

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Baruch Weinberg on his Aufruf and upcoming marriage, IYH, this week to Chavie Florans. Mazel Tov to the entire Mishpocha

Kiddush

Kiddush following davening sponsored in honor of Baurch's Aufruf. Please wait for the Rav to make Kiddush.

Page Numbers/Etc.

Shabbos Parshas Shelach Artscroll p. 798, Hirsch p. 560. Haftorah Artscroll p. 1184, Hirsch p. 893.

Bnos Schedule/3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

PK: Michal Pitterman
K: Adinah Silverberg
1st; Shoshana Yardley
2nd-3rd: Miriam Kutoff
4-5: Gitty Prero

PK/K Pirchei at the home of Shlomo Dovid Marcus

Where's the Rav?

The Rav will be leaving to attend the Weinberg Chasuna on Wednesday and will leave from New York on Sunday to attend the Bar-Mitzvah of his nephew in Eretz Yisroel. He will return to Minneapolis, IY"Y on Monday June 28th.

Women's Shabbos Shiur

Women's Shabbos Shiur 5:00 P.M. at the home of Lisa Etziony 2600 Kipling. Guest Speaker Rabbi Yehoshua Borenstein.

Dor Yeshorim

Dor Yeshorim: Committee for Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases will be testing in the very near future. If you are interested in being tested call Marcie Murray, 952-924-0654.

Camp Announcements

Camp Geshmack is back. For girls entering 7th, 8th, & 9th grade. June 28th – July 16th, Monday-Thurs 6-9:30 PM. Intriguing Workshops · intense sports · detailed art projects · out-of-this-world trips. Call Calah Murray, 952-924-0654. *** **Camp Yadayim** starts in 2 weeks. ages 18 mos to 3 years old. June 21st-July 30th 9:30-1:30 to be held at 2609 Princeton. For more info call 924-9095.

Schedule of Services/Events

Shabbos Parshas Shelach

Shacharis	8:30 A.M.
Mincha	8:30 P.M.
Pirkei Avos (Perek Gimmel)	7:45 P.M.
Shabbos Over	9:51 P.M.

Sunday

Shacharis	7:00 & 8:00 A.M.
Mincha	8:45 P.M.
Second Maariv	10:00 P.M.

Monday - Thursday

Shacharis	6:30 & 7:00 A.M.
Mincha	8:45 P.M.
Second Maariv	10:00 P.M.
	9:39 P.M.

Erev Shabbos Parshas Korach

Shacharis	6:30 & 7:00 A.M.
Early Candle Lighting	7:26 - 7:35 P.M.
Early Mincha	7:10 P.M.
Candle Lighting	8:44 P.M.
Mincha	8:45 P.M.

Shiurim Given by HaRav Moshe Tuvia Lief:

Sunday:	Hilchos Tefillin 1/2 Hour Before Mincha
MTW:	Mesechta Bava Kamma at 6:30 A.M.
Monday:	Kiddushin 8:00 P.M. New Time
TuW:	Rosh Hashana 8:15 A.M.
Tuesday:	Lunch and Learn. Noon. Altman and Izek

For membership information or general information regarding activities and events at Bais Yisroel, write Congregation Bais Yisroel, 4221 Sunset Blvd., St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416 or contact HaRav Moshe Tuvia Lief at (952) 926-7867 or (952) 922 8881. E-mail: BaisLine@BaisYisroel.org Be sure to visit the Bais Yisroel Website at <http://www.baisyisroel.org>. The BYSO is published in conjunction with Puma Press.



THE BAIS YISROEL SHABBOS OBSERVER

Issue Number 527

23 Sivan 5764

Parshas Shelach

June 11 & 12, 2004

The Bais Yisroel Shabbos Observer is a weekly publication that brings you divrei Torah on the week's parsha from around the world and around the block as well as events going on in the Bais Yisroel Community. To submit a dvar Torah or item of interest to the community contact Hindy or Arnie Frishman at 952-927-5134 before Thursday of each week.



Mazel Tov to the Kollel on its 2nd Annual Banquet this past Wednesday night and to the honorees and to the many volunteers who helped make it a success. Pictured here is Rabbi Greenberg at his popular Thursday night Chumash shiur.

