



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi
Parshat Shemini ~ Shabbat Mevarchim

Abraham Galbut – President
April 14th, 2018 ~ 29 Nissan 5778

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Mincha	6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:26 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan	9:00 AM
Teen Minyan	9:30 AM
SIR Lecture	6:10 PM
Mincha	7:10 PM
Maariv	8:10 PM
SIR Presentation	
Maariv	8:10 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:18 PM

Thursday April 19th
Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Sunday April 15th– Thursday April 19th
Shacharit 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Monday April 16th – Thursday April 19th
Additional Shacharit 8:45AM

Sunday April 15th– Thursday April 19th
Mincha / Maariv 7:35 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Mark Herskowitz, Leah Klein,
Arnold Markoe, Adrian Muller,
Alex Paul, Adrian Green,
Asher Jungreis,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Rabbi Bixon's

Weekday Classes

Monday Women's Class
9:15 AM

Wednesday Advanced
Talmud
After Maariv

While the Downstairs
Bathrooms are Under
Renovation

*Kindly Use the Upstairs
Bathrooms*

Thank You for Your Patience

This Week's Main Minyan

Kiddush is Sponsored by:

Jean & Marc Lehmann
on the Bar Mitzvah of their
son
Spencer

Mazal Tov

Jean & Marc Lehmann
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son
Spencer

Barbara & Mauricio Bitran
&
Rivkie & Ozer Simon
Upon the engagement of their
children

Vivi Simon to Joshua Bitran

Margalit & Joseph Saka
On the birth of a baby girl
Mazal Tov to the grandparents
Judi & Sandy Saka

Rita & Robert Galbut
On the forthcoming marriage of their
granddaughter
**Shoshana Galbut to Gaby
Barishansky**

Save the Date

Sunday, May 6th, 2018 ~ 6:30 pm

*Beth Israel Congregation 63rd
Annual Gala Dinner*

*Honoring
Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov
Garfinkel*

*Community Leadership Award
&*

*A Special Tribute to
Olga & Eugene Guttman z"l
Legacy Award*

We invite you to help us pay tribute to
these most worthy individuals by
placing an ad in our dinner journal
which will be presented to our
honorees. Your tax-deductible journal
ad is due by
Monday May 1, 2018

Beth Israel Congregation Welcomes

Rabbi Shlomo Kimche

**In Honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Israel's 70th Birthday**

**Rabbi Kimche will Deliver a
Lecture 6:10 pm This Shabbat
Afternoon**

"Are We Really Getting Close to Geula?"

&

Seudat Shilshit Presentation

*"Who Are Still Enemies and How Can We
Overcome Them?"*

Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with Morah Esti

9:30 Regular groups begin with
Youth Leaders

Congratulations to this Week's Diamond
Daveners!

Soraya Lehmann

Congratulations to this Week's
Middot Awards!

Faiga Sheina Burstein
Shaya Silverstone

TEEN SHABBAT PROGRAMS

TEEN MINYAN Would like to Wish Mazal Tov
to Spencer Lehmann

All Teen Members are encouraged to attend
the main minyan starting at 9:00 am to
celebrate with Spencer

Teen Seudat Shilshit

This week will take place between Mincha &
Maariv with Rabbi Ney, Rabbi G & The
Bermanator – Ben Berman

TINY TOTS GROUPS

Will be learning about "all the animals we
can eat" & "The kosher cow goes choo choo
CHEW"

Major Event Alert!!!!

Achdus Challah Bake & Jar Sinai **BONANZA**
Reservations a must - Please email Rabbi G.
- Youthdirector@bethisraelmiami.org for
reservation details

Wednesday May 16th ~ 5:00PM
Event Sponsorship Available



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SHEMINI by Ari Ciment
IS חַסְדָּה GOOD OR BAD? THE
LESSON OF THE STORK

אַרְבַּע מִדּוֹת בְּאֶדָּם. הַאֲמֹר שְׁלִי שְׁלִי וְשָׁלָךְ
שְׁלָךְ זֶה מִדָּה בִּינוּנִית. וְיֵשׁ אֲמֹרִים, זֶה מִדָּת
סְדוּם. שְׁלִי שְׁלָךְ וְשָׁלָךְ שְׁלִי, עַם הָאָרֶץ. שְׁלִי
שְׁלָךְ וְשָׁלָךְ שְׁלָךְ, חֲסִיד שְׁלִי וְשָׁלָךְ שְׁלִי,
רָשָׁע:

