



# Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

## Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi  
Parshat Bo

Abraham Galbut – President  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ~ 6 Shevat 5779

### Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 5:31 PM  
Mincha 5:35 PM

### Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM  
Main Minyan 9:00 AM  
Teen Minyan 9:30 AM  
Rabbi's Class 4:40 PM  
Mincha 5:25 PM  
Maariv 6:20 PM  
Shabbat Ends 6:26 PM

NO Family Torah Time

Sun January 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Shacharit: 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Mon January 14<sup>th</sup>– Fri January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Additional Shacharit 8:45 AM

Sun January 13<sup>th</sup>– Thurs January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mincha/Maariv: 5:40 PM

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Yankie Silverstone

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Sandy & Arthur Spolter  
Chani & Mickey Ettelson

### Rabbi Bixon's Classes

~~Women's Class~~

~~Tuesday 9:15 am~~

~~Advanced Talmud~~

~~Wednesday 8:00 pm~~

Beit Medrash is Undergoing  
Construction. Please Do **NOT** Enter  
the Beit Medrash Under Any  
Circumstances.

### Please Note the Following Room Changes During Construction

7:30 am- Hashkama Minyan  
Will Meet in the Library

9:30 am- Teen Minyan  
Will Meet in the Library

Junior Congregation Will Meet in the  
Study Room (next door to the office)

Rabbi Bixon's Class Will Meet in the  
Library

### This Week's Announcements

are Sponsored by

**The Reiz Family**

In Loving Memory of

**Joseph Reiz z"l**

**Yehuda Ben Avraham HaLevi z"l**

Beloved Husband, Father,  
Grandfather & Great-Grandfather

### This Week's Kiddush is Sponsored

by

**Blimie & Jonathan Levy**

Commemorating the 16<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit  
of Jonathan's Father

**Dr. Mark Levy z"l**

מאניש דוד

May His Neshama Have an Aliyah

### This Week's Shalosh Seudah is

Sponsored by

**Mona & David Abramowitz  
Dahlia & Steven Oppenheimer  
Reena & Jeffrey Greenberg**

Commemorating the 2nd  
Yahrzeit of Our Father  
**Rabbi Mayer Abramowitz z"l**

Sunday, February 10  
6:00 pm

**Beth Israel  
Congregation  
64<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Gala Dinner**

*Please RSVP*

**&**

*Submit Your Journal*

*Ad Forms to the*

*Office by*

*February 1<sup>st</sup>*

### Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with  
Morah Esti

&

9:30 Regular Groups Begin with  
Youth Leaders

Congratulations to this Past

Week's

### Midot Award

Marco Deutsch, Alec & Jarred, Hailey  
Landesman

### Diamond Daveners

Moshe Bossewitch, Emmie Ciment,  
David Turetsky

### Friday Night Minyan Girl

Atara Rabhan

### Song of the Week



Tiny Tots groups will be learning  
"The Whip Went Crack!" & "New  
Moon, New Moon"

*Healthy snacks will be served!*

### TEEN MINYAN!

With Rabbi Ariel Koriat. Amazing  
Kiddush!

### TEEN SHALOSH SEUDAT & GEMORAH SHIUR FOR GUYS & GALS

The Gemora Time Has Changed from  
Between Mincha & Maariv to  
**Before Mincha. This Week 4:45 pm**  
Join Rabbi G. for some great text  
based Gemara learning & some good  
food to go along

### Friday Night Minion

Who Will be the Next Minyan Man!  
5:30 pm Minyan for Kids! Every Week  
You come, You Get Another Ticket in the  
Grand Raffle!

NO Family Torah Time This Week

- SAVE THE DATE -  
March 3rd

A Day to Remember- Fun for  
Everyone - **Miracle on Ice** ~ You  
*Won't Believe it!*



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### Parshat Bo

By: Ari Ciment

EGYPTIAN PLUNDER, HAIL  
AND THE IDF

וַיְהִי בְּתוֹךְ אֵת-הַחַיִּים בְּעֵינֵי מִצְרַיִם וַיִּשְׂאֲלוּם  
וַיִּנְצְלוּ אֶת-מִצְרַיִם

“And G-d gave the grace of the nation in the eyes of the Egyptians and they “borrowed” and plundered the Egyptians.

