BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת מצורע י שבת הגדול

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י״א ניסן תשפ״ד

April 19, 2024

parshas hashavua

Absent

by Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb



On the precipice of leaving the Land of Egypt, Moshe and Aharon provide the nation with detailed instructions for the process of bringing the Pesach offering, smearing the doorposts with blood, and consuming matza, not chametz. The nation remains largely stoic until the end of Moshe's presentation when they respond by bowing in gratitude. What did he tell them to prompt such gratitude? He

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what's new

The Rabbi will be giving his Shabbos Hagadol Drasha on Shabbos afternoon at 6:00 p.m. The topic will be "Bread of Faith, Bread of Hope."

Rabbi Gottlieb will once again be selling chometz for all those who authorize him to do so on their behalf. Please print out the emailed forms and leave them unsigned until you meet Rabbi Gottlieb in person. All forms must be in by Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Seudah shlishit is being sponsored this week by Gili Backenroth in memory of his mother, Tzirel bas Eliyahu. Daf Yomi is being sponsored the week of April 28th by Asher Yankovich in memory of his father, Mayer ben Shmuel Shlomo and on May 1st by Marilyn Sapir in memory of her father, Moshe ben Gavriel.

On page 6 of this issue is the Prayer for the Return of the Hostages composed by The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi David Lau. It is to be recited at the Seder before v'hi she'amda.

Save the date: On May 19th, Bais Torah will celebrate its Annual Siyum Mishnayos. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Yosef Fried. See page 7 for a list of learning commitments.

Rabbi Frand's TCN shiurim will be streaming on Thursday evenings; Rabbi Reisman's shiur will be broadcast this Motzoei Shabbos at 10:15 p.m.

On page 4 there is a list of **chayalim** with a connection to Bais Torah who need your prayers. You can also say Tehillim for soldiers at https://tehillimlechayal.org/.

The Bais Torah Bulletin will not be published on Chol Hamoed, The next publication date is May 3rd.

mazel tov

David and Ruth Lehmann on the engagement of their granddaughter, Miriam Benmergui, to Mordechai Gross of Telz Stone.

David and Soshi Mayerfeld on the birth of a grandson born to their children. Shulamis and Adam Kessler.

ערב שבת פרשת מצורע

Early Candle Lighting	.7:20 p.m.
Actual Candle Lighting	.7:23 p.m.
Mincha	.7:00 p.m.
Shkiah	.7:41 p.m.

שבת פרשת מצורע

Daf Yomi	8:00 a.m.
Shacharis	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman K'Shma	9:32 a.m.
Shabbos Hagadol Sh	iur.6:00 p.m.
Mincha	7:17 p.m.
Maariv	8:24 p.m.
Shabbos ends	8:32 p.m.

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis Zoom #790 613 352 Sunday7:45 a.m.

Mincha-Ma'ariv Zoom #790 613 352 Sunday......7:30 p.m.

> Pesach schedule is on page 5

Ner Lamaor for Nisan has been sponsored by Gili Backenroth

Refuah Shelaima

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informed them they would have children who would carry on their legacy.

"And it shall be, when your children will ask you, 'what is this service to you?' You shall tell them it is a Pesach offering to Hashem. To this downtrodden nation of slaves, the notion that they would build a nation and legacy was truly striking and remarkable. Their intense gratitude, however, is also somewhat puzzling.

Even those superficially familiar with the text of the Passover Hagadah will recognize the question the *possuk* attributes to the promised future generations. It is the question of the wicked son in the *hagadah*! Why would the Torah inform the people of their expected progeny yet impugn that progeny as wicked or evil? More so, why would the nation bow in gratitude on learning they would have children who would fall short of their expectations?

A thought:

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in his Hagadah commentary, notes that contrary to popular opinion, there are not four sons of the Hagadah. There are five, the four who appear at the Pesach *seder*, and the fifth who does not even bother showing up. It is a profound and provocative thought, one most fitting for an individual who built an empire around the singular mission of bringing all those fifth sons to the table. It is also, thankfully, the exception rather than the rule.

Amazingly enough, despite the fact that fewer than 20 percent of non-observant American Jews attend any sort of synagogue services, greater than 80 percent of them observe Passover, usually participating in a *seder* at home. By way of comparison, some 52 percent of American Jews fast on Yom Kipur.

