

Shabbos Chaburah

R' Hillel Horovitz will give this week's Chaburah on the topic

THE BEIS HAMIKDASH:



ARE WE BUILDING IT OR IS IT COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN?

There will be a Kiddush for men in the Beis Medrash immediately after davening on Shabbos before the 20 minute chaburah.

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Vasikin News

Come to the BTYA Vasikin this Shabbos and then be treated to a Kiddush sponsored by Dovid Stein on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of his grandfather **Mordechai Meir ben Avraham**.



Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Candle Lighting	4:25	הדלקת נרות
Tefillas Mincha Ketana	4:45	תפילת מנחה קטנה
One should be mekabel Shabbos before Sh'kia	5:05	יש לקבל שבת לפני שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Shacharis - Vasikin	6:07	שחרית כותיקין
Hanetz HaChama	6:52:45	הנץ החמה
B'rachos and Korbanos	7:55	ברכות וקרבנות
Pesukei D'Zimrah	8:05	פסוקי דזמרה
Nishmas	8:25	נשמת
Youth Minyan	8:45	מנין בחורים
Latest Shema - G'ra	9:15	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Tefillas Mincha Gedola	1:00	תפילת מנחה גדולה
Tefillas Mincha Ketana	4:20	תפילת מנחה קטנה
Sh'kia	5:05	שקיעה
Ma'ariv	5:45	מעריב
Avos u'Banim	7:00	אבות ובנים
Next Shabbos		שבת הבאה
Candle Lighting	4:31	הדלקת נרות
Mincha	4:51	מנחה

Rabbi Greenspan's Torah Thought

By Rabbi Harry Greenspan

A major theme of Yetziyat Mitzrayim and Pesach is the 'Shirat HaYam' ['az yashir'] which we commemorate on 'Shevii Shel Pesach', as well as reciting it as part each morning's "pesukei dezimra".. The 'shira' is outstanding in the 'Sefer Torah' by its special format, 'ariyach al gabay leveyna' [the form of a brick wall, with many open spaces] and by its special 'taamim'[cantillation].

Rav S.Y. Zevin has a beautiful explanation of the uniqueness of the 'shira': The Midrash explains that 'Moshe Rabbeinu' sinned with the word 'az', and subsequently rectified that sin with the same word. How is that? At the end of 'Parshat Shemot', Moshe uses 'az' as a complaint, 'umeaz bahtee ledaber bishmecha hayrah la'am hazeh, vehatzel lo hitzalta et amecha'. "From THEN, when I came to speak in YOUR name, it has become much worse!"

Moshe Rabbeinu had been sent to Paroh to demand the release of 'Bnei Yisrael' from bondage. As far as he understood, this release would be immediate. Consequently, he returned to Midian to "pack his bags" and bring his wife and children down to Egypt, to join the Jewish people in their "Exodus". What occurred in the interim is that the slavery had intensified! The "Elders" complain to Moshe that the situation is much WORSE since he had spoken to Paroh. Moshe turns to the 'Ribbono Shel Olam' and complains. Hashem answers cryptically, "Atah tir'eh et asher e'eseh leParoh", "You'll see what I shall do to Paroh"! What kind of an answer is that?

Rav Zevin explains, rather, that Hashem's answer is found at the beginning of Parashat Va'era. "Vayedaber Elokim el Moshe vayomer eylav ani Hashem". Why the change in Shemot HaShem? The names of G-d refer to his 'midot' [attributes]. "Hashem" refers to "Midat HaRachamim"[mercy]; "Elokim" is "Din"[strict judgment]. To answer, he says as follows: Our people had sunk to a very low spiritual level, approaching the 50th level of "Tum'ah" [impurity]. Were they to remain in Egypt any longer, they would never be able to be redeemed! [In fact, at the YamSuf, the angels exclaimed, "halalu v'halalu ovdei avoda zara"; both the Bnei Yisrael and Egypt were idolators; "Why save the Jews?"] The problem was that a four-hundred-year sentence in Egypt had been prophesied. What could be done? Hashem, in his MERCY, had to compact the 400 years into 210. This could only happen if the "koshi hashibud"[the sentence of difficult labor] were to be accelerated at the end, so that the suffering in Egypt had to intensify, compacting 400 years of suffering into 210!

