



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi

Parshat Chaya Sarah ~ Shabbat Mevarchim

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November 3rd, 2018 ~ 25 Cheshvan 5779

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 6:21 PM
Mincha 6:30 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM
Main Minyan 9:00 AM
Teen Minyan 9:30 AM
Rabbi's Class 5:30 PM
Mincha 6:15 PM
Maariv 7:05 PM
Shabbat Ends 7:13 PM
Game Show Night 8:30 PM

**Reminder to Change Your Clocks
Back One Hour**

Sun November 4th – Fri November 9th
Shacharit: 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM
(please note there is NO longer an
8:45 AM Minyan on Sundays)

Mon November 5th – Fri November 9th
Additional Shacharit 8:45 AM

Sun November 4th – Thur November 8th
Mincha/Maariv: 5:25 PM

Thur November 8th & Fri November 9th
ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Linda Bogin, Aliza Strohli, Andrew Saka,
Mark Muhlrud, Judge Norman Ciment,
Kenny Goldring

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Shoshana & Daniel Robbin

Rabbi Bixon's Classes

~Women's Class ~
Tuesday 9:15 am

~Advanced Talmud ~
Wednesday 8:00 pm

CHANUKAH CARNIVAL FUN!

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& Friendship Circle's

Sunday December 9th
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

It doesn't get any better than
this!!!! Teens & Middle Schoolers are
Invited to Volunteer. Reach out to
Rabbi G. or Rabbi Koriat!

Mazal Tov

Dahlia & Steven
Oppenheimer

On the Bar Mitzvah of Their
Grandson

Yoni Oppenheimer

Son of

Drs. Ahava & Avi Oppenheimer

Tonight!

Adult Game Show Night

With Avi Frier



8:30 pm

Ready to Play! Ready to Laugh!
\$30.00 per Person

Please Join Beth Israel
Congregation for
Chatimat Divrei Torah

In Memory of
Ha Rav Aryeh Rottman z"l
Former Rabbi of Beth Israel
Congregation

Tuesday, November 6th
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
At Beth Israel Congregation
770 West 40th Street

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION'S



Monday November 19th
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Unique Vendors Showcasing

Gourmet Foods ~ Jewelry ~ Cosmetics
Judaica ~ Workout Attire
Stunning Table Linens ~ Housewares
& Much Much More!

Support Beth Israel, Socialize &
Shop for Chanukah All in the Same
Evening!

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

Diamond Davener Award

Avrami Bossewitch, Moshe
Bossewitch, Daniel Koriat, Dani
Kruger,
Sam Ciment, Benjamin De La Zerda

Song of the Week



Tiny Tots groups will be learning
"One Thirsty, Two Thirsty"
"Ten Thirsty Camels Need



Water"

Healthy snacks & Juice Will be
Served!



Teen Minyan

Join Rabbi Koriat this Shabbat
morning at 9:30am. Awesome teen
kiddush awaits!

TEEN SHALOSH SEUDAT

Weekly Between Mincha and Maariv!
Join Ben Bermanator Berman and
Rabbi G. for a great schmooze, some
learning and good food!

Starting Next Week!

Friday Night Minion

Coming Back - Rosh Chodesh
Kislev!

Get Ready for the
Highly Acclaimed & Fan Favorite
SHABBAT MINION

For Kids!

Launches November 9th

Starting Next Week!

Family Torah Time

Motzie Shabbat 7:00 pm

Torah Learning, Family
Game, Pizza, Fires, & Prizes!



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By: Ari Ciment

THE LIFE OF SARAH: WHAT WAS SO GREAT ABOUT SARAH ANYWAYS?

SHEKER HACHAYN VA'HEVEL HAYOFI; EESHAH YIRAT HASHEM HI TITHALEL (Psalms 31:30)

QUESTION/S: Rav Yakov Garfinkel asked: Why is the parsha named Chayei Sarah when this parsha basically contains only her death. Wouldn't it have been more appropriate for this parsha name to be applied to the parsha in which she lived- after all Chayei means "the life of"?!
Rashi says that the pasuk states she lived 100 years, 20 years and 7 years to highlight that just as she didn't sin at 20 yrs., she was sinless at 100 yrs. and just as she was a beauty at 7 yrs., she was a beauty at 20 yrs. I would have expected a Midrash highlighting Sarah's greatness to say: She was actively doing good deeds when she was 100, as she was vibrant at 20. Why did the Midrash couch her greatness in highlighting that she didn't sin, rather than highlighting her active good deeds! Also, why is it that our Matriarchs including Sarah were notable beauties- after all, sheker ha'chayn v'hevel hayofi- Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain. Why specifically does our Midrash also highlight her beauty- "when she was 20, she was as beautiful..."

