



Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi
Parshat Vayishlach

Abraham Galbut – President
December 2, 2017 714 Kislev 5778

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 5:12PM
Mincha 5:20PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30AM
Main Minyan 9:00 AM
Sof Zman K. Shema 9:30AM
Teen Minyan 9:30AM
Rabbi's Class 4:20PM
Mincha 5:05PM
Maariv 6:00PM
Shabbat Ends 6:06PM
Family Learning Time

Sunday December 3 –Friday December 8
Shacharit: 7:00am & 8:00 am

Monday December 4 –Friday December 8
Additional Shacharit: 8:45 am

Sunday December 10 –Thursday December 14
Mincha/Maariv: 5:20 pm

Rabbi Bixon's Weekday Classes:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aliza Bixon
Helene Berkowitz
Rabbi Yakov Garfinkel
Sandy Saka
Ibolya Wiesel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO :

Rivkah & Ozer Simon

Scholar in Residence

January 5th & 6th

Dr. David Lieberman, Ph.D.

Award winning author and
internationally recognized leader in
the fields of human behavior and
interpersonal relationships

Sponsored by

Fancy & Jimmy Saka

Seudah Shlishit this week is

Sponsored by

Sara & Ronnie Gottlieb

in Memory of their Beloved

Father

Rabbi Nathan Gottlieb z"l

This Week's Announcements

Sponsored by

Ibolya & Joe Wiesel

in Memory of Joe's Mother

Chaya Mita bat Ephraim

Fischel Halevy z"l

(Malvina Wiesel z"l)

Mazal Tov

to

Ms. Annette Givner Posner

&

Dr. Velvy Posner

on the

Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Sarah

....

Gale & Lanny Grobman

&

Linda Schechter

On the Forthcoming Marriage of

Lily to Jason Feingertz

....

Bunny Sand & Morris Solomon

on their Engagement

Arts & Crafts Event for

Couples

Saturday Decmeber 9th

8pm

**Featuring a collection of
Craft Beer & Refreshments**

RSVP 305 538 1251

info@bethisraelmiami.org

\$36 per person

Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with Morah

Atara and Morah Esti

9:45 Regular groups begin with Youth
Leaders

TEEN SHABBAT PROGRAMS

Teen Minyan @ 9:30am

Teen Shalosh Seudos

takes places after Mincha with the
Bermanator - Ben Berman, Rabbi Ney,
and Rabbi G.

**Friday night Minions! Keep
earning grand raffle tickets each
week!** A children's Minyan after
Mincha in the Bait Medrash! Stories,
davening, games, and prizes! Friday
night Shabbat davening comes to life -
led by Rabbi G.

**Family Torah Time - Will not
take place this week.**

**December 9th an EPIC family
Torah Time will take place in the
youth house.**

**What do you get when you mix
Beth Israel, Fidget Spinners and
Lego together? CHANUKA LEGO
FIDGET SPINNERS**

Each attendee will get to make their
very own Lego Fidget Spinner!

Dad's Mom's come and learn with
your children of all ages and have a
great time. Slurpees, Pizza, Prizes,
stories and crafts.

**Save the Date - Are you available to
volunteer at our upcoming
Chanukah event on 12/16 ? Please
reach out to Rabbi G.**

Chanukah Family event for Everyone -
December 16th - Motzai Shabbat -
Fifth night of Chanukah! He's wowed
NIKE, GM, and Samsung, and is
considered the South African wonder.
Master illusionist Ilan Smith will be
our featured entertainment. Chef
Aryeh Pop Up, PLINKO for PRIZES
and Sumo Wrestling will be on hand
as well.

FROM ADULTS TO KIDS THIS IS
GOING TO BE AWESOME!
Kislev Birthday Club to take place next
Shabbat - December 9th. Are your kids
registered?



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DVAR TORAH BY DR. ARI CIMENT

VAYISHLACH

DID JACOB REALLY NEVER DIE?

יַעֲקֹב לֹא מָוֹת - Jacob never died (Taanis 4b)
QUESTION: Given that Jacob had a whole funeral procession and was even embalmed, how can this be true?

An answer/approach from our parsha... but first one more question:

ט וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶל-יַעֲקֹב עוֹד, בְּבֹאוֹ מִפָּדַן אֲרָם; וַיְבָרֶךְ, אֹתוֹ..... י וַיֹּאמֶר-לוֹ אֱלֹקִים, שְׁמֶךָ יַעֲקֹב: לֹא-יִקְרָא שְׁמֶךָ עוֹד יַעֲקֹב כִּי אִם יִשְׂרָאֵל יִהְיֶה שְׁמֶךָ וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שְׁמוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל:

And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him **10** And God said unto him: "Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name"; and He called his name Israel...

What is the significance of changing the name יַעֲקֹב to יִשְׂרָאֵל? What's the big deal? Also, is there any veiled message in the rather lengthy verbiage here of לֹא-יִקְרָא שְׁמֶךָ thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name?"

