



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi
Parshat Terumah

Abraham Galbut – President
February 9th, 2019 ~ 4 Adar 1 5779

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 5:52 PM
Mincha 6:00 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM
Main Minyan 9:00 AM
Teen Minyan 9:30 AM
Sof Zman K. Shema 9:49 AM
Rabbi's Class 5:00 PM
Mincha 5:45 PM
Maariv 6:40 PM
Shabbat Ends 6:46 PM
Family Torah Time 7:00 PM

Sun February 10th – Fri February 15th
Shacharit: 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Mon January 11th – Fri February 15th
Additional Shacharit 8:45 AM

Sun February 10th – Thu February 14th
Mincha/Maariv: 6:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Daniel Kovacs, Malkah Tokayer,
Yitz Kahn, Meryl Rotenberg,
Warren Newfeld, Shragi Weiss,
Abigail Nagler, Judi Saka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Chanie & Steven Gottlieb
Rivka & Arthur Shapiro
Gail & Lanny Grobman

Rabbi Bixon's Classes

~Women's Class ~
Tuesday 9:15 am

~Advanced Talmud ~
Wednesday 8:00 pm

Beit Medrash is Undergoing
Construction. Please Do **NOT** Enter
the Beit Medrash Under Any
Circumstances.

Please Note the Following Room
Changes During Construction

7:30 am- Hashkama Minyan
Will Meet in the Library

Junior Congregation Will Meet in the
Study Room (next door to the office)

5:00 pm Rabbi Bixon's Class Will
Meet in the Library

This Week's Announcements Are Sponsored by

Pepita & Simon Bronner

In memory of our family
Matriarch

**Anna Bronner a"h
Chanah bat Rav Moshe**

This Week's Kiddush

Is Sponsored by

Elizabeth & Ben Berman
In Honor of Their Daughter
Emma

This Week's Hashkama Minyan

Kiddush Is Sponsored by

Fortuna & Emilio Suster
In Honor of the
Hashkama Minyan

Mazal Tov!

Shari & Ricky Schechter

Upon the Birth of a Baby Boy
Born to Their Children
Sari & BJ Dweck

This Sunday

Beth Israel

Congregation

64th

Annual Gala Dinner

Mincha ~ 5:55 pm

Cocktail Reception ~ 6:00 pm

Complimentary Self-Parking

*Please contact the office to
pay for your reservations
and ads*

Or

*bring payment with you to
the dinner*

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, Daniel Koriat

Diamond Daveners

Moshe Bossewitch

Song of the Week



Tiny Tots groups will be learning
"Bags Full of Silver"

&

"Just One Aaron, Just One
Shulchan"

Healthy snacks will be served!

TEEN MINYAN IS AT 9:30 AM

With Rabbi Ariel Koriat

Amazing Kiddush!

Teen Gemora Shiur Between
Mincha & Maariv with Rabbi G

First Case of Possible Bullying to
be Explored!

Friday Night Minion ~ After Mincha

Who Will be the Next Minyan Man!
6:00 pm Minyan for Kids! Every Week
You come, You Get Another Ticket in
the Grand Raffle!

Family Torah Time This Week

Mostei Shabbat @ 7:00 pm
Torah Learning, Family Game,
Pizza, Fries & Prizes!

March 3rd

Family Fun Day with Beth Israel
Congregation and the Florida
Panthers

Ice Skating on the Ice Before the
Game. Tailgate with Friends &
Family. Complimentary Parking.
Ticket to the Actual Game

\$31.00 pp

Inquire with Rabbi G.
Tickets Will sell Fast & Ice Skates
Provided by **The Panthers!**



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By: Ari Ciment

THE LESSON OF THE CEDAR TREES

עצי שטים: מאין היו להם במדבר, פירש רבי תנחומא יעקב אבינו צפה ברוח הקודש, שעתידין ישראל לבנות משכן במדבר, והביא ארזים למצרים ונטעם, וצוה לבניו ליטלם עמהם, כשיצאו ממצרים

and acacia wood: Where did they get these [trees] in the desert? Rabbi Tanchuma explained that our father Jacob foresaw with the holy spirit that the Israelites were destined to build a Mishkan in the desert, *so he brought cedars to Egypt* and planted them. He commanded his sons to take them with them *when they left Egypt*. — [from Mid. Tanchuma 9]

QUESTION: Rav Yissocher Frand asked a great question which I will paraphrase: If lots of the material used in the desert to build or adorn the Mishkan were in fact miraculously placed in the desert (i.e. such as the Avnei Shoham and Avnei Miluim- i.e.: the precious stones adorning the Kohen vestments), then why was it that Yakov specifically ensured that the cedar trees were imported from Egypt?

ANSWER:

This beautiful idea from the sefer Menachem Tzion and Rabbi Yissocher Frand that i will try to relate:

A midrash on our parsha stated that the “world would not ever have had a need for Cedar Trees had it not been for the Mishkan!” The question on the Midrash is what is so bad about cedar trees that they wouldn't need to exist?

The Menachem Tzion answers that a Gemara in Taanis says “A person should take on the personality of a reed and not of a cedar!” A reed is flexible, malleable but a cedar tree is rigid by nature and inflexible.

Therefore, when the medrash says that cedar trees are not desirable, the idea is that in general it is not a good trait to be rigid and inflexible.

However, by the Mishkan (i.e. when it comes to spirituality), one needs to be rigid like cedar and steadfast, committed without allowance. If one is a reed when it comes to their Judaism, the outcome is almost always irreligiosity.

Rav Frand continues with his idea beautifully (completely paraphrased): This may explain why Yakov had to specifically import cedar trees from Egypt. Egypt was the very place that demonstrated the Jewish steadfastness in the environment of strangers (they didn't change their language and clothing!).

Yakov Avinu perhaps purposely insisted that the cedars come from Egypt to remind the Jews of this lesson: just like the cedar is strong and unwavering, and just like the Jews were unwavering in their traditions even in hostile Egypt, we must continue to be unwavering in our Yiddishkeit as symbolized by the Mishkan!

TAKEAWAY MESSAGES: Why did Yakov import cedar wood from Egypt if other materials for the Mishkan miraculously appeared in the desert? Why does the Midrash on our parsha state that “world would not ever have had a need for Cedar Trees had it not been for the Mishkan!”? The answer is that in general, “a person should take on the personality of a reed and not of a

cedar!” However, when it comes to the Mishkan (perhaps symbolizing spiritual matters), one needs to be steadfast like Cedar Tree! **LESSONS OF A CEDAR TREE- BE A REED MOST OF THE TIME EXCEPT WHEN IT COMES TO TRADITION**

Rashi says that Yakov Avinu sent for cedar trees from Mitzraim for the Tabernacle. The question is why did he have to go to Egypt to get these trees since after all, the other materials for the Mishkan (like the avnei shoham and avnei miluim- the precious stones adorning the Kohen vestments) appeared miraculously in the desert oasis where the Mishkan was built.

The medrash says that the “if not for their use in the Mishkan, cedar trees would not be needed to exist”- what is so bad about cedar trees that they wouldn't need to exist?

Beth Israel Congregation Is Hosting



Hebrew Academy's Captain Hyman Galbut Girls' Varsity Basketball

Tournament Shabbaton

Coach Mallory is looking for families within walking distance of Hebrew Academy and Beth Israel to host a few basketball players or chaperones.

February 27th to March 3rd.

If you are able to open up your home to help could you please call (305)532-6421 ext 112 or email Mallory Erickson at MErickson@rasg.org"