



Beth Israel Congregation

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Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi

Parshat Vayeshev ~ Shabbat Mevarchim

Abraham Galbut – President

December 1st, 2018 ~ 23 Kislev 5779

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting 5:11 PM
Mincha 5:15 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM
Main Minyan 9:00 AM
No Teen Minyan
Rabbi's Class 4:20 PM
Mincha 5:05 PM
Maariv 5:55 PM
Shabbat Ends 6:06 PM
Family Torah Time 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 2nd is the First Night of Chanukah

Sun December 2nd – Fri December 7th

Shacharit: 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Mon December 3rd– Fri December 7th
Additional Shacharit 8:45 AM

Sun December 2nd– Thurs December 6th
Mincha/Maariv: 5:15 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Tana Markoe, Velvy Posner
Aliza Bixon, Sandy Saka
Helene Berkowitz, Ibolya Wiesel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Rivkah & Ozer Simon


Rabbi Bixon's Classes

~Women's Class ~
Tuesday 9:15 am

~Advanced Talmud ~
Wednesday 8:00 pm

Upcoming Scholar in Residence

Shabbat December 15th
Rabbi Ronnie Halibard

Jewish History in a Flash 

Sponsored by

Gale & Dr. Lanny
Grobman

This Week's Announcements is Sponsored by

Rena & Michael Reinhard

In Loving Memory of
Rena's Mother

Betty Roseman a"h
Batya bat Elazar Halevi

This Week's Kiddush is

Sponsored by

**SHARON & MICHAEL
BUDWICK**

IN HONOR OF THE BAR
MITZVAH OF THEIR SON
DOVID

This Week's Shalosh Seudat is Sponsored by

Elaine & Marc Birnbaum

In Commemoration of the
Yahrzeit of Marc's Mother
Emily Birnbaum a"h

Mazal Tov!

**Sharon & Michael
Budwick**

On the Bar Mitzvah of Their
Son
DOVID

This Wednesday

December 5th 5:00 pm

Chanukah Hakarat Hatov Ceremony

Beth Israel Congregation Invites you to
Join Mayor of Miami Beach

Dan Gelber, M.B. Commissioners &
Local Law Enforcement in Front of City
Hall (1700 Convention Center Drive) As

We Say

Thank You!

Special Gift Baskets & Cards Prepared
by Our Youth Will be Distributed to
Our MBPD as a Thank You for Their
Devotion to Our City, State & Country

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

Shira Hirsch

Diamond Davener Award

Moshe Bossewitch

Congratulations to this Past Week's

Friday Night Minyan Man

Shaya Weiss

Song of the Week



Tiny Tots groups will be learning
"Red & Orange, Green & Blue"
"Yoseph's Brothers"

TEEN MINYAN

To Celebrate Dovid Budwick's Bar
Mitzvah, Teen Minyan Will Join The Main
Minyan! Mazal Tov!

TEEN SHALOSH SEUDAT AND
GEMERAH SHIUR FOR GUYS & GALS

Weekly Between Mincha and Maariv!
Join Rabbi G. for some great text based
Gemera learning and some good food to
go along

Friday Night Minion

Who Will be the Next Minyan Man!
5:20 pm Minyan for Kids!

Family Torah Time Motzei Shabbat
7:00 pm

Torah Learning, Pizza, Fries, & Prizes!

This Week is Sponsored by
Helen & Larry Ciment in Memory of Larry
& Perry's
Father Aryeh Leib ben Aharon z"l

Save the Date

**Beth Israel Congregation & Friendship
Circle's Chanukah Carnival**

Sunday December 9th

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

It doesn't get any better than this!!!!
BBQ, Bouncy Houses, Music, Teens & Middle
Schoolers are Invited to Volunteer. Reach out
to Rabbi G. or Rabbi Koriat!

Toys for Tots & Cops!!!

Thank You to the Children & Parents
Who Came Out & Helped! Thank You
to Our Sponsors Sharon & Michael
Budwick, Elissa & Ari Ciment, Marissa
& Jason Leibowitz



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Parshat Vayeshev

By: Ari Ciment

WHY DON'T WE

“CELEBRATE” AKEIDAT

YOSEF LIKE AKEIDAT

YITZCHAK

QUESTIONS: The Torah Temimah asks: how can Yosef be harmed if after all there is a concept of *שְׁלוּחֵי מִצְוָה אֵינוּ נִזְדַקְקִין* / “if you go for a mitzvah, you cannot be harmed” and Yosef was sent by his father Yaakov to check on his brothers, a mitzvah indeed! The answer given by the TT is that this concept doesn’t hold if you are placed in a place that is “שְׂכִיחָה הִזְקָא” / “a place that is associated with badness” and since *שָׁכָם* was bad luck (i.e. Dinah was raped there), Yosef was not safe even though heading over there for a mitzvah. Why does the TT use the Shechem answer though, when it was clear as day that Yosef’s brothers hated Yosef and Yaakov knew it well (“וַיֵּאבְדוּ, שְׁמֵר אֶת-הַדְּבָר” / “and Yaakov knew the thing [that his bros despised him]!”)- isn’t that enough of a “שְׂכִיחָה הִזְקָא” that explains why Yosef wasn’t safe!?

ANSWER/S: The answer is that perhaps the “שְׂכִיחָה הִזְקָא” here is in fact that Yaakov knew that he was sending Yosef into the Lion’s Den (Or as Jonathan Levene says “the Viper’s pit!”)- not only was it *שָׁכָם* but it was the brothers that despised him!

