



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Shabbat Parshat Behar/Behukotai Shabbat Mevorchim

May 20th 2017 24 Iyar 5777

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Earliest Candle Lighting	6:38 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:44 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan	9:00 AM
Teen Minyan	9:30 AM
Rabbi Bixon's Class	6:40 PM
Mincha	7:35 PM
Maariv	8:30 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:40 PM

Sunday May 21st- Friday May 26th
Shacharit: 7:00 am & 8:00 am

Monday May 22nd- Friday May 26th
Additional Shacharit: 8:45 am

Sunday May 21st- Thursday May 25th
Mincha/Maariv: 7:50 pm

Monday at 9:15 am
Women's Tefilah Class

Wednesday immediately following
Maariv
Advanced Talmud Class

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lili Abrahams, Rivka Genet,
Elaine Grover, Stuart Simons
Glenn Weiss, Ashley Weiss

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Saka
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rosenblatt
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Weinstein
Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Galbut
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shwartz

Yom Yerushalayim

Wednesday May 24th

All minyanim will say Half
Hallel **without** a berachah

MAZAL TOV TO:

Marilyn and David Gray
on the birth of a baby girl
born to their children
Nechama and Michael Gray

This Weeks Announcements

Sponsored by
Rhoda and Dr. Lee Goldberg
In honor of their
grandchildren Leor Levenson
and Lana Rosenthal who each
became a National Merit
Scholarship Winner!

Thank you to all of our
Mother's Day Sponsors
and to Rabbi Garfinkle
and our Youth for helping
set up and serve
Enjoy!
(see page 3 for the list of
Special Ladies)

Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with Morah Atara
and Morah Esti

9:45 Regular groups begin with
Youth Leaders

Afternoon groups

Weekly Afternoon groups. 45
minutes before Mincha.

**SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR FIDGET
SPINNERS!**

Treats, stories, snacks and prizes.
An amazing program you children
can enjoy while you enjoy Rabbi
Bixon's weekly class.

TEEN SHABBAT PROGRAMS

Teen Minyan begins at 9:30am. We
are asking all of our teen members
to please arrive on time.

Teen Shalosh Seudot takes place
after Mincha with the Bermanator -
Ben Berman, Rabbi Ney, Rabbi
Weil, and Rabbi G.

Shavuot Learning Schedule for Adults Tuesday Night May 31, 2017

11:50 PM-1:10 AM Beit Midrash	Rabbi Donald Bixon; Rav, Beth Israel Congregation, Miami Beach	"Can You Undo Har Sinai?"
1:20 AM-2:20 AM Beit Midrash	Rabbi Yisroel Moshe Janowski; Rav, Zichron Naftali; Menahel, Y.E.S.	"Shame on You!"
2:30 AM-3:30 AM Beit Midrash	Rabbi Yehoshua Sova; Rav, Shaarei Ezra	"Kind Bars, Baby Ruth, and Snickers- Staying sweet in today's society"
3:35 AM-4:35 AM Beit Midrash	Rabbi Avraham Ashkenazi; Maggid Shiur Deal, NJ	"Legal Formalism in Halachic Jurisprudence"
4:40 AM-5:40 AM Beit Midrash	Rabbi Elchanan B. Galbut ; Maggid Shiur, Beth Israel Congregation	"Torah Was Commanded to Who?" Getting the Most Out of Simchat Yom Tov



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DVAR TORAH BY: DR. ARI CIMENT

DO WE GET REWARDED IN THIS WORLD FOR OUR MITZVOS? A LESSON FROM THE HOLOCAUST

אַרְבַּע מִדּוֹת בְּהוֹלְכֵי לְבַיִת הַמִּדְרָשׁ. הוֹלֵךְ
...going and not doing, you [still] get reward for going!”

בְּרַבֵּי אֵיזֵי אֹמֵר ...: שְׂשָׁכַר מִצְוָה, מִצְוָה
“reward for doing a mitzvah is [getting to do] another mitzvah”

QUESTION: What does this mean that you get reward for going to do something even if you don't actually do the mitzvah? When do you get the reward for this “doing”? Also, the simple understanding to שְׂכָר מִצְוָה, שְׂכָר מִצְוָה is that the reward for a mitzvah is getting do another mitzvah as there is no earthly reward- is there another way to understand this? Finally, the classic agonizing question as I wrote this vort on Yom Hashoah- How can 6 million jews have died during the holocaust- what about the reward for all of their mitzvos- how come G-d didn't spare these holy victims who did so many good deeds!?!?

