





· Mazel Toy to Sherman and Susan Frager on the birth of a baby boy, born to Caroline and Avi Zinberg of Baltimore.

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah, given by Reb Naftali Perlberger: 7:55 am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15 am

Kiddush this Shabbos is community sponsored.

There will be Seudah Shlishis in Shul following Mincha this Shabbos.

Medical Halacha Shiur: Between Mincha and Maariv

Torah Youth of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet from 3 to 4pm at LMS in the Social Hall. Grades K-8th. If you would like to help sponsor a Shabbos or want information contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or SilverDollar@verizon.net.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet from 3 to 4pm at LMS. Save The Date - Bnos PURIM event - Monday, Feb. 15th at LMS, 3 to 4:30pm, \$4 (members)/\$8 (non-members).

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton

Once again, we'd like to thank all of the sponsors of last week's Shabbaton with Rav Mayer Twersky. Special thank you to Coordinators Josh Weinberger, Ari Weintraub, and to Rebbetzin Dini Steinberg who personally baked the food for the Oneg.

If you would like an email regarding the status of the Eruv every Friday please submit your request to the Eruv Corp. at LM.Eruv@gmail.com

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Parshas Bo פרשת בא January 22-23 ח׳ שבט



🛂 Shabbos Davening Times 🛂



Candle lighting: 4:50 pm

Mincha - Friday: 4:50 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:44 am

Mincha: 4:45 pm

Maariv: 5:54 pm

> Next Shabbos: Tu b'Shvat **Shabbos Shira**



Candle lighting: 4:58 pm

Mincha - Friday: 4:58 pm

All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis: Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday and Thursday: 6:40 am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 6:50 am

Mincha/Maariv: Sunday: 5:00 pm

Maariv: Monday through Thursday: 7:45 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar: 15 min before Shacharis

Mishna Brura: Monday and Wednesday after Maariv

Hilchos Tzedaka: Monday 8:30 pm

Nefesh HaChaim: Thursday 10:15 pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Chevra Mishnayos: Now learning Seder Moed. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net and include your name and which masechta (or chapters thereof) you intend to learn.

Women's Tehillim Group: Mondays 10:45 am at 8 Concord Circle followed by the Rabbi's Chovos Halevavos shiur.

Beth Hamedrash Scholar-in-Residence: All are invited to meet the new Rav, Rabbi Yonah Gross this weekend January 22 - 24. Please see shul bulletin board for details.

The TAGHS annual play, The Wizard of Oz, will be taking place on February 6, at 7:45 PM, and February 7, at 1:00 PM. For more information, contact TAGHS or Huvie Yagod at yagod.h@gmail.com.

Stern Hebrew High School's Fourth Annual Benefit Concert will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 7, 2010 at 3:30pm at JCC Klein Branch Auditorium, 10100 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia. Advance admission is \$25, at the door \$36, \$10 students. For information and reservations contact Mindy Baum at 215-725-3800 x111 or shhsbusiness@comcast.net

Thought of the Week

Prior to the plague of the first born, Moshe told Pharoah, "Thus says Hashem: 'At around midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt." [Shmos 11:4]. Rashi comments on the expression "around midnight". Of course G-d can be precise. He does not need to approximate. Why then did He say "around midnight?" Rashi explains that the fear was that Pharoah's astrologers might err and think that G-d was late (or early) in arriving. They might have come to the conclusion that the prophecy was imprecise. They would have accused Moshe of being a liar.

Moshe had been predicting the arrival of the plagues for over a year. He had been calling exactly what had happened. He had been right every time. Now this was the final plague. So what if he said "midnight" and the astrologers thought that the plague began a little before or a little after exact midnight? Would they have been any less impressed with the track record of Moshe? Would that be a justification to call him a liar? Look at his track record! He was right the whole time. Would they call him a liar just because he was two minutes off on plague number ten?

In past years when discussing this question, we have pointed out that this in fact is the nature and power of cynicism (laytzanus) -- to find any minute flaw and to build it up into a flaw of major proportions.

Recently, I saw a different approach from Rav Elya Meir Bloch, zt"l. We are not worried about cynics. We are worried about the Honor of Heaven. If G-d said that he would be there at midnight and people were waiting and thinking that it was already midnight, that would be a Chillul HaShem [a desecration of G-d's Name], albeit one that lasted perhaps only one minute.

We cannot tolerate a Chillul HaShem even for one minute. This can be compared to someone who was accused falsely in the morning edition of the paper. A retraction was planned for the next day's morning edition. The person who was falsely accused will not want to wait until the next day. He will want a retraction printed in the afternoon edition. Not only that, but if there is a later morning addition, he will want his name cleared by that final morning edition. He will not be satisfied with the fact that "by tomorrow morning it will all be cleared up".

The fact that there could be a desecration of G-d's name for even a minute is something that could not tolerated.

Adapted from "The First Born Plague Was Set for the Stroke of "Around Midnight" 'by Rabbi Frand.

http://torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5763/bo.html

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