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# From The Rabbi's Desk: 120 Years

"R. Chama bar Chanina and R. Hoshaya were walking in the shul in Lod. R. Chama bar Chanina said to R. Hoshaya: 'How much money have my ancestors invested here!' He responded: 'How much of their souls have your ancestors invested here.'" (Yerushalmi Peah 8:8).

Over the past one hundred twenty years, so many people have invested so much in terms of financial resources and much hard work in creating and building this shul and this community. But they have received so much more to enhance their lives and the lives of their families.

Our shul has thrived for one hundred and twenty years. This number holds significant meaning. Our Sages in the Sifrei teach that there were four eminent leaders who lived for one hundred and twenty years: Moshe, Hillel, R' Yochanan ben Zakai and R' Akiva. This represents extraordinary achievement and leadership.

Bikur Cholim Congregation has played a central role within the Seattle Jewish community from the time of its inception and has been a bastion of Torah learning, mitzva observance, prayer, chesed, loving-kindness, and support of Jewish education for one hundred and twenty years.

Eliyahu Rabbah teaches "the youth of Adam lasted one hundred and twenty years; afterwards

great joy came to the world." As Bikur Cholim marks one hundred and twenty years, there is much joy as we celebrate a glorious past. This period, in a sense, represents the period of our shul's youth.

Today Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath remains the leading Orthodox synagogue in the Pacific Northwest and is ever vibrant with Torah, tefila, chesed, youth programs, adult education and activities.

Let us celebrate the past with abundant pride and look toward the future with boundless hope and anticipation.

-Moshe Kletenik

## For people who can't come to a Megillah Reading...

Each year, members of BCMH go to those who are unable to come to shul to hear the reading of the Megillah on Purim. Please contact Rabbi Chaim Tatel at 206-722-1464 or [chaim.tatel@yahoo.com](mailto:chaim.tatel@yahoo.com) as far in advance as possible if:

You or someone you know cannot come to shul Purim night (Saturday, March 19) or Purim day (Sunday, March 20). You are able to lein the Megillah and would like to participate in this mitzvah.

## ...You will not be forgotten!

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# Program Director's Report

Hi everyone! I'm beyond thrilled that there is so much going on at BCMH – aren't you?! The lobby has become a history book the past several months leading up to the **Annual BCMH Dinner Celebrating 120 Years**. So many lovely reminders of extraordinary events, members and leadership.

**Chaim Goldgrab and Ari Hoffman** who have spent many, many, MANY hours working on the dinner have been exemplary chairpersons. It was their idea to have all of the posters on display (I was the one who found the awesome printer!) as a way to get our membership in the spirit of celebrating 120 years. Bikur Cholim (which later became Bikur Cholim – Machzikay Hadath when the two congregations joined together in their move from the Central Area to Seward Park) is the oldest shul in all of Seattle. I'm quite proud to be a part of such a distinguished congregation and look forward to many more years at BCMH! Our dinner honorees, **Eli and Eva Genauer, Dan and Francine Birk and Zak Shayne** have done so much and their awards are the least of what they deserve as a thank you. As of this writing, we are expecting 250 people and that simply rocks! Mazel Tov to all of our honorees!

Purim is almost here and BCMH is doing things a little differently. Since Ta'anis Esther falls on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and the BCMH Megillah readings will take place on Saturday night, March 19<sup>th</sup>, there is no need for a break-fast meal.

So this year BCMH will skip the Purim Party after the evening Megillah reading(s) - *Oy! I can hear the complaints already* - and instead host a **Purim Costume Party and Seudah that will take place on Purim Day, Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. in the Volotin Social Hall!** From what I've learned, a Purim Seudah took place every year at BCMH eons ago and since we are celebrating 120 years, it seemed like a fun thing to bring back.

