



# Beth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

## Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi  
Parsha Vayetze

Abraham Galbut – President  
December 10th 2016 10 Kislev 5777

### Erev Shabbat Schedule

Musician in Residence Lenny Solomon  
Candle Lighting 5:13 PM  
Mincha 5:20 PM  
Special Kabbalat Shabbat

### Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM  
Main Minyan 9:00 AM  
Teens Minyan 9:30 AM  
Latest Shema 9:35 AM  
Musaf with Lenny Solomon  
Rabbi Bixon Class 4:25 PM  
Mincha 5:10 PM  
Seudat Shlishit- "The Spiritual  
Implications of Secular Music as Part  
of Tefilah"  
Maariv 6:00 PM  
Shabbat Ends 6:08 PM  
Musical Family  
Torah Time Concert 6:50 PM

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> –Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Shacharit: 7:00am & 8:00 am

Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Additional Shacharit: 8:45 am

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> –Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mincha/Maariv: 5:20 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:

Harrison Lieber, Shmuli Gottlieb,  
Seth Wasserman, Dr. Yehuda Deutsch,  
Michelle Saka, Gilda Burstein,

### HAPPY ANIVERSARY TO :

Becky and Joseph Leuchter

Beth Israel Congregation Welcome  
**Lenny Solomon, Musician in  
Residence**

Join us for a special Kabbalat  
Shabbat, Shabbat Day-Musaf,  
Seudat Shlishit- "The Spiritual  
Implications of Secular Music as  
Part of Tefilah" and Saturday night  
for a Musical Family Torah Time  
concert!

### Mazal Tov to

**Malkah and Harold Tokayer**  
on the birth of a great  
grandson born to their  
grandchildren Ariella and  
Juda Zurndorfer, the  
children of Ricki and  
Michael Roth

**Helen and Larry Ciment** on  
the Bar Mitzvah of their  
grandson Itai Netanel son of  
Alisa and David Barth

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Julie and Seymour Feld, Rachel  
and Ira Bedzow, Natalie and  
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honor of the 3rd Yahrzeit of  
Eva Weiss,  
Aydl bat Ezriel HaLevy a"h,  
Beloved mother, grandmother  
and great grandmother

Beth Israel Congregation  
62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner  
Honoring

**Chanie & Shmuli Gottlieb  
Rose & Sam Gurfinkel**

Saturday Night January 7<sup>th</sup>  
2017

Please make sure to send in  
your ads and make  
reservations

### Youth Groups Announcements

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

### FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH MINYAN RETURNS-WEEK 4

The ever popular Friday night Youth Minyan  
returns and will take place in the Bait Midrash  
each Friday night after Mincha.  
Children will learn how to Daven Kabbalat  
Shabbat, hear Shabbat stories, and earn prizes!

Youth house groups will be making Yakov's  
edible ladder this week with Morah Atara! A  
yummy and learning filled shabbos treat!

### MUSICAL FAMILY TIME THIS SHABBAT Shabbat Family Learning continues this Motzai Shabbat

Learning material will be supplied or feel free to  
bring your own  
SLURPEES for all-Pizza-Fries-Drinks! Loads of  
fun-prices, and amazing stories.

### PRE-CHANUKA

**I WANNA BE A MACCABEE  
AMAZING FAMILY PROGRAM SET FOR  
12/22**

**MACABEE OBSTACLES,  
ENTERTAINMENT, DJ, FACE  
PAINTING, LOADS OF FOOD  
SEE FLIER FO RMORE DETAILS  
PROGRAM DEDECATED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF REUVEIN BEN PINCHAS  
HALEVI**

**AFTERNOON GROUPS-SHABBAT-Vayeitze-**  
Moms & Dads Rabbi Bixon has a shiur 45  
minutes before Mincha and Morah Esti has a  
Youth group-dvar torah, story, treats and loads  
of fun!

Rabbi and Mrs. Garfinkel cordially invite all  
the teen minyan members and youth leaders to  
a community teen Friday night Shabbat  
dinner-taking place Friday night December 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Special guest Lenny Solomon will join the teens  
for Shabbat zemiros and share why he chose to  
become a Jewish Rocker.