QUESTIONS: Doesn't it seem strange that the Jews would find the Egyptian nation gracious, if after all, we just terrorized them with a harsh 10 plagues? Also, to fulfill G-d's promise of exiting “with great wealth”, why did BY borrow the items (וַיִּשְׂאֲלוּם) rather than outright stealing them since we deserved the spoils anyways?!

ANSWER: One answer is simply that this was yet another miracle. Of course, the Jews shouldn't find favor in their eyes and yet G-d miraculously made that happen. Yet another answer may be derived from analyzing a Medrash on the parshah which highlighted that the Jews could have plundered the Egyptians during the 3 days of intense darkness but didn't (the Medrash sought to explain why the Egyptians “lent” them their gold and silver accoutrements since they were essentially impressed with their honesty). The Jewish “honest” approach of plundering Egypt was respectable and the Egyptians acknowledged it by graciously acquiescing to their planned plunder. Important for the development of our Jewish character, we couldn't look like thieves stealing these items in the middle of the night but rather more gracefully and acceptingly “borrowing” items albeit with a plan

of never returning such items! Some may call this “semantics” and others may describe this as an example of the Torah talking in lashon Sagi Nahor (speaking in opposites as a type of euphemism- i.e. they really stole but doesn't want to talk “negative language”) but it can equally just be BY merely trying to fulfill G-ds pledge of “you will exit in great wealth” in the cleanest way possible without “getting their hands too dirty!”

We must not view ourselves as thieves even when plundering an oppressive nation that deserved to be plundered!

Rabbi Bixon last week asked why it was that by the plague of Hail, we see an apologetic Pharaoh for the first time admitting “G-is righteous and me and my nation are evil!”? He beautifully answered that BY functions as an Ohr Lagoyim, a light unto the nations, which is supposed to carry the moral compass directed by G-d. Practically, this was accomplished by warning our Egyptian enemies about the hail so that those who obeyed the warning could've protected their animals. So much so, he pointed out, that the mechilta says that the very horses that eventually pursued the fleeing Jews were only alive because of this Jewish warning! Almost to a fault, the Jewish people continuously make every effort to be a moral compass despite what fake news media may report- i.e. the Israeli army graciously and morally warns even the darkest terrorists about their planned attacks so that lives and infrastructure can be spared. The lesson of Hail is the lesson of the Egyptian spoils “borrowed” and not stolen during the plague of

darkness. We go out of our way not to connive and steal surreptitiously as we bear the mantle of carrying the moral compass despite being unfairly castigated by the media etc.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE: How did the Jews find grace within the Egyptian's eyes? Why did they borrow and not steal or plunder the spoils outright? The answer is the same reason why only by Hail did Pharaoh acknowledge his moral inferiority. BY exhibited great morality and compassion when warning the Egyptians to save their lives and livestock by hail even though this ultimately even put them at a disadvantage! The Jews could've easily “stole” the gold and silver from the Egyptians during darkness but opted for the more morally acceptable “borrowing” during the day. Despite their continuous criticisms and despite the reality that they are placed in compromising situations because of their graciousness, we must recognize that our IDF army is just emulating their forefathers in Egypt!  
EGYPTIAN PLUNDER, HAIL AND THE IDF- EXAMPLES OF UNBELIEVABLE JEWISH MORALITY TO BE PROUD OF...

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Wednesday January 16

6:30 – 9:00 pm

JCRC of the Greater Miami Jewish  
Federation Anti – Defamation

League of Florida

*The Movement to*

*Delegitimize Israel*

Temple Beth Shalom

Couvert: \$18

Students with ID: FREE