An answer derived from analyzing our parsha: Rashi/medrash questions that if it says “אַתָּה מְצוּתֵי תִשְׁמְרֵנִי”/ “and observe My commandments”, then what is added by אִם בְּחֻקֵי תִלְכוּ “If you follow My statutes”?!? He answers that the “תִלְכוּ”, THE GOING, implies that there is עֲמָלוּת/work. And so you must keep the torah and separately WORK at it. The Chasam Sofer (courtesy of Rav Neuhaus) reminds us that שְׂכָר מִצְוָה בְּהַאי עֲלָמָה לֵיכָא - there is no earthly reward for our good deeds. But he goes further

though and learns from Rashi that *we can expect reward* for the disparate עֲמָלוּת/work aspect **IN THIS WORLD!!!** Just like we say in Avos that הוֹלֵךְ וְאֵינוֹ עוֹשֶׂה, שְׂכָר הַלֵּיכָה בְּיָדוֹ - “if you go and don't do, you get reward for the going”, the עֲמָלוּת/work is distinct from the mitzvah and we can expect earthly reward for it!! Even though that sounds more motivating for me in this world, I still have the same problem with this approach as I look at the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Don't you think they also had significant עֲמָלוּת/work that should've spared them early deaths!?!?!?

An answer must be that certainly שְׂכָר מִצְוָה, מִצְוָה בְּהַאי עֲלָמָה לֵיכָא, there is no heavenly reward for our good deeds. The Holocaust proved this. However, there is a certain pride and good feeling that we are rewarded with when we are truly עֲמָל/work/strive to do good deeds that **ITSELF IS THE REWARD**. It's not that we strive and then get reward but rather that the act itself is actually rewarding as we are doing it. When the tanna says “הוֹלֵךְ וְאֵינוֹ עוֹשֶׂה, שְׂכָר הַלֵּיכָה בְּיָדוֹ”, he is saying perhaps that the reward is **in the doing itself. (not consequent to the doing!)** (on a side note, it is well known that religious groups have in general a longer life span than others perhaps partially attributable to these feel-good lifestyle tricks!) And then why is the doing so special? Because doing a good deed knowing that the reward is in the next world, shows that you really believe in G-d. In that sense, שְׂכָר מִצְוָה, מִצְוָה may also not only mean that a reward for your mitzvah

is getting to do another mitzvah but that simply believing in שְׂכָר מִצְוָה is a Mitzvah itself!!!! Going to do a mitzvah knowing that we won't get a raise in salary, a lollypop or a new car is truly commendable. And although the true reward will be in the next world, we get to revel in our עֲמָלוּת/work/ in this world and benefit during our limited time.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: The 6 million victims of the Holocaust proved that שְׂכָר מִצְוָה בְּהַאי עֲלָמָה לֵיכָא. The Chasam Sofer states that the אִם בְּחֻקֵי תִלְכוּ teaches us that if we are הוֹלֵךְ to do a mitzvah, we can actually reap reward in this world for that הַלֵּיכָה aspect. I would like to amend that the likely reward of the הַלֵּיכָה is in the actual doing itself- we are rewarded often with the feel good sensitivity when we are, in real-time, being עֲמָל in a good deed. Believing in the next-worldly reward of mitvos (שְׂכָר מִצְוָה) is a mitzvah in and of itself (מִצְוָה) and thus the going to do it gives us this feel-good feeling of being a believer. **DO WE GET REWARDED IN THIS WORLD FOR OUR MITZVOS? NO, AND THIS LACK OF IMMEDIATE RECOMPENSE ADDS TO OUR EVENTUAL WEALTH....**

Community News:

Yeshiva Elementary School
Scholarship Dinner & Journal
Sunday May 28, 2017
Honoring
Sarki & Rabbi Elchonon Galbut



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Parshat Ahare Mot

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May 7th 2016 29th Nissan 5776

Happy Mothers' Day to all our wonderful Wives, Mothers, and Grandmothers!
The Shabbat Mothers' Day Kiddush has been sponsored in honor of these special women by their families.

Miriam Abrahams

Dorit Aminov

Becky Assaraf

Adina Barouche

Aliza Bixon

Anne Bossewitch

Shuli Bossewitch

Sharon Budwick

Gilda Burstein

Sima Burstein

Alexis Ciment

Elissa Ciment

Helen Ciment

Sharon Ciment

Heidi Deutsch

Mati Deutsch

Ateret Diveroli

Jennifer Dobin

Emily Ebner

Becky Farber

Julie Feld

Daniella Folk

Efrat Friedman

Bessie D. Galbut a"h

Elana Galbut

Gita Galbut

Jillian Galbut

Nancy Galbut

Rita Galbut

Sarki Galbut

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Reva Gertel

Annette Givner

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Elaine Grover

Barbara Herskowitz

Judy Herskowitz

Miriam Rosenblatt Hoffman

Robin Jacobs

Michal Katz

Natalie Koslowe

Shana Kruger

Becky Leuchter

Wendy Leuchter

Marisa Leibowitz

Joan Litwin

Sharona Litwin

Blimi Levy

Terri Levy

Penny Jane Lynn

Ashleigh Muhlrاد

Candy Muhlrاد

Heather Muss

Abigail Nagler

Erica Newman

Dahlia Oppenheimer

Atara Raab

Rachel Reinberg

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Norma Reiz

Sylvia Reiz

Shoshana Robbin

Susan Rosenblatt

Ruchama Roth

Dina Rubin

Fancy Saka

Judi Saka

Lauren Saka

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