ANSWER: Rav Yakov paraphrased the Rebbe who answered that Sarah's real greatness wasn't necessarily about what she did but the legacy that she passed on. The "life of Sarah" thus belongs to the parsha of her death because her legacy was perpetuated in her death as she was such a righteous person. Perhaps we can take that a step further. Rabbi Bixon analyzed why it was that Lot was saved from Sodom: The pasuk stated "וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת-אַבְרָהָם" (Gen 29:19) and Rashi said that it was

referring to Lot who was Zocheh to be saved because he didn't ruin Avraham's ruse when he told Avimelech that Sarah was his sister (Lot could've tattle-tailed on Avraham and shattered the trick that saved Avraham and Sarah!). R Bixon asked though, why wasn't Lot worthy of being saved due to his great middah of hospitality rather than this "inaction" of simply not tattle-tailing. He beautifully answered that sometimes it is more of an accomplishment to refrain from an urge than it is to positively do something. Going against nature and doing the right thing is more meritorious than doing what your innate proclivity leads you to do! Lot went against his nature and hushed himself ultimately making him deserving to be saved. So point #1 is that "not sinning" can sometimes be more of a מַעֲלָה than doing an active good deed.

The Gemara recounts that once a roman emperors daughter asked why Rav Yehoshua was so ugly if he was a wise Talmud scholar. After illustrating his point demonstrably with an interesting teaching point, she then asked "so why is Rav Yosef a Talmud scholar and yet is so handsome" Rav Yehoshua answered "can you imagine what a greater scholar he would be if he was ugly!" (Taanis 7) The point is that beauty usually does come at a cost. Usually the attention garnered from external beauty leads people down a road that takes them away from spirituality or genuine accomplishment. Now it makes sense why the Medrash **highlights the greatness of Sara in terms of her not sinning perhaps despite of her beauty!** (now she was sinless at 100 yrs. and just as she was a beauty at 7 yrs., she was a beauty at 20 yrs. Makes perfect sense)

This also may explain David Hamelech's statement above- SHEKER HACHAYN VA'HEVEL HAYOFI; EESHAH YIRAT HASHEM HI TITHALEL- Grace and beauty are falsehoods but a G-d fearing woman,

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that is praiseworthy... What is meant by that in "that is praiseworthy". It may very well be that grace and beauty can be destructive but if a woman who is beautiful is still G-d fearing, that is extra praiseworthy. "that" is referring to the achievement of G-d fearing despite being against the odds of having beauty and other distractions.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE: Sarah is our matriarch and a role model demonstrating that a life's mission is to ensure some legacy (The Rebbe and Rav Yakov). As Lot taught us, sometimes inaction can be more powerful than actions if those inactions defy our innate proclivity. Sometimes greatness can be about what you don't do more than what you do. (Rabbi Bixon)

Sara was indeed great not so much because she did active good deeds but also because despite the odds against her. Sheker Hachayn...Eesah Yirat Hashem HI Tithalel!

SARAH WAS GREAT BECAUSE SHE WAS ALL ABOUT LEGACY AND SUCCEEDED AGAINST THE ODDS. BEING BEAUTIFUL CAN BE CHALLENGING! (take it from me)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Helping. Healing. Caring.

BIKUR CHOLIM OF MIAMI BEACH

Annual Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
26 CHESHVAN

<p>Honorary Hosts: RABBI MORDECHAI SHAPIRO, D.D., RABBI SHLOMO SCHNEIDER, D.D., RABBI YISROEL MEIR SHAPIRO, D.D.</p> <p>Honorary Toast: RABBI YISROEL MEIR SHAPIRO, D.D.</p>	<p>Honorary Emcee: SARA YASHEVITZ & CHANA ROCHI STERN</p> <p>Guests of Honor: ARON & RUCHIE WASSERBLAU, KATHY & EZZY & RYKY DUCHAMAR SAGE, ROBERT & STEPHANIE SISI, YESHO HAGRAM</p>	<p>Laughter is the Best Medicine: FEATURING MR. ASHLEY BLANKER Specialty Act: Comedy</p> <p>WINE TASTING - BY GAIL LANE AND PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS</p>
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LOCATION: 6000 SW 12th ST. MIAMI BEACH, FL 33155
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Hebrew Academy

WHO WE ARE

- K-12 through Grade 12
- Full course semester including: Grammar, Hebrew Proficiency, Mathematics, & more.
- College & Hebrew Proficiency
- Modern Orthodox and Zionist
- Bus Transportation Available
- Full array of extracurricular activities
- Scholarship Available
- 2nd Century, STEAM, & Global Learning
- 71 Years of History & Academic Excellence

Learn more about what we have to offer at one of our upcoming Open Houses:

<p>EARLY CHILDHOOD Tuesday, January 8 • 8:30 am</p>	<p>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Wednesday, November 28 • 8:30 am</p>
<p>MIDDLE SCHOOL Wednesday, October 24 • 8:30 am</p>	<p>HIGH SCHOOL Sunday, November 4 • 10:00 am</p>

Can't make it to Open House? Contact us for a personal tour and school overview. To RSVP or to schedule an appointment, please contact us.