Jews of all stripes and types maintain their connection to their heritage through the annual Passover *seder*. You know those Jews. You meet them in the grocery stores, their shopping carts holding boxes of *matza* and macaroons along with shrimp and pork. They may have strayed, but they are not totally lost. The Lubavitcher Rebbe was correct to mourn the absence of all the fifth sons from the *seder* table and to do everything in his power to bring them back, but the *seder* participation rate of American Jewry would indicate that most of the sons still come to the table.

Perhaps, that was the joyous news that prompted the people to bow in gratitude. Moshe informed them they would beget children and some of those children would forget the sacrifices they made to ensure the continuity of tradition. Yet, even those children will one day be at the *seder* table, strayed, but not lost. They were gratified to know they would still come to the table.

Sadly, there remain, this year, a significant number of our brothers and sisters who will not have the opportunity to come to the table, still held captive in Gaza. We must not forget them at our *seder* table. Many will set an additional, symbolic, empty place at their *seder* table for those who cannot attend. Others will include before *v'hi she'amdah* the attached beautiful *tefilah* for the hostages composed by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate. Everyone will do something.

Our great-grandparents, on the cusp of leaving Egypt, rejoiced in the notion that their descendants would all come to the *seder* table. Let's remember their grandchildren who cannot.

Good Shabbos.

Physical and Spiritual "Physiology"



In the Torah we find numerous phenomena such as Tzaraas, which resembles leprosy in some respects, but that Chazal identify as a disease with a nonphysical etiology and a non-physical cure. The major cause of this malady is

the moral failure of the speech system known as "leshon ha-ra," evil speech, not treatable by speech therapy. The diagnostician is a "kohen," a priest, and not a medical doctor, and the cure will not be found in any medical text, but rather in the human conscience and the soul.

Sefer Vayikra is replete with spiritual consequences of physical actions. For example, if one strikes and injures another, not only has he sinned against the victim, but he has also sinned against G-d and against himself. Aside from heavy monetary payments, he must undergo the spiritual process of "Teshuvah," Repentance if he wants to return to the good graces of G-d. That process includes acknowledgement of the sin, regret for one's past actions and sincere commitment never to repeat the sin. He must request forgiveness from the victim and from G-d, and pray for atonement. Many of the sacrifices described in the Book of Vayikra are part of the "Teshuvah" and Atonement processes.

Like Tzaraas, but infinitely more pleasant, another item that was physical but that could not be explained on any physical basis was the "Mohn," the miraculous bread from Heaven, that was "Shomer Shabbos," as it were, Sabbath-observant. It did not fall on Shabbos but, in order to help the Jewish People prepare for the special day, it fell in double measure on Erev Shabbos.

"Bris Milah," the Covenant of Circumcision, is another example of a physical act with a profound spiritual result. The removal of the "orlah," the foreskin, is performed on the eighth day of life of a male child born to Jewish parents. "Bris Milah" transforms this baby from being like any other baby into a member of the Holy Nation. And when this boy finds his "zivug," his soulmate, and the couple becomes "one flesh," a unique spiritual union is formed.

The month of Nissan, in which occurs the great holiday of Pesach, which we will celebrate this coming week, was designated by the Torah as the "first of the months" (Shemos 12:2). Almost all the succeeding months also contain holidays, or some ritual act of service to HaShem. Except one, the eighth month, Cheshvan, that on the surface is bereft of any mitzvot, and therefore is called by Chazal "Mar-Cheshvan," where "Mar" means bitter.

Cheshvan may also share this quality of eighth-ness. It is quite analogous, in fact, with Shemini Atzeres, on which all the "korbanos," the sacrifices that are offered on behalf of the nations of the world during the preceding days of Sukkos, disappear except for one. That one reflects the unique relationship between HaShem and the People of Israel, over and above that with all the other nations.

On one level, Cheshvan looks like any other month, except that it is totally lacking in mitzvos. It may be that this absence of mitzvos corresponds with HaKadosh Baruch Hu, Who is the Ayin of "me-Ayin yavo ezri," (Tehilim 121:1) "from the One Who is entirely absent of corporeality comes my salvation." And the relationship that exists between Israel and G-d in this unique month is "love that is not dependent on anything," of which Pirkei Avos says in Avos 5:19, that it lasts forever. And "Mar" is transformed from bitter to "Ram," majestic.

