



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Behar ~ Behukotai ~ Shabbat Mevarchim

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May 12th, 2018 ~ 27 Iyar 5778

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Earliest Candle Lighting	6:34 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:40 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan	9:00 AM
Teen Minyan	9:30 AM
Rabbi's Class	6:45 PM
Mincha	7:30 PM
Maariv	8:25 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:35 PM

Sunday May 13th - Friday May 18th
Shacharit 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Monday May 14th - Friday May 18th
Additional Shacharit 8:45AM

Sunday May 13th - Thursday May 17th
Mincha / Maariv 7:50 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Pepita Bronner, David Aaron, Jonathan Levy, Shlomy Slatos, Ahuva Slatos, Marc Birnbaum, Lydia Goldring, Daniel Rubin, Steven Horowitz, David Mond

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Brenda & Jeffrey Eisner

Rabbi Bixon's Weekday Classes

Monday Women's Class
9:15 AM

Wednesday Advanced Talmud
After Maariv

Welcome!

Beth Israel Congregation
would like to welcome our
new members
Dr. Brocha &
Rabbi & Aryeh Holzer

This Week's Kiddush is in Honor of Mother's Day:



Please See Page 3 for the List of
Honored Women

Tikun Leil Shavuot Adult Education

12:00 am – 1:20 am ~ Rabbi

Donald Bixon "A Tale of Two Cities"

1:25 am – 2:25 am ~ Dr. Ari Ciment

"Unconventional Medicine: Pigeons,
Red Bendels, Ginseng & Halacha"

2:30 am – 3:30 am ~ Rabbi Yisroel

Moshe Janowski "Cosmetic Tattoos"

3:40 am – 4:40 am ~ Rabbi

Yehoshua Sova "My Land or my Life?"

Understanding Machlon & Kilyon's
Agonizing Decision & Its Relevance
to Us"

4:45 am – 5:45 am ~ Rabbi

Elchonon Baruch Galbut "Torah or
Avodah, Which Comes First?"

Thank You

Rabbi Bixon & The Board of
Directors Would Like to Thank
All Who Attended & Supported
The 63rd Annual Gala Dinner
It Was a Great Evening
& a Huge Success!

A Very Special Thank You
To

Raffi Grosz &
Petal Productions
for the spectacular floral
arrangements

&

Our Fantastic MC
Dr. Neil Friedman

This Sunday May 13th Yom Yerushalayim



Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with Morah Esti
9:30 Regular Groups Begin with Youth Leaders

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS PAST WEEK'S

Diamond Daveners

Michael Newman, Baily Robbin
Shaya Silverstone

Middot Award

Nathan Abrahams, Lieba Garfinkel
Sarina Robbin

Song of the Week

Tiny Tots groups will be learning "We work six
years for the land", "Rain Rain, come my way"
and "one little, two little, three little animals"

Eat your Veggies!



Yummy Healthy Snacks will be Served this
Shabbat to All Groups!

Afternoon Groups

Will take place 45 minutes before Mincha with
Morah Esti. An epic story, fun & prizes awaits
boys and girls of all ages.

TEEN SHABBAT PROGRAMS

TEEN MINYAN begins at 9:30am We encourage
all of our teens to arrive on time

Teen Seudat Shlishit Will take place between
Mincha & Maariv with Rabbi Ney, Rabbi G. &
The Bermanator

ACHDUS CHALLAH BAKE and JAR SINAI BONANZA
Make your own challah & yummy parfait Jar

RESERVATIONS CLOSES THIS SUNDAY

Wednesday May 16th @ 5:00PM

Event Sponsorship partially anonymously. In
loving memory of Yocheved bat Yitzchak
Elchanan a"l & Rivkah bat Menachem
Mendel a"l by The Litwin Family
& Pepita & Simon Bronner

Sunday - May 20th - Shavuot Davening

With Mom or Dad in Shul. Gather around the Bima for
the Ateret Hadibrot! Every child who davens nicely
and listens to kriah receives an amazing BIG
TIME SHAVUOT PRIZE. Top it off with an

Amazing Ice Cream Party!

TEEN SHAVUOT ALL NIGHTER

An epic roster of speakers and learning with food
that makes Norwegian Cruise line look cheap!

The one and only place for teens.

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PARSHAT BEHAR – BEHUKOTAI by Ari Ciment

WHY IS IT THE COVENANT OF
וְעָקוֹב? AND WHAT DOES YAKOV
HAVE IN COMMON WITH
ELIYAHU- THE MYSTERIOUS
VAV!!

