



Beth Israel Congregation

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Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi
Parshat Vayehi

Abraham Galbut – President
January 14th 2017 16 Tevet 5777

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 5:33 PM
Mincha 5:40 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM
Main Minyan 9:00 AM
Teens Minyan 9:30 AM
Rabbi Bixon Class 4:40 PM
Mincha 5:25 PM
Maariv 6:20 PM
Shabbat Ends 6:28 PM
Family Torah Time 7:10 PM

Sunday January 15th –Friday January 20th
Shacharit: 7:00am & 8:00 am

Monday January 16th – Friday January 20th
Additional Shacharit: 8:45 am

Sunday January 15th –Thursday January 19th
Mincha/Maariv: 5:40 pm

Rabbi Bixon Weekday Class Schedule

Monday at 9:15 am
Women's Tefilah Class
Wednesday at 8:00 pm
Advanced Talmud Class

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Michael Bixon, Rafi Weiss,
Gerald Tepler

Monthly Statements
have been mailed out.
Please bring your
account current.

Mazal Tov to:

**Drs. Angela & Edward
Gologorsky** on the
engagement of their son **Dr.
Daniel Gologorsky** to **Dr.
Rebecca Braunstein**
of Merrick, NY.

&

Orly and Jeff Stern on the
engagement of their
daughter **Shayna** to **Nison
Gordon** son of **Esta** and **Larry
Gordon** of Lawrence, NY.
Mazal Tov to Aunt and Uncle
Linda and Barry Bogin and
Special Mazal Tov to
grandparents **Grace Stern &
Meira and Sandy Berman**

Seudat Shlishit and Siyyum are Sponsored By

**Robin and Dr. Baruch
Jacobs**
in commemoration of the
Yahrtzeit of
Meyer Jacobs z"l
beloved father of **Baruch**
&
The Ciment Family
in commemoration of the
Yahrtzeit of
**Barbara Ciment,
Blima bat Yitzchak a"h**
Beloved mother of
Perry and Larry.

Up Coming Scholar in Residence

January 27th and 28th
Shabbat Parshat Va'aira
Rabbi Tzvi H. Weinreb

*Shabbat Morning Drasha
**Abraham Lincoln and
Menachem Mendel of Kotzk:
Transforming Psychological
Faults into Spiritual Strengths.**
*Shabbat Afternoon Lecture
for Men and Women
**Halachic and Hashkafic Aspects
of Addictive Behaviors**
*Shalosh Seudot Dvar Torah
**Moshe Rabbeinu: What do We
Really Know About Him?**

Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with Morah Atara
9:45 Regular groups begin with
Youth Leader

FAMILY TORAH TIME IS BACK!

Moms, Dads and children of all ages, Join us
for an amazing family torah time. Motzai
Shabbat @ 7:00 pm. Pizza, fries, slurpees and
loads of prizes! Bring some learning material
or don't worry at all as we have parsha packets
prepared!

Parents to ensure our Teen Minyan begins on
time please remind your teen to be there at 9:30
am. We have a wonderful program with Rabbi
Ney and Rabbi Weil.

The parsha battle is back! The Junior cong is
proud to announce the return of the parsha
battle! **BOYS vs. GIRLS!** A very surprising
early lead for the boys team who although tied
during davening, came back and stunned the
girls team with a 7-6 parsha victory. Our first
to 5 win series in now led by the boys 1-0!

Youth groups will be making edible shvatim
graham cracker and jelly bean treats in honor
of Yakov Avinus Brochot in this week parsha.



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The place to be on Shabbat afternoon-
afternoon groups-Led by Rabbi G.
Moms & Dads Rabbi Bixon has a shiur 45
minutes before Mincha and Rabbi G. has a
Youth group-dvar torah, story, treats and
loads of fun!