**Cost: \$12 per Adult; \$8 per Child (ages 4-10); kids 3 and under are FREE!** A delicious, festive meal will be served, a costume contest will take place with great prizes, the kids can have fun bouncing the afternoon away, a brand NEW Purim Video will be shown and many more surprises are in store for our attendees. **You must reserve your spot by or before Monday, March 14.** Just call the front office and/or drop off a check. Your payment is your reservation, so, sorry, but we can't admit anyone to the seudah without one. *Now if you are looking for a lively destination on Purim night, check out the parties going on at SBH and EB.*

The **BCM**H Couples Club, er, Young Couples Club, no, Young Adults Club, scratch that, **Young Adults Community (Y.A.C.) is alive and thriving!** Thanks to founder **Joshua Russak**, Y.A.C. events have taken place in January (in Seward Park), February (on Capitol Hill) and now in March (back in Seward Park) at the home of **Micah and Megan Druck-**

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## Youth/NCSY News

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On Sunday, February 6th 40 NCSY-ers enjoyed chicken strips and buffalo wings in the Volotin Social Hall as the Green Bay Packers defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Superbowl. While most of the kids are Seahawk fans, the majority of them rooted for Green

Bay (probably because of the Seahawk/Steeler superbowl several years ago). Following mincha at half-time, we held our annual tackle football game at Graham Hill. Some kids came for the game and some came for the commercials but there was something for everyone.



## A PICTURE'S WORTH

*Snapshots from years past*

*By Raphael Dovid Hyman*

### A proud moment, 1914

Louis Katsman poses proudly at Bikur Cholim's 17th and Yesler cornerstone laying ceremony on May 10, 1914. The celebration feted the second phase of construction, completed in 1915: the sanctuary and dome that rose over the temporarily-roofed lower level, built in 1909, which became the vestry room.



### Faces from 1966

Early pioneers led the way to Seward Park from the old Yesler neighborhood, establishing the Yavneh Congregation as a vanguard Ashkenazic shul in the neighborhood. The Yavneh building, erected in 1967, became the BCMH youth center upon completion of the present synagogue in 1971. Before the Yavneh building, South End Ashkenazim held services at Ezra Bessaroth and at the Kline Galland Home. Bikur Cholim leaders in 1966 – the shul's 75th anniversary – included (front row l to r: ) Harry Rusak, Rabbi Sholom Rivkin, Rabbi Zev Einstein, Irving Feinberg, (standing) president Charles Jassen, Joseph Russak, Ben Wilner and Fred Weinberg.



# Be a part of the NEXT 120 years

Many opportunities exist to provide long-term benefits to our building and community as we celebrate our first 120 years. This is the most recent status as of press time. We plan to update this table in future issues of the Synagogue Tribune.

## Social Hall

Kitchen: \$25,000..... Marshall & Elaine Hartholz  
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 Sefer Devarim/Deuteronomy: \$1,200 ..... Eli & Eva Genauer

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 parasha  
 Vayeitzei ..... Sasha & Scott Mail  
 Vayishlach ..... AVAILABLE  
 Vayeishev ..... Ezra & Aliza Genauer in honor of his bar mitzvah  
 parasha  
 Mikeitz ..... Joshua & Rachel Russak  
 Vayigash ..... Larry Russak in honor Joseph Russak's bar mitzvah  
 parasha  
 Vayeichi ..... Jonathan & Leah Jacobson  
 Shemos ..... AVAILABLE  
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 parasha  
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 in honor of Benjamin's bar mitzvah parsha  
 Chukas ..... AVAILABLE



# Science and Torah: Investigating the Torah's Secrets

By Morris Engelson

We might think that the Torah holds secrets for someone of deficient knowledge but not for someone who really knows Torah. This contrast could be true for an ordinary book written by a human author, but not for the Torah. The wisdom of the Torah is ultimately infinite, considering its source. Hence, the greatest genius in Torah finds secrets just as the greatest ignoramus does. It is simply that the quality and level of the “secrets” will be different, but secrets there will be for everybody.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz explains in the introduction to his book *In the Beginning* that “A real secret can be open and apparent to everyone. All can see the matter clearly and examine it from all sides. Nevertheless, the more it is looked at and examined, the more of a secret it becomes, profound and insoluble...And the more the extremely simple words of the Bible text are studied, the more numerous the aspects of riddle and mystery...Every deepening of inquiry merely shows how these short, plain sentences lead to another intersection from which a person can continue to trod all the days of his life.”

Many people throughout the ages have investigated the “secrets” of the Torah. What they see, what they find and what they conclude depends very much on their purpose and motivation. Here I would like to contrast the approach of two investigators: one who is convinced that the Torah is false and one who knows that the Torah is true. The first is investigating the secrets in order to convince others that his conclusion is correct: obviously the Torah is false because no human being can explain the seeming contradictions. The other knows that the Torah is true and his interest is to explain the same “contradictions” because, after all, ultimately there can be no contradictions in the Torah. The first wants to use and to exploit, the other wants to understand and to teach.