There are four types of people: One who says "What is mine is mine, and what is yours is yours" — this is a median characteristic; others say that this is the character of a Sodomite. **One who says, "What is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine" is a boor....** One who says, "What is mine is yours, and what is yours is yours" is a Chasid (pious person). And one who says "What is mine is mine, and what is yours is mine" is wicked. (AVOS 5:10)

QUESTION #1: What is so boorish about saying "what is mine is yours and what is yours is mine"?! Isn't that the epitome of חַסְדָּה, kindness?

QUESTION #2: The Ramban teaches that since the creatures which we are prohibited to eat exhibit negative character traits, consumption of them would infuse a person with these traits. Among the non-kosher birds listed in this week's parsha is the "חַסְדָּה" - "stork", and the gemara explains that a chasida is so named because the stork performs acts of חַסְדָּה (kindness) for her friends. Rav Motti Shifman points out that in light of this, it is difficult to reconcile the Ramban's teaching with the Talmud's explanation of the name "chasida", which is seemingly a positive attribute!?

ANSWER/S: Rabbi Shifman brings a haylicka lesson from Rabbi Yochanan Zweig Shlita who explains that *viewing all that we do for friends as acts of חַסְדָּה* is indeed a negative trait! The Talmud is teaching us that *kind acts that a person performs for his friends should be done out of commitment and obligation to the relationship*. Therefore, the chasida

is being defined by a negative trait, not a positive one!

Another answer may be derived by further analyzing the word חַסְדָּה. It is worth noting that in Parshat Kedoshim, it says: "A man who takes his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, it is a חַסְדָּה and they shall be cut off in the sight of the members of their people; he will have uncovered the nakedness of his sister, he shall bear his iniquity." Clearly חַסְדָּה here has a pejorative connotation as it relates to forbidden relationships. I saw on Aish.com who quotes the Malbim as saying that chesed is more appropriately understood as a character trait that is characterized by overflowing and lack of boundaries, which can manifest itself in a positive or a negative way.

I'd like to add that perhaps the word itself חַסְדָּה hints to this "boundary" idea: the ח is bounded on three sides while the ס is fully "boundaried" round and completely insulated, while the ד is essentially open without boundaries at all. Although it clearly isn't good to be fully enclosed like ס and not open to others, the challenge of חַסְדָּה perhaps is balancing having many boundaries (like the ח) and having too few (like the ד). In other words, openness and a "lack of boundaries" can certainly be warm and inviting and genuinely be kindness but an extreme unfettered openness can manifest as incest! I believe the Chasida is not kosher to remind us that being too open is dangerous and we must work on boundaries.

What is so boorish about saying "what is mine is yours and what is yours is mine"?! Isn't that the epitome of חַסְדָּה, kindness? It is the epitome of חַסְדָּה but it may not be kindness in the sense that sometimes boundaries are needed to ensure things do not get out of control. **TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S:** Rav Shifman/Rav Zweig point out that the

חַסְדָּה demonstrated by the חַסְדָּה towards his friends may in fact be a negative quality belying its non-kosher status-kind acts that a person performs for his friends should be done out of commitment and obligation to the relationship and not as acts of righteousness to them! Another possibility is that חַסְדָּה means *overflowing* and a *lack of boundaries* which could be positive (i.e. charity) or negative (i.e. incest). We need to balance having several boundaries (like the ח) with having too few (like the ד). The Chasida is not kosher to remind us that not all Chesed is good; there needs to be boundaries/limits to openness.

THE LESSON OF THE STORK: חַסְדָּה CAN BE GOOD OR BAD

Community News Hebrew Academy

Rabbi Alexander S. Gross

2nd Annual Chinese Auction

*Drawing will be Held at
School During the Yom
Ha'Atzmaut Event*

**Wednesday April 18th, 2018
6:30 PM**

You Do Not Need to be Present to
Win!
Notifications will be sent to the lucky
winners

Visit ~ hebrewacademyauction.org

**All proceeds from tickets goes
directly towards
The Fund Hebrew Academy**