Weekly Teen Shalosh Seudot takes place
after Mincha with Rabbi G, Rabbi Ney and
Rabbi Weil. This is an amazing
opportunity for Teens to schmooze and
hear some words of inspiration from our
wonderful Rabbi Ney. We are encouraging
all Teen minyan members to attend.

**“Beth Isarels one of kind
childrens birthday club will be
back next Parshat Shemot to
celebrate the Birtdays of Teivet.
Are your children signed up?
Not sure? Please email Rabbi G
to confirm.”**

**DVAR TORAH BY:
DR. ARI CIMENT**

CONNECTION BETWEEN
DENTISTRY AND BEING A
KING?!?!?

שפמאי אומר...: עשה תורתך קבע. אמר
מעט ועשה הרבה, והוי מקבל את כל
האדם בספר פנים לפות:

Shamai says:do a lot and you
should greet everyone with a
pleasant face.

Question: Is there any biblical source
for Shamai's ethic? עשה הרבה a
separate idea from והוי מקבל את כל
האדם בספר פנים לפות ?

Answer חכלילי עינים מין ולבן שנים
: מהלב He is red eyed from wine and
white toothed from milk.

The beracha that Jacob gives
Yehudah seems pretty
straightforward; Yehudah's
descendants shall have plenty of
wine and milk. As the white milk
flows by ones teeth, it will leave the
white residue behind (as in the

“you’ve got milk” commercials) and
the teeth will shine bright.

Rav Motti Shifman points out that
although many commentaries
interpret this passage literally as a
description of Yehuda's suitability
for royalty (that he was a man of
regal appearance), the Talmud offers
the following homiletic
interpretation: The person who
makes his teeth white by smiling
affectionately to his fellow man, has
done more good than the person who
offers his fellow man milk to drink.
Rather than interpreting the verse
מהלב שנים ולבן - "teeth white from
milk", one should read ולבן שנים
מהלב - "showing the whiteness of
your teeth is more beneficial than
milk" (Kesuvos 111B). Rav Shifman
pondered the connection between the
homiletic and literal interpretations?
Why should this message be relayed
in the blessing of Yehuda?
Furthermore, The Talmud
(Kiddushin 82B) teaches that were it
not that Hashem provided for the
animals, each animal would be suited
for a particular profession. The fox
would be most competent as a
storekeeper and the lion as a porter.
Why would the mighty lion be a
porter (a person hired to carry
burdens or baggage)- you'd expect a
more *mighty* job given that the lion is
the king of the jungle?!?!?

An answer is that genuine Jewish
might is defined in terms of being
willing and able to help others. A
mighty lion's job would be a porter
because true strength is seeing
beyond yourself. Like the lion he is
named for, Yehuda was willing to be
a slave last week to free Binyamin,
again demonstrating that Jewish

regal trait of trying to help others.
Yehuda is similarly blessed with
ולבן שנים מהלב, greeting everyone
with a smile; setting aside your own
worries/thoughts to try and make
others feel worth is a trait worthy of
a king!

Similarly, when Shamai says “do a
lot and receive everyone with a
pleasant face”, he may in fact be
saying “do a lot *which is defined* by
how you treat others!” Doing a lot in
a Jewish ethical perspective is not
about what you personally
accomplish but by how you affect
and receive other people! And so the
עשה הרבה is defined by והוי מקבל את
האדם בספר פנים לפות!!!

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: When
Yehuda is blessed with having an
abundance of milk that would whiten
his teeth, we are also taught about an
important kingly nature that we
should all strive toward: “show your
white teeth and smile when we greet
others!” Making other people feel
comfortable/worth is the ultimate
Jewish might. A lion would be a
porter is he had a job. Doing a lot in
jewish terms (עשה הרבה) is defined
by how you affect others (והוי מקבל
את כל האדם בספר פנים לפות). A
KINGLY TRAIT IS TO SMILE
WITH WHITE TEETH WHEN
GREETING OTHERS- TO BE A
GOOD KING, YOU NEED A
GOOD DENTIST