



# Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

## Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Mishpatim/Shekalim/Shabbat Mevarchim

February 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 22<sup>nd</sup> Shevat 5777

### Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 6:02 PM  
Mincha 6:10 PM

### Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM  
Main Minyan 9:00 AM  
Teens Minyan 9:30 AM  
Rabbi Bixon Class 5:05 PM  
Mincha 5:50 PM  
Maariv 6:45 PM  
Shabbat Ends 6:55PM

Sunday February 25th –Friday March 3rd  
Shacharit: 7:00am & 8:00 am

Monday February 27th – Friday March 3rd  
Additional Shacharit: 8:45 am

Sunday February 26th –Thursday March 2nd  
Mincha/Maariv: 6:10 pm

Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> & Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>  
Rosh Chodesh Adar

Rabbi Bixon Weekday Class Schedule  
Monday at 9:15 am  
Women's Tefilah Class

Wednesday at 8:00 pm  
Advanced Talmud Class

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Renee Bomzer, Ricky Schechter, Gavriel Yair Silverstone, Laurie Miller, Dr. David Galbut, Pearl Landesman, Nancy Galbut, Harold Litwin, Ari Schuster, Joanne Tepler, Avigayil Simcha Silverstone, Cherna Moskowitz, Ozer Simon, Elizabeth Berman, Leon Beylus, Eric Galbut

**Welcome new members**  
**Mr. Aliza and Lazer**  
**Strohli**

Shloshim for  
Arlene Malman Reinhard  
will be held  
Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm  
in the Tower 41 social Hall

### Mazal Tov to:

**Abigail and Dan Nagler**  
on the birth of a baby boy  
Mazal Tov to:  
grandparents  
Robin and Robert Waldman  
and to  
Aunt Jennifer and Uncle  
Joshua Dobin & Aunt Emily  
and Uncle Steven Ebner

### The Haskama Minyan Kiddish

Is Sponsored by the  
**Bronner Family**  
In commemoration of the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Yahrzeit of their beloved son,  
husband, father, and grandfather  
**Bernard Bronner**  
Chaim Baruch ben Shimon z"l

### The Weekly Announcements are Sponsored by

the  
**Bronner Family**  
In memory of the 37<sup>th</sup>  
Yahrzeit of their beloved family  
Matriarch  
**Anna Bronner z"l**  
**Chana bas Reb Moshe Z'l**

***Purim is coming!!!***  
***Don't forget to order***  
***Beth Israel Mishloach***  
***Manot & help support***  
***your Shul! Download the***  
***list from B I Website,***  
***call or email the office***  
***to order***

### Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with Morah Atara  
9:45 Regular groups begin with Youth Leaders  
Weekly edible Torah and parsha themed treats with  
Morah Esti and Morah Atara  
Check it out-this shabbos @ groups  
Afternoon groups will take place @ 5:05pm with  
Rabbi G. Adults can enjoy Rabbi Bixons shiur  
knowing that their kids will have a meaningful time  
of their own. Parsha questions, Divrei Torah and  
amazing stories in addition to treats and prizes!

### TEEN SHABBAT PROGRAMS

Teen Minyan begins at 9:30am.  
Special thank you to Rabbi Avi Bossewitch for  
being our honorary Teen Minyan Rabbi this week.  
Teen Shalosh Seudos takes places after Mincha with  
the Bermanator - Ben Berman and Rabbi G.

### PARSHA BATTLE UPDATE - BOYS vs. GIRLS!

Has the comeback begun? A complete stunner! The  
girls have captured momentum and are creeping  
back in - Series 4-2 boys lead.

### TAKING PLACE THIS

WEEK! TUESDAY February 28th  
What do you get when you mix Tu Bshvat and Rosh  
Chodesh Adar?  
The first ever Torah Filled Mad Science show in  
Miami Beach! Dr. Schnitzel show mixes Torah  
messages as he attempts wild, crazy and wacky  
science experiments. Beth Israel congregation is  
proud to invite the community to an evening of fun,  
learning, laughter and excitement. The evening  
begins @ 5:15pm with dinner, Purim crafts,  
packing mishloach manot for hospital patients and  
then at 6:00 pm sharp a show of epic proportions!

### PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA

### SAVE THE DATE - MARCH 11

Motzai Shabbat PurimA party like none  
other!Entertainment for Adults, teens and children  
of all ages!Parachute up and down in the newest  
Airborne attraction Drone Zone - test your skills  
with the only drone maze in South FloridaRide the  
Chili pepper and challenge your friends!Live DJ R.  
and Face painting for the little ones Chef Aryeh,  
Delectable Delight Concessions Stand Prepay  
entrance \$5.00 per person , food sold separately



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**Beth Israel Youth Department wishes the happiest of Birthdays to the following children who have celebrated their Hebrew Birthday in the month of Shevat.**

- Binyamin Asher Reinberg**
- Ayla Bluma Rut Wasserman**
- Moshe Avrohom Saka**
- Chaya Sima Baila Robbin**
- Yisroel Max Hoffman**
- Yaakov Ciment**
- Yoav Yehoshua Raab**
- Shaya Weiss**
- Gavriel Weiss**
- Ruti Assaraf**
- Julia Assaraf**
- Kayla Shayna Chana Barouche**
- Dalia Silverstone**
- Ilana Rina Friedman**

### **DVAR TORAH BY: DR. ARI CIMENT SHOULD JEWISH TOMBSTONES READ R.I.P? LESSON FROM THE ROCKS PLACED ON TOMBSTONES**

עקבֵּיָא בן מהללאל אומר, הסתפל בשלשה דברים ואי אתה בא לידי עברה. דע מאין באת, ולאן אתה הולך ולפני מי אתה עתיד ללתן דין וחסבון..

Look at three things and you wont come to sin: From where you came, where you are going and in front of Whom you are going to come for דין (judgement) and חשבון (an accounting)!"

What is the difference between דין /"judgement" and חשבון /"an accounting"?!?! My father quotes Rav mordechai Shapiro z"l as saying that when you go up to heaven, although you get judged by your own merits represented by the personal direct דין, you can also claim extra continual merits by the impact you have on others

including family members and community which are included in the more flexible and continually-accumulating variable חשבון!! Question: Where in our parsha, do we see such an idea of דין and חשבון ... ויכתב משה, את כל-דברי ה', וישכם בבקר, ויבן מזבח תחת ההר; ושתים עשרה מצבה, לשנים עשר שבטי ישראל And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel We see Moshe building a מזבח and a מצבה -What is the difference between a מזבח and מצבה?

In Devarim (16:22), we see the injunction of utilizing a מזבח to worship G-d but not building a מצבה for that purpose.. 'ולא תקים לך מצבה אשר שגא ה' -אל תקיר - And you shall not set up for yourself a monument, which the Lord, your God hates. Rashi states over there that a מצבה is made up of one stone while a מזבח is made up of many stones! מזבח and מצבת אבן אחת). A classic mussar here is that G-d prefers the plural over the singular. If you can worship Him with a מזבח made of several stones representaing a congregation, that is more pleasant than worshipping him as one as in a single מצבה.

In a similar vein, my father wondered why we bring stones to the מצבה (tombstone) of a dead person in the cemetary. He answered that the מצבה of a person represents a single person's life-work. Once dead, the person has but one מצבה, a single stone reflecting his accomplishments. We bring a stone/s to add on top of the מצבה to represent that the person should not be merely assessed for his/her accomplishments but also for the influences that he/she had on so many others. The singular

מצבה thus becomes a מזבח (many stones) reflecting a congregation of people that were positively influenced by the deceased and who then cause continual merit for the deceased. And so back to Avos, לפני מי אתה עתיד ללתן דין - The מצבה is the דין => we are assessed stand-alone for our personal accomplishments. But the מזבח is the חשבון => we are granted continual merits for influencing others beyond our demise. We must realize that we not only have an opportunity for personal growth (דין) but also a concomitant ability to accrue continual merit by influencing others (וחשבון).

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: Moshe builds a מזבח as well as מצבות12 in our parsha. G-d prefers worship though a מזבח over a מצבה . This may be perhaps because inherently a מזבח is made of several stones representaing a congregation (מצבת אבן אחת) while a מצבה is intrisically made up of only one stone. Likewise, by a tombstone: By adding stones to one tombstone (מצבה), we are showing how the deceased is more than a singular מצבה. He/she is a מזבח of many stones that accrues merit based on how he/she continuously impacts us all currently living! (Mori vAvi Dr. Larry Ciment MD FCCP) The דין may be done, but the חשבון keeps on going. R.I.P MAY NOT MEAN REST IN PEACE BUT RATHER, RE-LIVE IN PLURALITY- ROCKS ON TOMBSTONES REMINDS US ALL THAT THE מצבה IS REALLY A מזבח !!!!

### **Community News:**