משה טוביה לייף
רב קהילת בית ישראל
מיניאפוליס מיניסוטה

Message From the Rav

The Truth: It's a Scarce Commodity

(The Rav's Message will return next week, IYH. This week's dvar Torah is from Rabbi M. Wallenburg) The Rabbi

wound up the services one morning by saying, 'Next week I am going to preach on the subject of

This issue of the Bais Yisroel Shabbos Observer is sponsored by Nesanel and Debi Breningstall, each in appreciation to the other, on their 8th anniversary, Koph-Tes Sivan

liars. And in this connection, as a preparation for my discourse, I would like you all to read the fifty-first chapter of Genesis.' The following week, the Rabbi rose to begin and said, 'Now, then, all of you who have done as I requested and read the fifty-first chapter of Genesis, please raise your hands. Nearly every hand in the congregation went up. Then said the Rabbi, "You are the people I want to talk to. There is no fifty-first chapter in Genesis!"

A familiar story? How often do we find ourselves in similar situations? At such times, we often convince ourselves that we are not really lying, it is not so bad, it is almost true. We find that the 'whole truth' is a valuable commodity and one which it is not always so easy to come by. In this week's Torah reading, the spies are sent to the land of Israel, then Canaan, to spy out the land. They came back with falsified reports. They began, however, by telling the people that 'We came to the land where you did send us, and indeed it flows with milk and honey...' The Talmud comments that "Rabbi Yochanan said in the name of Rabbi Meir: Any piece of slander which does not have some truth in the beginning, will not endure in the end." Every lie has a little truth mixed into it. Unfortunately, all too often, the truth has a little falsehood mixed into it too. Pursuit of truth is a recurring theme in Jewish T'raition. The Torah is frequently referred to as 'Torat Emet'—the Torah of truth—and the discernment of truth is seen as an essential requirement for navigating our way through life. May we all be true to ourselves, to our roots and to G-d.

Women's Tehillim group

A women's Tehillim group will be meeting, on a weekly basis to say and complete the entire sefer tehillim together. We hope for this to be a tremendous merit for our community. This week it will be held on Monday, June 14; 9:00 pm at the home of Rena Neuwirth. Any questions: call Rena at 922-8058. Looking forward to seeing you.

Bais Yaakov News

Bais Yaakov Graduation, Sunday June 13th, 7:00 PM. *** The entire community is invited to the Bais Yaakov HS Graduation Commencement Ceremony for the Fifth Graduating Class of 2004 on Sunday June 13th, at 7:00 PM at the shul. Congratulations to the graduates, **Shoshana Cohen, Calah Murray, Shaina Shagalow and Leah Waxman.** *** The Bais Yaakov Senior Yearbook of the Fifth Graduating Class is now available for sale. Please call Leah Waxman 952-922-8254 to obtain your copy. *** THE BEST OF BAIS YAAKOV 5760-5764: A CD FOR WOMEN & GIRLS is a collection of favorite songs sung over the last four years, including production songs. This priceless CD is available for \$10 at the Torah Academy Store and the Bais Yaakov Graduation, Sunday June 13th 7:00 PM. Limited Quantity.



Parshas Shlach

1. Why is the portion about the spies written immediately after the portion about Miriam's tzara'at?
2. To what was Moshe referring when he asked the spies "Are there trees in the land"?
3. Who built Hebron?
4. Which fruits did the meraglim bring back?
5. How many people carried the grape cluster?
6. Why did G-d shorten the meraglim's journey?
7. Why did the meraglim begin by saying the land is "flowing with milk and honey"?
8. Why did the meraglim list Amalek first among the hostile nations they encountered?
9. How did Calev quiet the people?
10. Why did the Land appear to "eat its inhabitants"?
11. Besides the incident of the meraglim, what other sin led to the decree of 40 years in the desert?
12. On what day did Bnei Yisrael cry due to the meraglim's report? How did this affect future generations?
13. "Don't fear the people of the land...their defense is departed." (14:9) Who was their chief "defender"?
14. Calev and Yehoshua praised Eretz Canaan and tried to assure the people that they could be victorious. How did the people respond?
15. "How long shall I bear this evil congregation?" G-d is referring to the 10 meraglim who slandered the Land. What halacha do we learn from this verse?
16. How is the mitzvah of challa different from other mitzvot associated with Eretz Yisrael?
17. What is the minimum amount of challa to be given to a kohen according to Torah Law? Rabbinic Law?
18. Verse 15:22 refers to what sin? How does the text indicate this?
19. Moshe's doubt regarding the punishment of the mekoshesh etzim (wood-gatherer) was different than his doubt regarding the punishment of the blasphemer. How did it differ?
20. How do the tzitzit remind us of the 613 commandments?