In the December, 2010 issue I discuss a 34-page article by the Torah critic DR (I wish not to call attention to this person's name) whose purpose is to show that the Torah is false. Here I will discuss one small portion of another article, this one 76 pages, that purports to show that the Torah is full of errors and was clearly authored by human beings.

This article, by a different author (whom I also prefer to not name), who, like DR, takes it for granted that the Torah is a human document and bases his analysis on this assumption. The article addresses the structure rather than the content of the Torah, and it brings various strange and “contradictory” factors to our attention.

The author carefully and accurately quotes from Torah and Talmud, such as “In Tractate Kiddushin 30a...,” to show deviations from *sifrei* Torah that we use. Thus, from the article:

“the Gemara brings a Tannaitic statement that there are 5,888 verses in the Torah.” But this does not fit what we count today.

“[T]he Gemara identifies what it considers the middle letter (*vav* of *gachon* in Leviticus 11:42).” But as the article shows, this is not correct.

Other “contradictions” are brought to our attention in this extensive article. The conclusion is obvious: “the Torah appears to be full of very significant discrepancies,” which are “...evidence of changes which the Torah text underwent.”

The first thing to note in response is that the errors or discrepancies which this article identifies were known, discussed and analyzed by our sages, some going back to the time of the Talmud. Our author has not discovered anything new. The only thing that is new is that our author has arrogantly concluded that he is more capable than generations of our sages and, therefore, we must have a case of errors in the Torah since he has not conceived of a satisfactory answer. But then we come to the Succos 5771 issue of *Mish-*

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*pacha* magazine, and suddenly we have an answer. The article on *Age-Old Questions: Modern-Day Solutions*, identifies nine questions and provides clear and convincing answers.

The items I mentioned previously are numbers one and six in the *Mishpacha* article's list. Thus: "(1) The *vav* of *gachon* is the 157,123<sup>th</sup> letter in our *sifrei Torah*, and the middle letter is the 152,403<sup>rd</sup> letter..." "(6) We have 5,845 verses in our *sifrei Torah*, not 5,888..." "Astonishingly, not one piece of information in the Gemara is consistent with what we find in our *sifrei Torah* and volumes of Tanach."

The resolution of these and other discrepancies comes to us from rabbi and mathematician Yitzchak Zilber. Not only has Rabbi Zilber solved the riddle of the alleged "errors" by Chazal, but he provides information in one case of an answer that was published in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Apparently, the 76-page critical work's author's assumption that if he did not know or think of an answer there wasn't one is not quite correct.

Here is some of the beautiful explanation respecting the number of verses in the Torah. This answer comes to us from Rabbi Yehuda Yidel HaLevi Epstein, a disciple of Rabbi Haim Volozhin, in *Kinamon Bosem* on *Ein Yaakov*.

What does it mean when the Gemara states that "Our Rabbis taught: There are 5,888 verses in the Torah; Tehillim exceeds this by eight; while *Divrei HaYamim* has eight fewer?" This is a strange formulation. Why bring in Tehillim? Furthermore it is obvious nonsense to claim that Tehillim has more verses than the

Torah. The answer is that the Gemara does not say, "5,888 verses are *written* in the Torah, but rather, 5,888 are verses *of the* Torah." From this and other clues, it is concluded that "while not all verses are *written* in the Torah, all of them are still verses *of the* Torah." It turns out that the missing 5888-5845=43 Torah verses are repeated in Tehillim and *Divrei HaYamim*; eight ("exceeds by 8") are in Tehillim and 43-8 ("8 fewer") =35 in *Divrei HaYamim*, just as the Gemara states.

Respecting the presumed middle letter of the Torah, the *vav* in *gachon*, the clue is in the reference in the Gemara to unusual spellings and to a debate whether the "middle" letter is part of the first half of the letters or the second half of the letters. How is the "middle" letter connected to strange spelling, and how can a "middle" letter be part of the first half or second half of the letters? Rabbi Zilber has an answer. We follow the tradition that there are 16 letters written larger or smaller in the Torah. Our *vav* is the first of the second eight. But there is an alternate tradition that has 32 large and small letters in the Torah. Here our *vav* is the last letter in the first 16. Thus, the *vav* is not the middle letter of all the Torah; a trivial matter to keep track of. Rather the *vav* is in the middle of the unusual letters; a more difficult matter to not confuse. It is in the middle, but not the actual middle, and it is part of both the first half and second half of the unusual letters depending on the tradition.