ANSWER/ANALYSIS:

The name יַעֲקֹב conjures up the imagery of יַעֲקֹב holding onto יֵשׁוּ's ankle for dear life. The name highlights the survivalist *holding-on-for-dear-life* nature of the Jew. The concept of יַעֲקֹב לֹא מָוֹת then probably speaks to this idea that a descendant of Yakov has genetic resilience- **Jacob** (the nature of us always holding on to the *heel*), **never dies** (we survive against all odds). יִשְׂרָאֵל on the other hand is an officer (שָׂר) of G-d (אֵל); this represents the stand-alone independent self sufficient nature we achieved after we survive. So this pasuk then represents what G-d ultimately wanted from Yakov and thus his descendents: don't be satisfied with just being a survivor, but metamorphasize/grow into being a leader.

As for the lengthy verbiage, this pasuk mystically contains the blueprint for the process and transformation of leadership: לֹא-יִקְרָא שְׁמֶךָ עוֹד יַעֲקֹב כִּי אִם יִשְׂרָאֵל יִהְיֶה שְׁמֶךָ - pay attention to the Trop, the biblical music of this pasuk (notice the symbols

above each word which is how you are supposed to lain the pasuk ...). Above the לֹא-יִקְרָא is a תְּלִישָׁא קְטוּנָה/TELISHA

KETANA; above the שְׁמֶךָ עוֹד is a קְדָמָא וְאַחֲרָא/KADMA V'AZLAH; above the יַעֲקֹב is a רִבְעִי/REVII; above the כִּי is a מַהֲפָךְ/MAHPACH; above the אִם-יִשְׂרָאֵל is a פַּשְׁטָא/PASHTA; and above the יִהְיֶה שְׁמֶךָ is a זָקֵף קָטוֹן/ZAKEF KATON.

The Mussar is: all leaders start with a some small unforeseen opportunity that helps jockey the future leader into position- this is the תְּלִישָׁא קְטוּנָה (תְּלִישָׁא means uproot literally). Then the person rises up sometimes quite swiftly- this is the קְדָמָא וְאַחֲרָא (when you lain this, the tune just goes up and away!) into the position of leadership. But then comes a dramatic fall from grace which is par for the course- this is the רִבְעִי/REVII which sounds like someone parachuting down from grace. Instead of giving up though, a leader must reinvent him/herself- this is the מַהֲפָךְ (literally means "flip over") in the sense of being able to change yourself and adapt to conflict. The consequence of any leader's ups and downs gives him the experience to know how to best serve others- this is the פַּשְׁטָא (literally means to put hand out) in the sense of putting your hand out to actually affect others. Finally the culmination of any great leader is to not suffer undue hubris which would take him/her down- this is represented by the זָקֵף קָטוֹן (literally "small standing") in the sense of not being haughty/conceited! And so the transformation from a *surviving* Yakov to a *succeeding leader* Yisroel entails going through a תְּלִישָׁא קְטוּנָה and then a קְדָמָא וְאַחֲרָא and then a רִבְעִי/REVII and then a מַהֲפָךְ so that he can be a great פַּשְׁטָא who nevertheless doesn't succumb to hubris and is a זָקֵף קָטוֹן

Takeaway Messages: The concept of יַעֲקֹב לֹא מָוֹת speaks to the idea that a descendant of Yakov has genetic resilience- **Jacob** (the nature of us always holding on to the *heel*), **never dies** (we survive against all odds). The verbose pasuk לֹא-יִקְרָא שְׁמֶךָ עוֹד יַעֲקֹב כִּי אִם יִשְׂרָאֵל יִהְיֶה שְׁמֶךָ has a veiled message contained in the trop: A true leader starts by a small uprooting (תְּלִישָׁא קְטוּנָה) and then rises exponentially (קְדָמָא וְאַחֲרָא) only to

then fall precipitously (רִבְעִי/REVII) but then reinvents himself (מַהֲפָךְ) and with this culminated experience is able to give to

others effectively and wholeheartedly (פַּשְׁטָא) realizing that to retain the leadership qualities, he must remain humble (זָקֵף קָטוֹן).

JACOB NEVER DIES IN THE SENSE THAT THE DESCENDENTS OF JACOB NEVER GIVE UP AND SURVIVE AGAINST THE ODDS. THE CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US JEWS IS TO METAMORPHASIZE FROM THE *SURVIVING* יַעֲקֹב TO THE *SUCCEEDING* לֵי שְׂרָאֵל LEADER.

Community News:

This Monday Night!
Talmudic University Annual
Dinner
Monday December 4th
Honoring
The Meyer & Spolter Families
RSVP
305 534 7050

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This Tuesday Night!
Amit Dinner
On Tuesday December 5th
The Arline Reinhard z"l Leadership
Award will be presented
to
Helen Ciment
Young Israel of Bal Harbour