נתאי הארבל אומר, הרחק משכן רע, ואל
תתחבר לרשע, ואל תתיאש מן הפרענות
"Distance form an evil neighbor, an
evil friend and don't assume you will
not be punished" (AVOS 1:7)

QUESTION: The standard
interpretation is that if you have bad
influences, you shall not be
exempted from being punished. But
is there another way to learn this?
Our parsha talks about terrible
yisurim and reassures us - וְזָכַרְתִּי אֶת-
בְּרִיתִי יַעֲקֹב וְאֶף אֶת-בְּרִיתִי יִצְחָק וְאֶף
אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אַבְרָהָם אֲזַכֵּר :
"And I will remember the covenant
with יַעֲקֹב and also the covenant w
Isaac and even the covenant with
Abraham..."Why is יַעֲקֹב mentioned
before Yitzchak and Avraham!?
Also, why does יַעֲקֹב have an extra
vav in his name?

ANSWER: Rashi brings down that
וְעָקוֹב is spelled with an extra ו 5
times which corresponds to the 5
times that Eliyahu is spelled without
a vav (אליה). This is symbolic of an
agreement-of-sorts between Yakov
and Eliyahu; in fact, the Tzenah
Urenah adds that the ו looks like a
finger and the 5 times of switching
vavs looks like one whole hand akin
to a handshake agreement between
the two! But what does Yakov really
have to do with Eliyahu?

When going through difficult times,
we often think that our "AVOS"

never had things so bad and tend not
to relate to them. This is far from the
truth. The Torah may specifically
start with the "Covenant of JACOB"
right after telling us of all the
unbelievable tragedies that can befall
us, to remind us that even though
JACOB had a tough life, he
persevered. Avraham was a
respected socialite (אב המון גוים)
and Yitzchok was the son of a
wealthy magnate. Yakov however
was born into difficulty. Yakov's life
is the epitome of הרחק משכן רע, ואל
תתחבר לרשע, ואל תתיאש מן הפרענות
as he had to distance himself from an
evil neighbor (Esav), then
disassociate from an evil "friend"
and business associate (Lavan); by
enduring these difficult life
decisions, Yakov endured and didn't
lose hope despite the hardships! (ואל)
וְעָקוֹב does not mean
"don't assume you will be exempt
from punishment" but rather "don't
give up hope despite your
punishments!"

Furthermore, the connection between
Yakov and Eliyahu is evident in that
Yakov represents this idea of always
holding out hope despite the harsh
realities. When the gemara says that
"Yaakov avinu did not die (taanis
5)", they are clearly not referring to
his physical body. Rather, perhaps it
is reminiscent of his name "the heel"
which reminds that *he is holding on
for dear life*. "JACOB (the heel),
represents the attitude of "NEVER
DIE" (as opposed to "Jacob never
dies"). In this sense, Yakov is very
much connected to the ever-floating
Eliyahu who is ready to reappear
even in the most difficult of times! In
fact, in Melachim 2;2;3-9, Eliyahu
also never really died but was lifted

up in a chariot of fire towards the
Heavens.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S:

Despite being born next to an evil
neighbor (Esav- הרחק משכן רע) and
being challenged with an evil friend
(Lavan- ואל תתחבר לרשע), Yakov
was able to not give up hope despite
the odds (ואל תתיאש מן הפרענות).
Despite the trials, Yakov always
clung on to his laurels for survival
(hung on the *heel* to survive-
heel!) (לא מת). This "never die"
attitude is the connection of וְעָקוֹב
and the never dying אֲלֵיָהוּ. Their
secret handshake (Tzenah Urenah) is
about the Jewish survivalist attitude
no matter what יסורים we endure!
וְעָקוֹב AND ELIYAHU SHARE A
VAV 5 TIMES; THEIR
HANDSHAKE (THE FIVE
FINGERS OF THE VAV- ו)
REASSURES US WE "NEVER
DIE" DESPITE OUR
TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS AND
HARD LIFE DECISIONS.



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Wishing a Very Happy Mother's Day

To all our wonderful Wives, Mothers, Grandmothers & Great Grandmothers

This Shabbat Mother's Day Kiddush has been sponsored in your honor

With love from your number one fans ~ Your Families!

Miriam Abrahams

Becky Assaraf

Betty Baranek

Aliza Bixon

Shuli Bossewitch

Sharon Budwick

Gilda Burstein

Alexis Ciment

Sharon Ciment

Helen Ciment

Elissa Ciment

Sarah De la Zerda

Heidi Deutsch

Mati Deutsch

Ateret Diveroli

Jennifer Dobin

Emily Ebner

Julie Feld

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Jillian Galbut

Nancy Galbut

Rita Galbut

Sarki Galbut

Susan Sirota- Ganz

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