As we celebrate at Purim the turning of Haman's plot on its head, we see that quandaries unsolvable to our Torah critic open windows that – guided by Chazal and our later sages – only reveal more of the Torah's long-discovered secrets.

## BCMh Matzoh Fund

As Pesach draws near, please remember that your contribution to this special fund helps ensure that all Jews -- in Seattle and Israel -- can observe and enjoy the Pesach Festival in these trying times. Please note Ma'os Chittim or Matzoh Fund on your generous check to the shul for this important chessed.

## Mechiras Chometz

*Planning an out-of-town Pesach?* Make sure to contact the Rabbi for the sale of your chometz before you go. He will need to know the time zone in which you will celebrate Pesach.

*In town for Pesach?* The Rabbi will be available at hours to be announced and after most weekday services in the weeks prior to Pesach.

# With our members

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 04/01 Charles & Rose Jas-sen  
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 04/20 Laurence & Sharon Finegold  
 04/26 Yehuda & Batya Golden  
 04/29 Moshe & Sherry Feuer

**Fast of Esther and Purim Schedules**

**Taanis Esther**

**Thursday, March 17**

Latest time to eat .....5:36 a.m.  
 This is the latest time to begin to eat food since there is a prohibition on eating before davening. You may continue to eat if you began before 5:36, and you may drink until the time listed for "Fast Begins")

Fast Begins .....6:06 a.m.  
 Shacharis ..... 6:25 & 7:30 a.m.  
 Mincha: .....6:55 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv .....7:50 p.m.  
 Fast Ends .....7:59 p.m.

**Purim**

**Motzei Shabbos, March 19**

Ma'ariv ..... 8:20 p.m.  
 Megillah Reading ..... 8:30 p.m.  
 Second Megillah Reading .....9:45 p.m.

**Sunday, March 20**

Shacharis ..... 7:30 & 9:00 a.m.  
 Megillah reading ..... approx. 8:10 and 9:40 a.m.  
 Klein-Galland Home reading .....10:15 a.m.  
 Mincha .....2:00 p.m.  
 BCM<sup>H</sup> Purim celebration .....3:00 pm.  
*Advance reservations required for seuda*  
 Ma'ariv .....8:00 p.m.

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Dr. Davis Fox in memory of his beloved wife, Jil Spitzer-Fox

Gena Gorasht in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Berch

Jack Gourman in memory of his father, Max Gourman

Nathan Grinspan in memory of his father, Ben Grinspan

Connie Kanter in memory of her beloved grandfather, Morris Marcus

Connie Kanter in memory of her beloved great-aunt, Mary Burnstein

Arthur Kaplan & Maxine Schnebele in memory of their mother, Ann M. Kaplan

Arnold Koppel in memory of his mother Jana Miller in memory of her beloved grandmother, Sadie Finn

Sanford Pearl in memory of his grandmother, Dora Pearl

Liz Ross in memory of her beloved father, Melvin Sichel

Allen Russak in memory of his beloved mother, Louise Russak

Deborah Seaman in memory of her husband, Henry Harold Seaman

Dr. Herbert Schuck in memory of his father, Joseph Harry Schuck

Amy Sidell in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Tessie Sidell

Ruth Simon in memory of her beloved father, Ralph Kettleman

Gloria Steinberg in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Lite

Sheldon Steinberg in loving memory of his uncle, Sam Steinberg

Jerry Strassman in memory of his beloved step-father, Herman Klarfeld

Gary Weinstein in memory of his aunt, Ruth Cohen

Hilary Willingham in memory of her father, Sam Fisher

## Program Director's Report

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man's on Saturday night, March 12, 8:30 p.m. with guest speaker Rabbi Kletenik!

Y.A.C. events are open to Jewish adults in the Seattle community (and beyond) between the ages of 22 - 32. Thanks to **Rabbi Ben Aaronson** for pinch hitting at the Capitol Hill event for Rabbi Kletenik while the latter was out of the country. Thanks to past hosts **Josh & Rachel Russak** and **David & Danielle Kogut!** This is an excellent chance for young, Jewish adults to get together, enjoy some pizza, a little learning and meet new faces.

Our recent visiting-scholar Shabbos with **Rabbi Meir Goldwicht** was outstanding! **Thanks to our wonderful and outgoing (sob, sob) scholar-in-residence chairperson, Ezra Genauer for all of his hard work and diligence to provide us at BCMH such outstanding speakers.**

Since Purim is almost here that means Pesach will be rearing its scary head soon. There will be more events to look forward to this spring and more information will follow soon.

