

MORNING MIDRASHA CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Sunday - Thursday 10:15 - 11:00 am

Sunday Rambam's Hilchot Teshuvah – "Laws of Repentance" by Maimonides (Spain 1135- Egypt 1204) codifies the concept and the path to repentance. **Monday Kitzur Shulchan Aruch**- "Abridged Code of Law" by Rabbi Shlomo Ganzfried (Hungary 1804-1886) is a classical compendium of Jewish Law. This class is devoted to studying the laws which a Jew is most likely to need in his lifetime. Currently we are studying the laws of Berachot (blessings on foods). **Tuesday Sefer HaToda'ah** -- "The Book of Our Heritage" by Rabbi Eliyahu Kitov (Poland 1912- Israel 1976), follows the months of the year and for each month explains clearly the observances of each festival or religious occasion, adding copious insights, reasons, meanings and allusions from an extraordinarily wide range of sources. **Wednesday Menorat Hamaor** – "The Menorah of Illumination" by Rabbi Yitzchak Aboab (Spain, of the late 14th Century) is one of the great classics of Jewish literature, with the intent to illumine the minds and the hearts of the Jews. *Menorat Hamaor* is a masterwork consisting of seven separate and distinct works ("seven lamps"), each dealing with a separate and distinct area of Jewish thought. Currently, we will be learning the concepts of Hessed. **Thursday The Weekly Torah Portion**. This is a comprehensive review of the weekly Torah portion with analysis and insights from the major commentator bringing out modern applications.

EVENING PROGRAMS

Sunday to Thursday Right after Mincha-Arbit (for men)

Daily Chapter of Mishna – *Currently Seder Moed.*

Monday (for Men)

Gemara Baba Kama – "advanced"

8:30 to 9:00 PM: Chavruta and 9:00 to 9:45 PM Shiur followed by Arbit.

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 PM (for men & women)

The Story of Yosef Part III, Parashat Vayigash (on website)

Recently starting *Parashat Vayigash*, these

weekly lectures are geared to understanding the hidden meaning behind all the events in Yoseph's life. We penetrate beyond the simple meaning to the Humash to reveal the hidden gems hidden between the lines.

Please inquire about our full schedule of classes for college students.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- 1) David & Jessica's youth groups every other Shabbat morning and afternoon.
- 2) The Father and Son & The Mother & Daughter programs plus a weekly Melaveh Malka for them all!

Community Information

Longing for that special Hamin or favorite Gefilte Fish? We are starting a Kiddush Club! You may sign-up and contribute *any amount* towards our **Kiddush "Club"** fund and co-sponsorship will be announced when the "pot is full"! Please sign-up with Mikhael or Ronen. Thanks!

Sponsors

The *Shabbat Kiddush* is sponsored by **The Kashnow, Pliskin and Harow families**

In Honor of the Yahrtzeit of Rabbi Dovid Kashnow's father **Yehoshua Ben Aryeh Leib Halevi z"l**

The *Seuda Shelishit* is sponsored by **Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Sanicoff** In memory of his grandmother **Bagomdjan bat Chanom z"l**

Torah Riddle

Solution to last week's riddle: (2 activities forbidden separately but permissible together). 1. Gazing at oneself in a mirror. 2. Allowing an "eino yehudi" to cut one's hair. However it is *mutar* to get a hair-cut if you can observe him in a mirror...**This week's riddle:** by I. Axelrod: From whom do we learn the best way to hold a Kiddush cup? (A "personality" in Sefer Bereshit)

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Parashat Bo

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7th Shevat 5772

Shabbat, January 28th 2012



Minha & Candle Lighting 4:31 pm ^{א"ח}
Parashat Bo *Maqam Sigah*

Shaharit on Shabbat 8:15 am
Latest time/Shema 8:46 am
New Ashkenaz Minyan Shaharit 9:00 am
Followed by Kiddush

Minha on Shabbat 4:10 pm
Followed by Seuda Shelishit

Shabbat ends 5:38 pm
Candle Lighting next week 4:40 pm

Yesod veShoresh Haavoda Mon-Fri at 6:15 am
Daily Shaharit 6:45 am & 7:00 on Sunday
Shaharit New Ashk. 6:45 am & 8:00 on Sunday
Daily Mincha 4:35 pm

 Father & Son Program  Mother & Daughter Program

6:50 pm Special Hamburger/Hot-dog Melave Malka in honor of the Hillula of Baba Sale sponsored by Dr Y. Freedman & M. Danan

