



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi
Parshat Bereshit ~ Shabbat Mevarchim

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October 6th, 2018 ~ 27 Tishrei 5779

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 6:45 PM
Mincha 6:50 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM
Main Minyan 9:00 AM
Teen Minyan 9:30 AM
Rabbi's Class 5:50 PM
Mincha 6:35 PM
Maariv 7:30 PM
Shabbat Ends 7:37 PM

Sun October 7th – Fri October 12th
Shacharit 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM &
NEW ~ Beginning This Sunday 8:45 AM

Sun October 7th – Thurs October 11th
Mincha / Maariv 6:50 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Robert Weiss, Sarah De La Zerda
Robert Galbut, Joel Kruger
Daniel Robbin, Lenny Reiz
Daniel Rotenberg

Rabbi Bixon's Classes

~Women's Class ~
Tuesday 9:15 am

~Advanced Talmud ~
Wednesday 8:00 pm

Thank You

Heather & Rafi Grosz
For the Beautiful Flowers
They So Generously
Gifted Our Sanctuary
For Yom Kippur

Thank You!

*Beth Israel
Congregation's
Simchat Torah
Kiddush Extravaganza*

Sponsors

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Mazal Tov

**Drs. Angela & Edward
Gologorsky**
On the Birth of a Grandson
David Isaac
to their children
Leah & Dr. Yakov Gologorsky

SIMCHAT TORAH PLEDGES

Please Remember to Pay
Your Simchat Torah
Pledges

Adult Game Night!

With Avi Frier
**Saturday Night
November 3rd**
*It is Sure to be Another
Great Event at Beth Israel
Congregation*
Stay Tuned for More Details

*Upcoming Scholar in
Residence*

Shabbat December 15th
Rabbi Ronnie Halibard
Jewish History in a Flash ⚡

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

Emme Ciment & Mordi Garfinkel

Diamond Davener Award

Sam Ciment & Jack Ciment

Song of the Week 🎵

Tiny Tots groups will be learning
"Hashem Created the World in 6
Days' Time"

Eat your Veggies! 🥕

Yummy Healthy Snacks & Juice Will be
Served

Teen Minyan

With a brief pause for Yom Tov we are
back! Join Rabbi Koriat this Shabbat
morning at 9:30am. Awesome teen
kiddush awaits!

TEEN SHALOSH SEUDOT

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

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 🏀

Did you sign up yet? Reach out to
Rabbi Koriat or Rabbi G. Sponsorship
welcome.

Who will take down the "Big 3"
Challenge is on!

Shabbat Gemara Shiur Kickoff!

Gemara Brochot!

Great discussion and learning with
Rabbi G. 6:15pm Shabbat
afternoon! Refreshments served,
but better learning experienced!
Gemara Shiur geared to teen
minyan ages of 6th grade and up.
Shiur refreshments sponsorship
available.



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Thank you & Happy Birthday to Morah Está!!!!

Children's Hakafot!

Smashing all previous attendance records. Beth Israel welcomed nearly 175 kids for a rousing rendition of Beth Israel Hakafot. A true inspiration that only mental pictures could capture! A yummy dinner. A great craft, packed dancing! Wow!

Thank you to our amazing sponsors!

Thank you to our Volunteers and Helpers!

Jaqueline Saka, Emanuel Levine, Bruce Garfinkel, Shmulie Evans, Adirah Kahn, Netanel Bixon, Ben Reinberg, Uri Kruger, Daniel Ohana

a chronic seizure disorder from an injury sustained during terrorist attack during combat- he freely shares this) while swimming in the keys. He was placed on ventilator and airlifted to Mt Sinai. After a thorough evaluation of his respiratory status, I decided to rest him overnight and take the breathing tube out in the morning. The morning came and the numbers looked great so I gave the order to extubate. The nurse told me “sorry doctor but the patient requested to wait for his dog that is being driven

up from the keys before taking the tube out”. I told her “I take orders from other humans but have never been ordered by a dog!”. I respected his unusual wish and took the tube out later in the day when the dog arrived. One day later in the ICU, CW was doing great until he had a breakthrough seizure and fell from the bed. If not for his gigantic amazing German Shepard service dog that literally sprung beneath him and broke his fall, CW would have sustained a significant head injury. Now I realized why CW never traveled far from this VA trained service dog.