Hence, it was "chasdei Hashem"[G-d's mercy] which made it so bitter before the Redemption. Moshe was required to show the attribute of Jewish leaders, farsightedness, the ability to see the WHOLE picture. He hadn't yet reached such a 'madrega' [level]. He therefore complained that it had gotten WORSE, an erroneous comment.

When did he rectify this short-coming? It was at the YamSuf. Chaza"l tell us "techiyat meitim min hatorah minayin" [where does the Torah allude to Resurrection of the Dead], at the word 'YASHIR', future-tense. Moshe THEN was able to see the ultimate "geulah". He realized that even the suffering was an element in our salvation.

THIS is the idea of "shira". One reaches a point at which he realizes that what's BETWEEN the words is must deeper and holier than the words themselves; The ultimate praise of Hashem is BEYOND words, when words fail. The "song" [cantillation] is beyond nature... This, then, is the ultimate FARSIGHTEDNESS that Moshe and Bnei Yisrael reached on 'Shevii Shel Pesach'. "Techiyat Hameitim Min HaTorah" means: Only at THAT time, will we see the "whole picture" of "the jigsaw" of Jewish History and come to appreciate that all of our national suffering and adversity were all merely elements paving the way to ultimate redemption ...



Rabbi Greenspan's Torah Thought will appear IY"H each week in the BTYA Newsletter. As it will contain words of Torah, the status of this newsletter will change, and will require *geniza* after use each week. We'll have a small reminder of this in each issue.

These z'manim are correct for בעליל for נרשת

Shabbos Shiurim

- The Rav's נ"ך shiur. Yeshayahu Perek 19. 7:25am.
- English Shabbos shiur for women: **3:15pm** at the home of Heather Bloch, Nachal Achziv 8/5. Speaker: **Rabbi Eli Lerner**.
- Rebbetzin Malinowitz's Shiur on Hilchos Berachos after the women's shiur.

- Ayn Yaakov with the Rav continues this week at 3:30pm.
- בית מדרש שבת דף יומי 8:15pm ליל שבת דף יומי
- בית מדרש שבת דף יומי **Motza'ei Shabbos 8:15pm** in the בית מדרש with Rabbi Zabrowsky

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Avos uBanim

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whose Yahrzeit was 9 Shevat

And by The Weis Family

לע"נ ר' מנשה ב"ר שלמה ז"ל

May the neshamos have an Aliyah in the zechus of the father and son learning!

This week's **RAFFLE** will feature Ari Goldwag CDs, you won't want to miss that!



Take A Seat!

The new chairs have arrived!
Thank you to everyone who donated towards this campaign!



Shul Setup

Shul setup for Erev Shabbat Parshat Yitro (25 January):
David Blass, Levi Blumenfeld.

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BTYA PRESENTS:

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On Wednesday Evenings

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For
Men and
Women

January 23rd

Rabbi Binyamin Jacobson The Torah Hashkafah on the Spiritual/Physical Aspects of Marriage^o

Wednesday Night 8:30pm
Open to Men (only^o)
No Charge

Jan 30	The Torah Hashkafah on the Spiritual/Physical Aspects of Marriage Part II (men only) ^o	Rabbi Binyamin Jacobson
Feb 6	Making A Chicken Kosher	Rabbi David Stein
Feb 12*	Kashrus of Wine & Whiskey	Rabbi Shraga Kallus

*Tuesday

^oWomen are invited to these parallel women-only shiurim:

The Torah Hashkafah on the Spiritual/ Physical Aspects of Marriage

given by

Rebbetzin Racheli Miller

Motza'ei Shabbos P' Yisro (Jan 26) & P' Mishpatim (Feb 2)
8:30pm in the Stern Home, Refaim 32A

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