Rabbi Ney Sunday Teen Minyan breakfast will  
began next Sunday 12/18



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THE BOYS TEAM HAVE DONE IT! THE BOYS TEAM HAVE DONE IT! AFTER 9 WEEKS, THE BOYS TEAM FINALLY CLOSED THE SERIES ON A NAIL BITER-WINNING 5-4 ON AMICHAEL WEISS'S LAST SECOND HEROICS. CHANTS OF MVP COULD BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE HALLS. CELEBRATION DINNER AT CARLOS AND GABBYS WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY AT 5:00 PM. ALL BOYS ATTENDING JUNIOR CONG ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

**IS YOUR CHILD SIGNED UP FOR BIRTHDAY CLUB?**  
**KISLEV BIRTHDAY CLUB IS AROUND THE CORNER!**

### DVAR TORAH BY: DR. ARI CIMENT

WHAT IS THE LESSON OF פחד יצחק AND אלקי יצחק?

רבי יהושע אומר... ויצר הרע... מוציאין את האדם : Lustfulness brings you out of this world

כן זומא אומר, .... איזהו גבור, הכובש את יצרו Who is strong? One who overpowers his inclinations

QUESTION: Yitzchok is the posterchild for גבורה despite being the most passive of our avos- why? The 2 most prevalent answers are that he was willing to die at the Akeidah or that he strove to keep his fathers accomplishments intact BUT both of those answers dont describe גבורה as defined in Avos- Gevurah must have something to do with quenching the yetzer hara!?

ANSWER: At the end of the parsha, Yakov refers to G-d as "Pachad Yitzchak" ("Had not the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the **Fear** of Isaac, been for me") and the medrash explains that the pseudonym used (Pachad) is used instead of

the more usual אֱלֹהֵי because the holy name אֱלֹהֵי is reserved for when one is completely holy which is only after death, when one is no longer challenged by his/her lusts. But at the beginning of the parsha, G-d refers to Himself as יִצְחָק אֱלֹהֵי despite Yitzchok being alive!!!! Rashi explains that since Yitzchok was blind, he was no longer tempted by his yetzer and thus was considered dead- if that is so, Elokei Yitzchok can be used indeed: **אלקֵי יִצְחָק**. *Although we do not find in Scripture that the Holy One, blessed be He, associates His name with that of the righteous during their lifetimes by writing "the God of so-and-so," for it is said (Job 15:15): "Lo! He does not believe in His holy ones," [i.e., God does not consider even His holy ones as righteous until after their deaths, when they are no longer subject to the evil inclination,] nevertheless, here He associated His name with Isaac because his eyes had become dim, and he was confined in the house, and he was like a dead person, the evil inclination having ceased from him (Tanchuma Toledoth 7).*

So at last we found a connection of Yitzchok to gevurah indeed. Yitzchok is considered holy, even during his lifetime, because he unfortunately developed blindness which squelched his Yetzer Hara. He was, perhaps unwittingly, כובש את יצרו and therefore a true Gevurah of the ultimate sense (as per Avos!).

But it is also worthwhile to point out the language of rashi: לפי שכהו עיניו וכלוא היה בבית, והרי הוא קמת, ויצר הרע פסק ממנו *because his eyes had become dim, and he was confined in the house, and he was like a dead person, the evil inclination having ceased from him-* without the Yetzer Hara, Yakov was really considered dead. On one hand lustfulness can bring us out of this world and isolate us (וַיִּצְרֵנוּ, רבי יהושע אומר... ויצר הרע), but on the other hand, we need this challenge to

overcome as that is what living is about. Yitzchok may have been the extreme conqueror of lustfulness by virtue of his blindness that made him "dead to the world", but for the rest of us, our very life depends on having lusts that we can hope/try to overcome/suppress.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S: Yitzchok indeed is the posterchild of גבורה because he is the prototypical forefather who overcame lustfulness (even though it was not intentional!). In fact, G-d refers to Himself as אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק while Yitzchok was alive because Yitzchok was so pure and not tempted anymore by his yetzer hara due to his blindness. For the rest of us, having lusts is what makes us alive, and a goal in life is to try to overcome/suppress these lusts, attaining גבורה. THE LESSON OF פחד יצחק AND אלקי יצחק IS THAT OF אֵיזוֹ הַכּוֹבֵשׁ אֶת יִצְרוֹ גבור, הכובש את יצרו

### Community News

**The American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem**  
Fall Luncheon will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at Young Israel of Bal Harbor.  
**ALB Galbut** is being honor with the Healer of Jerusalem award.  
For more information please call Debbie Gold at 305-799-5619

### **The Talmudic University** **Yeshiva v'Kollel Beis Moshe Chaim**

is honoring the memory of  
**Dr. Aaron Katz z"l** at  
The annual dinner on  
December 20<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on tickets and journal ads please call the Yeshiva office at 305-534-7050