In contrast to this dog, I took care of a GP about 8 years ago (story on CNN) in the ICU. She famously gave 1 million dollars to each of her bodyguards and 3 million dollars to her pet Chihuahua! (I got nothing by the way!)

Which dog do you think is happier? CW’s service dog or GP’s Chihuahua living it up with weekly spa treatments costing thousands?

When G-d commanded humans to “have dominion over every living thing”, animals were given a special opportunity to be helpful to humans. The gemara in Sanhedrin is so crystal

clear in saying that the serpent would have been thrilled being on a leash and helping humans out to find gems etc... Blessings and curses are relative to what G-d gave us the expectation to have, and the initial expectation of the serpent was to serve the human--> what greater blessing then is there than being led around on leash! In fulfilling G-d’s desire, CW’s dog undoubtedly was happier. (Of course, CW’s dog was also royally treated and this is no fault of the Chihuahua by the way) The bigger point is that blessings and curses are not absolute but rather relative to everyone’s G-d given expectations.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE: We are commanded to have dominion over animals. The gemara says that this refers to the serpent who, if not cursed, would have been happy to be a servant to humans. How is this not a curse itself to be a human’s servant? Blessings and curses are relative to G-d given expectations. A blessing to you may be a curse to someone else and vice versa. CW’s service dog likely is living a more fulfilled existence than GP’s Chihuahua despite the lavish necklaces adorning the Chihuahua. 2 DOGS: THE SERPENT REMINDS US ABOUT THE RELATIVITY OF BLESSINGS/CURSES

Parshat Bereshit

By: Ari Ciment

2 DOGS, THE SERPENT AND BLESSINGS/CURSES

וְרָדוּ בְדָגַת הַיָּם, וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם, וּבְכָל-חַיָּה, וּרְדוּ עַל-הָאָרֶץ “and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and **over every living thing that creepeth upon the earth**” (Br; 1:28)

QUESTION/S: The gemara in Sanhedrin 29B states that “having dominion over every living thing” is referring specifically to the נָח/serpent. Paraphrased: Had the serpent NOT been cursed, each human would have 2 pet serpents dragged by leashes which would be used to retrieve objects for us humans. The obvious question that I have (which I was surprised not to see in the meforshim there): Why is it so much better that the serpent was cursed by not having legs. If he wouldn’t have been cursed, his destiny doesn’t look too much brighter being the co-servant to a human retrieving objects and dragged around by a leash, that’s a blessing!?

ANSWER: A few weeks ago, I took care of a former Iraqi war hero army medic CW who had a seizure (he had

COMMUNITY NEWS

The newly formed Jewish Women's Theater of S. Florida is performing its 1st

Broadway musical

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Auditions are for WOMEN ONLY, 18 or older

Sun, Oct 14 at 2 PM at the Galbut Family JCC in Miami Beach or Mon, Oct 15 at 7 PM at the Michael-Ann Russell JCC in N. Miami Beach Performances will be for

WOMEN ONLY March 7 & 10, 2019 Questions: Send email

to: JewishWomensTheater@gmail.com



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FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S
SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH A HUGE SUCCESS!

Miriam & Howard Abrahams

Lona & Bernard Adler

Slava & Jeff Album

Nava Regev & Mark Baranek

Rena & Leon Beylus

Elaine & Marc Birnbaum

Nina & Jerome Bistriz

Aliza & Rabbi Donald Bixon

Gilda & Jack Burstein

Alexis & Yechiel Ciment

Elissa & Ari Ciment

Helen & Larry Ciment

Sharon & Perry Ciment

Sarah & David De La Zerda

Heidi & Yehuda Deutsch

Jennifer & Joshua Dobin

Emily & Steven Ebner

Efrat & Neil Friedman

Nancy & Abraham Galbut

Rita & Robert Galbut

Brachie & Rabbi Yakov Garfinkel

Rachel & Jonathan Gdanski

Elaine & Robert Grover

Barbara & Mark Herskowitz

Miriam & Daniel Hoffman

Shana & Joel Kruger

Jean & Marc Lehmann

Becky & Joseph Leuchter

Blimie & Jonathan Levy

Joanne & David Mond

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