available for the job.

What other instances demonstrate that Moshe possessed the Characteristic of "Chen?" In Parashas "Ki Tisa," we find, among others, the following:

"*Moshe said to HaShem, 'Elevate this people,' but You did not inform me whom You will send with me, and You had said, 'I will know you by name, and you have also found favor in My eyes.' And now, if I have indeed found favor in Your eyes, make Your ways known to me, so that I may comprehend Your 'you have found favor in My eyes' But see that this nation is Your people...'*"

"...How, then, will it be known, that I have found favor in Your Eyes – I and Your people – unless You accompany us, and I and Your people will be made distinct from every people on the face of the earth!"

"*HaShem said to Moshe, 'Even this thing of which you spoke I shall do, for You have found favor in My eyes, and I have known you by name...'*" (*Shemos 33:12-13, 16-17*)

The Avos: Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov, taught the Jewish People the three Tefilos of "Shacharis," "Minchah" and "Ma'ariv," respectively. Yet none was successful **at all times** in his Prayer. Avraham certainly prayed that his elder son, Yishmael, would turn out better, but the Torah describes him as a "wild man." Yitzchak taught the Prayer of Minchah, when the Torah says of him, "*And Yitzchak went to meditate in the field towards evening...*" (*Bereshis 24:63*) But his prayers that Esav turn out better went wildly awry. And though it is said of Ya'akov that "his bed was complete," his life is portrayed as one tragedy after another.

From Chanah (the root of which is "chen") in Sefer Shmuel we learn the correct way of asking HaShem for a greatly desired wish: "But Chanah, she was speaking in her heart; only her lips were moving, and her voice was not heard, and Eli thought her to be a drunken woman." (*I Shmuel 1:13*) Chaza"l say that the Laws of reciting the "Shemoneh Esray," were derived from this description of Chanah. During the Yamim Noraim, we will say, "And Repentance, and **Prayer** and Charity, avert the Evil Decree." With the final Prayer of Yom HaKippurim, "Ne'ilah," referring to the Closing of the Gates of Heaven as the Divine Presence departs, Chanah taught us that no Gates remain locked and sealed before the Key of Tears.

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

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