



# Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

## Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Ekev ~ Shabbat Mevarchim

Abraham Galbut – President  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ~ 23 Av 5778

### Erev Shabbat Schedule

Earliest Candle Lighting	6:43 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:49 PM

### Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan	9:00 AM
Rabbi's Class	7:00 PM
Mincha	7:45 PM
Maariv	8:35 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:43 PM

Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday August  
10<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday August  
10<sup>th</sup>

Additional Shacharit 8:45AM

Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday  
August 9<sup>th</sup>

Mincha / Maariv 7:55 PM

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lawrence Grobman  
Barbara Herskowitz  
Tammy Goldring  
Shoshana Robbin

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Elaine & Mark Birnbaum  
Esther & Daniel Rubin

### This Week's Hashkama

#### Minyan Kiddush is

in Honor of  
**Zvi Gold's**

Special Birthday Sponsored  
Lovingly by

**Debbie Gold, Their Children  
& Grandchildren**

**Aviva & Dovid Gardin &  
Family**

**Atara & Efraim Marcus &  
Family**

**Rachie & Ari Gold & Family  
Alise Rabbi Yoni Gold &  
Family**

This Week's Shalosh  
Seudah is Sponsored by  
**Nancy & Abraham Galbut**

In Loving Memory of  
Nancy's Father  
**Morris Kraft**  
**Meyer ben Baruch z"l**

### THIS WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Shalosh Seudat  
**Zivi Mendelsohn**

### **Beth Israel Congregation**

In Order to be Member in Good  
Standing, We Ask That You Please  
Contact the Office and Close Out  
Any Outstanding Balances from  
This Past 2017 – 2018 Fiscal Year.

High Holiday Packets

&

The 2018 -2019 ~ 5779

Membership Dues will be Sent Out  
in the Next Few Weeks

### 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

Jack Ciment  
Mia Turetsky

##### Middot Award

Koby Roth  
Hannah Lebowitz

#### Song of the Week



Tiny Tots groups will be  
learning

“When I Will Eat, Eat Eat”

**Eat your Veggies!**   
Yummy Healthy Snacks &  
Juice Will be Served This  
Week



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### Parshat Ekev

By: Ari Ciment

TRUE LOVE- ITS WHAT YOU DO  
FOR ANOTHER?

רבי ישמעאל בנו אומר, הלומד תורה על  
מנת ללמד, מספיקין בידו ללמד וללמד  
והלומד על מנת לעשות, מספיקין בידו  
ללמד וללמד לשמור ולעשות

If you learn [only] in order to teach,  
you will be given enough to learn  
and teach but if you learn in order to  
do, you will be given enough to  
learn, teach, **keep** and do!  
(AVOS 4:5)

QUESTION: If I learn in order to  
“do” why I am also granted the extra  
ability to “**keep**”/ לשמור the mitzvos  
as well. What does that “keeping”  
mean anyways (interestingly the  
Nusah Eretz Yisroel omits this  
word)?

The answer is a profound insight into  
true love, derived from analyzing our  
parsha:

כל אם שמר תשמרון את כל המצוה הזאת  
אשר אנכי מצוה אתכם לעשתה לאהבה  
אתה' אלקיכם ללכת בכל דרכיו ולדבקה  
בו

“For if you **keep** all these  
commandments which I command  
you to do them, to love the Lord,  
your God, to walk in all His ways,  
and to cleave to Him”.

Just one parsha earlier ( ואהבת את ה' (אלקיך), we learn that we have an  
obligation to love G-d. Ozer Alport  
asked how can G-d command us to  
love Him if after all love is a feeling  
that can be forced upon us? He  
beautifully answered that since it is  
natural to love those who love us, we  
should naturally love G-d who  
undeniably wholeheartedly loves us.  
He adds that this is why we preface

both the morning and nighttime  
Shema that has אהבת את ה' אלקיך  
with the statement that G-d loves us  
(Habocheer bamo yisroel **be'Ahava**  
and **Ohev** Amo Yisroel!)

Unlike Ozer Alport's beautiful idea  
though, I do think you can command  
to love. Love can be created and  
Hashem is showing us the blueprint  
in Parshat Ekev. The first step in the  
development of love is והיה אם שמע  
תשמעו אל מצויו: תי אשר אנכי מצוה  
לאהבה which is simply  
listening to G-d.

The next step is just as crucial  
though and is based on obviating  
your will for the sake of the other.  
שמירה essentially refers to keeping  
the “negative” commandments-  
meaning not doing something I  
otherwise would want to do. G-d  
may be telling us that in order to  
develop Love for G-d (and love for  
each other no less), you must obviate  
your desires and sacrifice for Him.  
Most noticeably, G-d doesn't say  
that He will shower us with gifts and  
do great things for us and then we  
will love Him but rather that we  
“listen” and then “keep” his mitzvos  
which will leave an indelible love.  
Since G-d's relationship with us is  
supposed to mimic our own  
relationships, perhaps it is possible to  
learn how to love by “listening” and  
“sacrificing” to/for another!

The Tanna in Avos likewise did not  
mistakenly add the word לשמור when  
describing the meritorious path  
towards becoming someone who is  
successful (ללמד וללמד לשמור ולעשות)  
; the “keeping” (avoidance of  
negative aspects and thus sacrificing  
oneself for the Torah is needed to be

a perpetual “doer”- doing positive  
things alone does not suffice but  
rather you must abstain from the  
negatives as well.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: How  
can G-d command us to love Him?  
Rav Ozer Alport says because it is  
natural to love someone who loves  
you and we should naturally love  
G-d. But perhaps love can be  
“commanded” and forced upon us->  
Love can be derived from “listening”  
והיה אם שמע תשמעו אל מצויו: תי אשר  
(אנכי מצוה אתכם היום לאהבה  
and also by adhering to the negative  
commandments (i.e. sacrificing  
yourself for Him- אם שמר תשמרון  
את כל המצוה הזאת אשר אנכי מצוה  
אתכם לעשתה לאהבה)

TRUE LOVE CAN BE LEARNED-  
PERHAPS DERIVED FROM  
LISTENING AND SACRIFICING  
OF ONESELF... LESSON OF אם  
שמר תשמרון