In fact, if you simply follow the verses carefully, there is a clear parallel structure of the “sacrifice of Yosef” to the “sacrifice of Isaac”.

- 1) The wording by Avraham’s mission to slaughter Isaac started “וְלֶךְ-לֶךְ” similar to Yosef’s mission of “וַיִּשְׁלַחְהוּ מֵעֵמֶק חֶבְרוֹן”.
- 2) The response of Yitzchak was “הֲנִנִּי” and the response of Yosef was an identical and almost out of place “הֲנִנִּי”.
- 3) Right in the middle of this plot, the Torah informs us *וַיִּשְׁלַחְהוּ מֵעֵמֶק חֶבְרוֹן*, which is out of place but Rashi informs us this is a connection to Avraham Avinu- another veiled reference/connection...
- 4) “וַיֵּאמֶר הָאִישׁ, נִסְעוּ מִזֶּה”- the man who found Yosef in the field and guided him to the brothers was an angel reminiscent to the angel that stopped Avraham from slaughtering Isaac.

5) “וַיֵּרְאוּ אֹתוֹ, מֵרֶחֶק” / “and they saw him from afar” has almost the identical language of “וַיֵּרְא אֶת-הַמָּקוֹם--מֵרֶחֶק” which prefaced Avraham/Yitzchak approaching their test mountain!

The connections are undeniable. The tests though are clearly different. “Akeidat Yitzchak” wasn’t Yitzchak’s test, it was Avraham’s test. Avraham proved that he was willing to sacrifice his only son upon G-ds command. The sending off of Yosef, which Yaakov knew was dangerous (“וַיֵּאבְדוּ, שְׁמֵר אֶת-הַדְּבָר”), was more of a test of the brothers than of Yosef! Knowing the score, Yaakov in a sense was testing his brothers and tasking them with protecting this hated brother. But unlike Akeidat Yitzchak which we flaunt daily to accrue *שְׂכָר*, “Akeidat Yosef” was a tragic failure that as Rabbi Bixon pointed out on Shabbat Shuva, we are still paying for *עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה*. Rabbi Bixon reminded us that the very day Yosef was sold was in fact Yom Kippur and was the very day that each of the 10 Harugei Malchus (10 famous rabbi martyrs) were killed. Interestingly, they accepted their fate in a sense complying with the tradition that we are at fault for letting down our brother.

This concept of paying back for the misdeed is continued by the tradition of paying 5 shekalim (which is equal to the twenty Dinarim accepted for Yosef’s trade!) to redeem our firstborn (Rabein Bachya brought down in Artscroll) to this very day. It is the reason we give a half-shekel (the price of each sinning brothers contribution) every Purim (perhaps related to Yom Kippur in being Yom K’purim!). We constantly remind ourselves of our failure to redeem our brother in need.

Yaakov our father was not a feeble gullible man to believe that his hated son would be safe at the hands of his children but he genuinely believed they would (like their grandfather Avraham) keep their temptations at bay and do the right thing. The brothers failed and we have suffered greatly throughout the generations because of this misdeed.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: The Torah Temima asked how Yosef wasn’t protected when he went to check on his brothers if indeed, he was commanded to by his

father and “שְׁלוּחֵי מִצְוָה אֵינוּ נִזְדַקְקִין”. He answered that because Shechem was a dangerous place, Yosef wasn’t protected. He could’ve added that wherever the brothers were was also a “dangerous place” because they hated him so much and Yaakov knew that!

Similarities abound between “Akeidat Yitzchak” and a so-called “Akeidat Yosef”: 1) “וְלֶךְ-לֶךְ” similar to “וַיִּשְׁלַחְהוּ מֵעֵמֶק חֶבְרוֹן” 2) The response of Yitzchak and then Yosef of “הֲנִנִּי” connection to Avraham Avinu in the middle of this plot! 3) “וַיֵּאמֶר הָאִישׁ, נִסְעוּ מִזֶּה”- the angel imagery similar to Akeidat Yitzchak 4) “וַיֵּרְאוּ אֹתוֹ, מֵרֶחֶק” very similar to “וַיֵּרְא אֶת-הַמָּקוֹם--מֵרֶחֶק” The difference is that we passed Akeidat Yitzchak and failed by “Akeidat Yosef”. We are reminded every Yom Kippur (the very day we failed) about how we suffer because of this misdeed- the 10 Harugei Malchus is the most salient example. We are also reminded when we give 5 shekels for every firstborn and ½ shekel every Yom K’Purim!

WHY DON'T WE “CELEBRATE” AKEIDAT YOSEF LIKE AKEIDAT YITZCHAK BECAUSE WE FAILED “AKEIDAT YOSEF” AND WE SHOULD NEVER EVER ABANDON OUR BROTHERS IN NEED AGAIN IS THE LESSON

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Call today to see Open House! Contact us for sponsored tour and school overview.
To RSVP or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 305.532.6423 ext. 133 or admin@hba.org

Come celebrate THE MIRACLES HAPPENING EVERY DAY

SHAARE ZEDEK

Eliot Friedman • Reiss Gertel — Chairs
Cordially invite you to join us at our

Chanukah Luncheon

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 11:00 am

Guest Speaker Allison Josephs JEW.GUTTY

In our 24 hour news cycle, we are constantly bombarded with stories of tragedy and suffering. Please share your kind gesture and assist in our annual Chanukah gift raise!

Honorary level of thankfulness • 1000+ annual members • 200+ staff • 200+ volunteers • 100+ families

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