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

Please daven for our chayalim:

Yehuda Aryeh ben Esther Frumit
Avraham Ben Chana Elazar
Yonatan Ben Chana Elazar
Eytan Ben Tzvi
Yair Ben Tzvi
Dvir Ben Avraham Natan
Yishai Ben Tzvi
Hillel ben Avigayil
Binyamin Chai ben Chava Dina
Jacob Haim ben Chava Dina
Moshe Avraham ben Eve Dina
Ephraim ben Ilana
Daniel Yeshaya ben Yehudis Chana
Maoz Tzvi ben Tamar Ruchama
Tzvi ben Sharona
Ariel Naftoli ben Devorah Rivka
Shlomo ben Sharon Shulamit Shifra
Yisrael Meir ben Meira
Moshe Tzvi ben Sharon Shulamit Shifra
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Tzvi Dov ben Sora Baila
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מִי שֶׁבּרַהְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְרָהָם וִצְּחָק וְיַצֵּלְב הוּא יְבָרַהְ אֶת חַיָּלֵי צְּבָא הַגַּנָּה לְיִשְׁרָאֵל, הָעוֹמְדִים עַל מִשְׁמַר אַרְצֵנוּ וְעָרֵי אֶלקינוּ מִגְּבוּל הַלְּבָנוֹן וְעַד מִדְבַּר מִצְרַים וּמִז היים הַגָּדוֹל עַד לְבוֹא הְעֵרָבָה בַּיַבָּשָׁה בָּאֲוִיר וּבַיָּם. יִתֵּן ה' אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקָמִים עָלֵינוּ נִגָּפִים לִפְנֵיהֶם. הַקָּדוֹשׁ־בָּרוּהְ אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקָמִים עָלֵינוּ נִגָּפִים לִפְנֵיהֶם. הַקָּדוֹשׁ־בָּרוּהְ הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיַצִּיל אֶת חַיָלֵינוּ מִכְּלָ צֶרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִכָּל נָגַע הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיַצִּיל אֶת חַיָּלֵינוּ מִכָּל בָּנִי צָרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִכָּל גָּגַע וּמַחָלָה וְיַשְׁלֵח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְּלָחָה בְּכָל מַעְשָׁה יְדִיהֶם. יַדְבָּחון וּמַחַלָּה וְיַשָּׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְּלָחָה בְּכָל מָצְשָׁה יְדִיהֶם. יַדְבָּחון שׁוֹנְאֵינוּ תַּחְתֵיהֶם וִיעַטרם בְּכָתֶר יְשׁוּעָה וּבַעֲטֶרֶת נִצְאָחון. נִיקַיַם בָּהֶם הַכָּתוּב: כִּי ה' אֱלֹקיכֶם הַהֹלֵך עִמְכָם לְהֹלָחֵם לְכָם עִם איְבִיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכָם: וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

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Gavriel Shai ben Rena Tovah



Monday, Erev Pesach • April 22nd

Shacharis I and Siyum	6:30 AM
Daf Yomi	7:00 AM
Shacharis II and Siyum	7:45 AM
Latest time to eat chometz	10:14 AM
Latest time for burning chometz	11:34 AM
♦ Candle lighting	7:26 PM
Mincha	
Shkiah	7:44 PM
Chatzos halayla	12:54 AM

1st Day Yom Tov • Tuesday, April 23rd

Shacharis	8:45 AM
Sof Z'man K'Shma	9:29 AM
Tefilas Tal	
Daf Yomi	6:50 PM
Mincha	7:35 PM
Sh'kiah	7:45 PM
♦ Candle lighting not before	8:35 PM
Chatzos halayla1	

2nd Day Yom Tov • Wednesday, April 24th

Day 1 of the Omer

Shacharis	8:45	AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shema	9:29	AM
Daf Yomi	6:50	ΡM
Mincha	7:35	ΡM
Shkiah	7:46	ΡM
Maariv	8:28	ΡM

1st Day Chol Hamoed • Thursday, April 25th

Day 2 of the Omer	
Shacharis	. 6:00, 7:45 AM
Daf Yomi	7:00 AM
Mincha and Maariv	7:35 PM

2nd Day Chol Hamoed • Friday, April 26th

Day 3 of the Omer

Shacharis	
Daf Yomi	7:00 AM
♦ Candle lighting	7:30 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Shkiah	7:48 PM