See ya in shul!

-Julie Greene

# Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath Services

Date	Parasha	Early Mincha*	Early Candles	Regular Candles	Regular Mincha	Latest Shema	Shabbos Mincha**	Shabbos Ends***
Mar 4-5; Adar I 28-29	Pikudei - Shekalim			5:40	5:45	9:32	5:40	6:45
Mar 11-12; Adar II 6-7	Vayikra			5:51	5:55	9:24	5:50	6:55
Mar 18-19; Adar II 13-14	Tzav/Zachor	5:50	6:04	7:01	7:05	10:16	7:00	8:05
Mar 25-26; Adar II 20-21	Shemini/Parah	5:55	6:11	7:11	7:15	10:08	7:10	8:15
Apr 1-2; Adar II 27-28	Tazria/Hachodesh	6:05	6:18	7:21	7:25	10:00	7:20	8:25
Apr 8-9; Nissan 4 - 5	Mezora	6:10	6:26	7:31	7:35	9:52	7:30	8:35

Weekday Mincha	
Mar 6 – Mar 10	..... 5:50
Mar 13 – Mar 16	... 7:00
Mar 20 – Mar 24	... 7:10
Mar 27 – Mar 31	... 7:20
Apr 3 – Apr 7	..... 7:30
Apr 10 – Apr 14	.... 7:40

\* Nusach Sefard as announced. Capitol Hill davens Early Mincha during Daylight Time.  
 \*\* Or earlier, as announced, for special events.  
 \*\*\* Ma'ariv five minutes earlier.

### Days of Note:

Parshas Shekalim..... March 5  
 Rosh Chodesh Adar II ..... March 6-7  
 Daylight Time begins ..... Sun., March 13  
 Purim Seuda reservations due ... March 14  
 Fast of Esther ..... Thu., March 17  
 Parshas Zachor ..... March 19  
 Purim ..... Sun., March 21  
 Shushan Purim ..... Mon., March 22  
 Parshas Parah ..... March 26  
 Parshas HaChodesh ..... April 2  
 Rosh Chodesh Nissan ..... April 5  
 Shabbos HaGadol ..... April 16  
 Fast of Firstborn, First Seder..... April 18

### Early Morning Tallis and Tefillin

The late sunrises in the first weeks of Daylight Time affect the earliest time to make a beracha on tallis and tefillin. Rav Moshe Feinstein rules that tallis and tefillin may be put on earlier (tallis any time, tefillin 72 minutes, or – when absolutely necessary – 90 minutes before sunrise), but a beracha may be made no earlier than 35-40 minutes before sunrise. This time can shift daily, but for quick reference we provide a weekly listing, based on 35 minutes.

March 14 – 6:49                      March 21 – 6:35

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### Shabbos Hashkoma Minyan

7:45 in the Beis Medrash:

March 19  
 April 9

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206-721-0970  
 Available staff, general voice mail.. 0

### Voice Mail:

Rabbi Kletenik ..... 1  
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 Youth Programs ..... 4,2  
 Fundraising..... 4,3  
 Bookkeeping (Roland)..... 5  
 Capitol Hill Minyan ..... 6  
 Mikvah Appointments..... 7,1  
 Eruv Hotline & Shabbos Times ... 7,2  
 Daily Services & Classes ..... 7,3

### Tribune Deadlines:

**March 2, May 4**

### Capitol Hill Minyan - Evening and morning every Shabbos and Yom Tov

- Friday and Shabbos at times listed above
- Friday services at "Early Mincha" during Daylight Time season
- Shabbos Morning Shacharis – 9:00
- Services at 1501 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle – Council House, lower level

### Web Site:

[www.bcmhseattle.org](http://www.bcmhseattle.org)

### Morning Services

Sunday, Major Public Holiday .... 7:30 & 9:00  
 Mon., Thu. .... 6:40 & 7:40  
 Tue., Wed., Fri. .... 6:50 & 7:45  
 Weekday Rosh Chodesh, fasts..6:30 & 7:30  
 Shabbos, main shul..... 8:30 PST; 8:45 PDT  
 Shabbos, Nusach Sefard\* ..... 8:40  
 Shabbos, Capitol Hill..... 9:00  
 Shabbos, Teen Minyan ..... 9:15  
 \*Or as announced.

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