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Summary of the *Parasha*

1st & 2nd Aliyot: Moshe and Aharon forewarned Pharaoh about the Locust. His advisors begged Pharaoh to consider Moshe's request, and Pharaoh attempted to negotiate with Moshe and Aharon that the children should stay behind. When his offer was refused, all negotiations broke down and Pharaoh chased Moshe and Aharon away. The Locust swallowed up Mitzrayim (Egypt), but Pharaoh still refused to send away the Jews. **3rd Aliya:** Darkness enveloped Egypt for three days. Pharaoh told Moshe that he could take out his people, but he had to leave the cattle behind. Moshe refused and Pharaoh forewarned Moshe that he could not come to him again. In truth, the next time they saw each other would be after the Death of the First Born, when Pharaoh went to Moshe. **4th Aliya:** Moshe forewarned the Egyptians about the Death of the First Born. In 12:2 Hashem (G-d) commanded Moshe and Aharon with the very first Mitzvah to be given to the Nation. The very *first Korban Pessah* was described along with the Mitzvot of Matsah, *Hametz*, and Pessah. **5th Aliya:** The Beneh Yisrael were commanded to mark the inside of their doors with the blood of the Korban Pessah. **6th Aliya:** The plague of the Death of the First Born left *Mitzrayim* in mourning. Pharaoh and the Egyptians hurried the Jews out of *Mitzrayim*. Approximately 600,000 men besides women, children, and the elderly (3,000,000 total) as well as about 1,000,000 non-Jews (the *Erev Rav*) left *Mitzrayim* during the Exodus. It was the year 2448, and the *Passuk* says that the Jews had been in *Mitzrayim* for 430 years. (Exactly 430 years from the *Brit Ben Habetarim* - The Covenant between the Halves) The laws of the Korban Pessah were reviewed. **7th Aliya:** The Parasha concludes with a review of the laws of Pessah as well as introducing the Mitzvot of *Pether Hamor* - the commandment to exchange all first born, male donkeys for a sheep; *Pidyon Haben* - redeeming the first born male child; and the Mitzvah of Tefillin. - *Torah.org*

Spectator Sport

And Hashem said to Moshe and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying: "This month is for you the head of months, the first of the

months of the year it will be for you." (*Shemot 12:1-2*)

It's a peculiar phenomenon, the incredible fascination that we all have with news. Why it's almost an obsession. It's hard to live from minute to minute, certainly day to day without knowing "What's happening?", "What's new?" Did not King Solomon tell us In Kohelet, "There is nothing new under the sun!"?! Does that not mean that ultimately there is no news?! Everything is a recycling of the old news! No matter what the headline of day, it's likely more of the same "jealousy, appetite, and glory seeking that escorts man out of the world" (Avot). So what's the big attraction, almost addiction we have with news? Is it merely a mass insanity to be surrendered to or severed from?

The Sefat Emet points out brilliantly that although there is nothing new under the sun, the source of our passionate yearning for news is really rooted in a soulful longing for the source of news which is beyond the sun. We repeat twice daily in our morning prayers, "He renews with His kindness constantly the act of creation!" As the Zohar says, "He looks into the Torah and creates the world!" The world is in the process continually being constituted and affirmed by the Almighty's loving gaze. Although the screensaver on your computer looks static and frozen, it is always being energized and made to conform to the program that constantly commands the creation of that still-life picture. So it is with the whole world believe it or not!

Again the Sefat Emet informs us of the fact that the exile began in Egypt with the establishment of the new King. That was the beginning of our capitulation to the control of surrounding political and social forces. It wasn't long until our lives were not our own and our time was under the dominion of Pharaoh.

Therefore it is no mistake that the first giant step forward out of Egypt starts by reclaiming the clock, the calendar, by taking back time to be our own. This is the beginning of Torah according to Rashi, because the Torah is not so much interested in history or cosmology or the age of the universe but rather what do we optimally do moment by moment about now!?

It was during the first Gulf War that a close friend and I shared an observation that changed our lives. We noticed how totally engulfed everyone was in what was happening, blow-by-blow in the unfolding drama of war. We figured that if so many are so thirsty for news, for something new that there must be a great opportunity of equal proportion flowing into the world from the spiritual realm.

My friend, a successful businessman, and I dreamt of a modest proposal, a simple business plan that was met universally with rejection. The idea was, "What if we were to buy up yesterday's newspapers and sell them today or next week at a cheaper price!? Could that not be a profitable enterprise?"

The critics barked back that the day after the news of the newspaper is old it is only good for wrapping fish, cushioning Pesach dishes, or jumpstarting a barbecue. You have to hire someone to haul it away the next day. Our response to this test question was, "If it isn't worth anything the day after, then of what real value in terms of time, money, and attention is it today?"

I am not a cartoonist but I conjured up mentally a picture. Keeping in mind that "life is a self-portrait" and I devoted a good part of my misspent youth as a baseball pitcher, I imagined Yankee Stadium filled to the brim with 65,000 anxious fans. The pitcher is poised staring in towards the catcher

for a signal indicating what his next delivery will be.

However instead of studying that sign his eyes are slightly vaulted to where a giant screen sits above and behind the catcher and there is a live feed, a real time video screen showing the pitcher watching 65,000 people, watching the pitcher watching 65,000 people, watching him ad infinitum, like tilted mirrors in the bathroom that allow you to see the back of your head forever. And the caption reads, "Spectator Sport!"

The whole world is watching us, watch the whole world, watching us, watch the whole world, and they grow impatient. With this first mitzvah, this slight wink of the moon, we are invited-mandated-even compelled to play a central role on the grandest of stages and not to be mere observers in a "spectator sport". *Rabbi Label Lam – Torah.org*

Torah Classes Schedule

MORNING BEIT MIDRASH CLASSES FOR MEN

Monday - Thursday 6:15 - 6:45 am
(followed by *Shaharit*)
Yesod veShoresh Haavoda

Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 9:00 am
Ein Yaakov –Masechet Megilla - Ein Yaakov is a compilation of all the Haggadic material in the Talmud. We study the text with all the commentary and insights, from Rashi all the way down to the Ben-Ish-Hai.

Monday - Thursday 9:15 - 10:00 am
Divrei Hayamim— The Book of Chronicles appears as the last book of the *Ketuvim*. It contains a complete resume of early Jewish history, beginning with the creation of man and ending with the proclamation of Cyrus, King of Persia, permitting his Jewish subjects to rebuild the Second Temple and return to Zion. We are currently in the second book of *Divrei HaYamim*.