Shabbos Chol Hamoed • April 27th

Day 4 of the Omer	
Daf Yomi	7:45 AM
Shacharis with Shir Hashirim	8:30 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shma	9:26 AM
Mincha	7:25 PM
Shkiah	7:49 PM
Seudah Shlishis: The shul will provid	
peshutos. Feel free to bring shmura	matza.
Maariv	8:31 PM
Shabbos ends	8:39 PM

4th Day Chol Hamoed, Erev Y"T • Sun, April 28th

Day 5 of the Omer

Shacharis	6:00, 7:45 AM
Daf Yomi	7:00 AM
Candle lighting	7:32 PM
Mincha	7:40 PM
Shkiah	7:50 PM

Shvi'i shel Pesach • Monday, April 29th

Day 6 of the Omer	
Daf Yomi	7:45 AM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Sof Z'Man Krias Shema	9:25 AM
Mincha	7:40 PM
Sh'kiah	7:52 PM
\diamond Candle lighting not before .	8:42 PM

Acharon Shel Pesach • Tuesday, April 30th

Day 7 of the Omer	
Daf Yomi	7:45 AM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Sof Z'Man Krias Shema	9:24 AM
Yizkor not before1	0:15 AM
Mincha	7:40 PM
Sh'kiah	7:53 PM
Maariv	8:35 PM
Do not use chametz sold by	
Rabbi Gottlieb before 9:30 PM	

Wednesday and Thursday, May 1st and 2nd

Day 8 of the Omer

6:25, 7:45 AM
6:20, 7:45 AM
7:00 AM
7:40 PM

סדר התפילה להשבת החטופים לאמרה בעת אמירת והיא שעמדה לאמרה בעת אמירת הגדה של פסח, לפני אמירת והיא שעמדה תיקן הרב הראשי לישראל הגר"ד לאו

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפְנֵי אָבִינוּ שֶׁבַּשָּׁמַיִם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיא אֶת עַפּוֹ יִשְׁרָאֵל מִתַּחַת סִבְלוֹת מִצְרַיִם, הוּא יְבָרַדְ וְיִנְצֹר אֶת אַחֵינוּ וְאַחִיוֹתֵינוּ הַחַטוּפִים הַאָסוּרִים בְּכַבְלֵי בַּרְזֵל.

יְחַזֵּק נַפְשָׁם וָאֶמוּנָתָם יִשְׁמְרֵם מִכָּל נָגַע וּמַחֲלָה יַחְמֹל עַל בָּנָיו וּבְגוֹתִיו הַמְצַפִּים לִישׁוּעָתוֹ יְבַשֵּׁל מֵעֲלֵיהֶם כָּל גְזֵרוֹת אַכְזָרִיוֹת. בְּחַסְדּוֹ הַגְּדוֹל יָחִישׁ פְּדוּתָם וְיֵצְאוּ מְהֵרָה מַאֲפַלָה לְאוֹרָה וּמִבּוֹר הַשְׁכִי לְחֵרוּת עוֹלָם וְיָשׁוּבוּ לְשָׁלוֹם אַל מִשְׁפָחוֹתֵיהֵם וָאֵל בַּתֵּיהֵם.

אָנָא, נָטַע אַחָנָה שָׁלוֹם וְרֵעוּת בְּלֵב כָּלָם הָסֵר קְנָאָה וְשִׂנְאַת חִנָּם וּפְרֹס עַלֵינוּ סֻכַּת שְׁלוֹמֶד וְנִזְכֶה בְּקָרוֹב לוֹמֵר לְפָנֶיךָ שִׁירָה חֵדָשָׁה.

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF THE HOSTAGES

To be recited at the Seder before the recital of Vehi Sheamda Composed by The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi David Lau

May it be the will of our Father in Heaven who took his nation Israel out of the yoke of Egypt, He should bless and save our brothers and sisters the hostages who are held in iron chains.

Strengthen their souls and faith, protect them from all harm and sickness, have mercy on his sons and daughters who look for his salvation, annul all cruel decrees. With His great kindness, He shall send their redemption and speedily take them from darkness to light and from the abyss of captivity to eternal freedom, and return them safely to their families and homes.

Please, plant brotherhood, peace, and friendship in everyone's hearts. Remove jealousy and baseless hatred, and spread over us the shelter of Your peace, so that we should soon merit to sing before You a new song.

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