Parsha Thoughts Rabbi Yechezkel Greenberg

The Meraglim (spies), although they were great men, did a terrible sin by slandering the land of Eretz Yisroel. How is it that such great men sinned in this manner? R' Moshe Feinstein explains that their sin was actually due to their greatness. During the Jews' stay in the desert, their survival was simply miraculous, from beginning to end. The Meraglim were worried that as soon as the nation entered Eretz Yisroel, Hashem would no longer perform any miracles for them as he had until now on a daily basis. Therefore, they informed the nation that through natural means, it would be impossible to conquer the fortified enemy. What they failed to realize was, that even the natural course of events is run totally by Hashem, even if there are no open miracles. They should have realized from the open miracles in the desert, that Hashem has His hand in everything that transpires, and they really had nothing at all to be fearful of. It was this lack of understanding that was a tremendous sin, and brought about their downfall.

Food For Thought: In the Haftarah we find that Yehoshua sent two spies to the city of Yericho. Chazal tell us these were Calev and Pinchos. Where else (in the Torah) do we find these same two being sent to spy? **Last Week's FFT:** Which Shevet (tribe) did Eldad and Meidad belong to? **Answer:** 1) According to Da'as Zekainim, they were half brothers of Moshe and Aharon, born to Amrom from a different wife. This would put them in Shevet Levi. 2) According to Targum Yonasan, they were also half brothers to Moshe and Aharon, born to Yocheved from a different husband, Elitzafan ben Parnach, the Nasi of Shevet Zevulun (Bamidbar 34:25). 3) According to the Medrash (15:19), also quoted in Da'as Zekainim, Eldad was the Nasi of Shevet Binyamin (Bamidbar 34:21), and Meidad was the Nasi of Shevet Efraim (Bamidbar 34:24)

1. 13:2 - To show the evil of the meraglim (spies), that they saw Miriam punished for lashon hara (negative speech) yet failed to take a lesson from it. 2. 13:20 - Were there any righteous people in the land whose merit would "shade" the Canaanites from attack? 3. 13:22 - Cham. 4. 13:23 - A cluster of grapes, a pomegranate and a fig. 5. 13:23 - Eight. 6. 13:25 - G-d knew the Jews would sin and be punished with a year's wandering for each day of the spies' mission. So He shortened the journey to soften the decree. 7. 13:27 - Any lie which doesn't start with an element of truth won't be believed; therefore, they began their false report with a true statement. 8. 13:29 - To frighten the Jews. The Jewish People were afraid of Amalek, because Amalek had once attacked them. 9. 13:30 - He fooled them by shouting, "Is this all that the son of Amram did to us?" The people quieted themselves to hear what disparaging thing Calev wished to say about the "son of Amram" (Moshe). 10. 13:32 - G-d caused many deaths among the Canaanites so they would be preoccupied with burying their dead and not notice the meraglim. 11. 13:33 - The golden calf. 12. 14:1 - The 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av). This date therefore became a day of crying for all future generations: Both Temples were destroyed on this date. 13. 14:9 - Iyov. 14. 14:10 - They wanted to stone them. 15. 14:27 - That ten men are considered a congregation. 16. 15:18 - The obligation to observe other mitzvot associated with Eretz Yisrael began only after the possession and division of the Land. The mitzvah of challa was obligatory immediately upon entering the Land. 17. 15:20 - No fixed amount is stated by the Torah. Rabbinic Law requires a household to give 1/24 and a baker to give 1/48. 18. 15:22 - Idolatry. "All these commandments" means one transgression which is equal to transgressing all the commandments - i.e., idolatry. 19. 15:34 - Moshe knew that the mekoshesh etzim was liable for the death penalty, but not which specific means of death. Regarding the blasphemer, Moshe didn't know if he was liable for the death penalty. 20. 15:39 - The numerical value of the word tzitzit is 600. Tzitzit have eight threads and five knots. Add these numbers and you get 613.