



B'nai Shalom Bulletin

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Parshas Vayechi/January 7, 2012/12 Teves 5772

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vayechi January 7:

Candle lighting/Mincha	4:19 pm
Mishna Berurah Shiur	8:40 am
Shacharis	9:00 am
SZ"K Shema	9:02/9:38 am
Mincha/Shalosh Seudos	4:00 pm
Ma'ariv	5:33 pm
Avos Uvanim at Yeshiva	6:30 pm

Weekday Schedule January 8 - 13:

Sunday	
Shacharis/Shiur/ Breakfast	8:30 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:24 pm
Monday-Friday	
Morning Kollel	6:00 am
Shacharis	7:00 am
Wed. Ladies' Shiur	8:30 pm

Tefillah Insights a weekly series by Rabbi Yosef Sonnenschein

KEDUSHA DEMEYUSHAV - A REAL IMITATION

After praising Hashem for the creation of the luminaries, we continue the first Beracha of Birchos Krias Shema by praising Him for the creation of the Malachim. We describe their love, their strength, and the awe that they have towards their creator. We then recite Kedusha, which describes in detail how the Malachim sanctify the name of Hashem with purity and holiness. At this point, we feel compelled to approach a very disturbing question. Chazal have taught us that the Malochim must wait until Klal Yisroel praises Hashem before they can begin their praise. Only after Klal Yisroel says "Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh" on this world are the Malachim able to recite their Keduasha. (See Nefesh Hachayim, 1:6.) This seems to indicate that the praise of the Malachim is only secondary to that of Klal Yisroel. Indeed, throughout the course of our discussions of the Tefillos, we have explained that there is nothing dearer to Hashem than the Kovod Shomayim that comes from the Avodas Ha'adam. Why, then, is every Kedusha that we say a mere repetition of the Kedusha of the Malachim? When we say "Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh" we are merely quoting the Malachim; why don't we say it on our own accord?

Parshah Summary

Yaakov asked Yosef to swear that he would bury him in Eretz Canaan. Yaakov blessed Yosef's two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, before his death. Then Yaakov gathered his twelve sons and blessed them individually. Yaakov passed away at the age of 147. All of Egypt mourned for him for 30 days. Then Yosef got permission from Pharaoh, and he and his brothers brought Yaakov's body to Eretz Canaan and buried it in the cave of Machpeila next to Leah. After Yaakov's death, the brothers were afraid that Yosef would take revenge on them for selling him. Yosef reassured them that he forgave them wholeheartedly. Yosef and his brothers lived in Egypt with their families for the remainder of their lives.

Malachim live in a world in which the glory of Hashem is not hidden. We therefore find tremendous descriptions of the awe that they have of the Shechina. The Mesilas Yeshorim writes, "We find that the great and elevated Malachim quake and tremble before the greatness of Hashem. Chazal in their wisdom have described this as a river of fire that pours forth from the sweat of the Malachim, which is a result of the awe that they have before Hashem." If we wouldn't have a Yetzer Hora, and we didn't live in a world in which nature covers our eyes from seeing the hand of Hashem in every breath that we take, we too would feel the awe of standing in the presence of Hashem! With this in mind, we can understand the importance of observing the actions of the Malachim. Through the Malachim, who live in the presence of the Shechina, we can understand how to properly react to being in the presence of Hashem, how to fear His word, and how to praise Him. It is by trying to internalize within ourselves that which is apparent to a Malach, despite the Yetzer Hora that lies within us, that we can rise up to a level far higher than that of a Malach. Therefore, although we are first and foremost, our Kedusha is a recitation of the Kedusha of the Malachim.

As we say the words of this Beracha, and we describe the sweetness and beauty of their Avodah, we must yearn to be able to realize the reality of our standing in the presence of Hashem, and to face Him constantly with the same awe and devotion.

וקדושים בכל יום יהלך סלה!



You are cordially invited to attend the
B'nai Shalom Synagogue Annual Reception

Keynote Speaker

Rabbi David Goldwasser

Rav of Congregation B'nai Yitzchok, Brooklyn, NY

Motzei Shabbos Parshas Va'era ~ January 21, 2012
Doors Open 8:00pm ~ Program Begins 8:30pm
B'nai Shalom Ball Room

135 Roseland Avenue – Waterbury, Connecticut
 Couvert \$72 per person • \$125 per couple

Mr. Chaim Hirschner *Mr. Thaya Gross*
 Reception Chairmen

The Morning Kallel
Amud HaTorah
Please see the back for the list of honorees

Yehuda & Chani Gottesman
Amud HaAvodah

Chaim & Rivka Sara Gewirtzman
Amud HaChesed

The Morning Kallel

Rabbi Boruch Yehudah Rabinowitz
 Rosh Kallel

Dr. Ephraim Bartfeld
Mr. David Barth
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Shul News

Annual Melave Malka Bnai Shalom Synagogue will be holding its Annual Melave Malka which will take place January 21, 2012, at Bnai Shalom Ball Room, 8:00 pm. Please call the office at 203-754-4159, or email bnaishalomsynagogue@yahoo.com for reservations.

Kiddush There will be a kiddush held this shabbos in honor of Frida Ruth Fleischner, sponsored by Shlomo & Julie Fleischner

Chanukah Party Thank you to Mrs. Sori Schmookler for arranging and organizing (and cooking for) the Chanukah Party held at the shul. Thank you to Mr. Yisroel Elin, Mrs. Esti Sonnenschein and the Sonnenschein kids, Mrs. Malky Elefant and the Elefant kids for helping out. Everyone had an amazing time!

Yahrtzeits

Joseph Gaier (Shabbos, January, 7, 2012) observed by **Jackie & Evelyn Marshak**
Yerachmiel Schuster (Shabbos, January 7, 2012) observed by **Felice Poupko**
Ida Sturm (Monday, January 9, 2012) observed by **Eli & Sarah Sturm**
Adeline Fleischer (Thursday, January 12, 2012) observed by **Woody & Florence Fleischer**

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