



BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro z"l Sanctuary

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon - Rabbi
Parshat Shoftim

Abraham Galbut - President
September 7th, 2019 ~ 7 Elul 5779

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Earliest Candle Lighting	6:17 PM
Mincha (note new time)	6:30 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:17 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan	9:00 AM
Teen Minyan	9:30 AM
Sof Zman K. Shema	10:10 AM
Rabbi Bixon's Class	6:25 PM
Mincha	7:10 PM
Maariv	8:00 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:10 PM

Sun September 8th – Fri September 13th
Shacharit 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Sun September 8th– Thur September 12th
Mincha / Maariv 7:20 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Toby Kahn, Gary Litwack
Gary Lynn, Oscar Schwartz,
Fancy Saka

Rabbi Bixon's Class Schedule

~Women's Class~

Tuesday 9:15 am

~ Advanced Talmud~

Wednesday After Maariv

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 21st ~ 1:05 am
Selichot

September 22nd ~ 7:45 pm
Rabbi Eli Mansour Lecture

September 29th
Erev Rosh Hashana

September 30th & October 1st
Rosh Hashanah

October 2nd
Tzom Gedaliah

Welcome

**Beth Israel Congregation
Welcomes**

Eitan Katz

Thank you to
Matthew Turetsky

For all of his time and effort in
organizing this tremendous Shabbaton
Thank you to our sponsors who so
generously contributed to the Shabbaton

The High Holidays 2019 ~ 5780

Are Around the Corner. We Ask That
You Please Submit

Your Seat Request Form

&

Memorial Booklet Form

No Later Than September 20th

Beth Israel Renovations Update

~Men's Section~

Renovations to the men's section
are complete. New chairs are
arriving this week

~ Women's Section~

Renovations in the women's
section are near completion. New
carpeting is arriving this week

*If you are interested in
sponsoring future renovations,
please contact Rabbi Bixon. We
are looking for donors for the
new chairs in the Women's
Section*

Help Support Beth Israel Congregation
by Becoming an Annual
SHALOSH SEUDOT MAVEN

Maven Participant Details

- Annual Cost ~ \$540.00
 - This Entitles You to 4 Sponsored Shalosh Seudot. - Savings of \$180.00!
 - Expires 1 Year After Joining
 - Payable in Full by September 1st
 - Dates Need to be Approved by the Office to Ensure Availability
- If you wish to participate, please contact
Joelle (305) 538-1251

Rabbi Bixon Will Have his
Downtown Class
Thursday September 12th
12:00 pm

Lunch will be served
3200 Southeast Financial Center
200 South Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, Florida 33131



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Youth Groups Announcements

**9:15 Pre- Groups with
Morah Shoshana**

&

**9:30 Regular Groups Begin with
Youth Leaders**

Davening Award

Netanel Berman

Midot Award

Nathan Abrahams

Healthy Snacks Will Be Served!



Youth Groups Are Back!

Welcome back to our incredible
youth leaders and youth members!
Looking forward to an amazing year
of Shabbat groups

TEEN SHALOSH SEUDOS GETS NEW WEEKLY ADDITION!

Weekly Teen Shalosh Seudot with
Rabbi G. AND Rabbi Koriat
Inviting all teens between mincha
and Maariv, for great conversation,
Torah and yummy food.

**GOING TO BE AN EPIC
Shalosh Seudot SEASON!**



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Parshat Shoftim

By: Ari Ciment

A LESSON FROM CITIES OF REFUGE
BEYOND THE REFUGE...

An Auschwitz survivor with harrowing escape stories, my grandfather Samuel Weintraub was uncomfortable in pain the last day of his life suffering from terminal cancer. As an 18-year-old boy visiting him at Tower 41, I didn't know exactly what to say: "Zadie, please don't give up HOPE!". I will never forget how he smiled and stood up for the first time in days, walking over to his set of Shas and pulled out Berachos 10a, "Ari, I haven't learned this specific Gemara in over 30 years but will never forget it..." He showed me the exchange between Chizkiyahu and Yeshayahu where Chizkiyahu famously says "Even if a sword is against your neck, don't give up on G-ds compassion!" (i.e. NEVER GIVE UP HOPE)

This message of the importance of hope is evident from our Parshah in a Meshech Chachma shared with me by **Rav Aron Blech** numerous times!

שְׁלוֹשׁ עָרִים, תִּבְדִּיל לָךְ : בְּתוֹךְ אֲרָצְךָ אֲשֶׁר ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ לְרִשְׁתָּהּ.

You should separate three cities in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee to possess it...

This pasuk in our parshah is about 3 of the 6 Levitical Cities of Refuge in the Kingdom of Israel and Yehudah in which the perpetrators of accidental manslaughter could go for asylum. The other 3 were mentioned earlier in Devarim: בְּעֵבֶר, הַיַּרְדֵּן, בְּמִזְרְחָהּ, שְׁמֹשׁ הַיַּרְדֵּן, מִן־רְחֹקָהּ, שְׁמֹשׁ הַיַּרְדֵּן.

Then Moses separated three cities beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising; (Devarim 4). Of note, these 3 cities of Refuge in עֵבֶר were beyond the Jordan, and not in Israel proper...

FACTS: 1) The cities of refuge became "activated" only after כְּבוֹשׁ and חֲלוּק were completed; only after Bnei Yisroel captured and split up the land. 2) Elazar Hakohen was destined to be the Kohen after the 14 years כְּבוֹשׁ and חֲלוּק were

completed. (see parshat Masei 34:17) 3) The only way out of a city of refuge was if the Kohen dies 4) כְּבוֹשׁ and חֲלוּק took 14 years in total...

QUESTION: Why didn't the 3 cities of refuge that were become "activated" once they were set up, in עֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן, across the Jordan. Why did the Jews have to wait the full 14 years of כְּבוֹשׁ and חֲלוּק before finally having those cities of refuge?

ANSWER: Again, the following answer credit to Rav Aron Blech and Rav Immanuel Bernstein in name of Meshech Chachmah:

"Meshech Chochmah suggests a possible reason for this delay. As we have mentioned, the accidental killer's punishment requires that he stay in exile until the Kohen Gadol dies, which is something that can happen at any time. This means that the punishment of exile contains the caveat that the person can hope to be set free at any time. However, if he were to know for a fact that the Kohen Gadol would not die for a number of years, *he would then be in exile without hope* – something which is beyond the mandate of what the Torah prescribes. This was the situation which pertained to Elazar, concerning whom we are told... that he would be the one to preside over the apportioning of the land of Canaan. This means that were a killer to go into exile prior to that point, he has no hope of going free for all those intervening years. Hence, the Torah stipulated that no city of refuge operate until the land had been apportioned, at which point anyone who was exiled to a city of refuge would be there with hope." (Rav Bernstein)

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE/S:

Cities of refuge are discussed in our Parshah. 3 separate cities of refuge were discussed previously in early Devarim but even though they were set up, were not "activated" to afford perpetrators of manslaughter asylum until the whole 14 years of Conquest and Apportioning of Israel was done. Why the wait? The Meshech Chachmah explains that Hashem didn't want to remove any HOPE ---> Since the only way out of a city of

refuge was by the death of a Kohen Gadol and there was a mesorah that Elazar was going to live during the whole 14 years of Conquest and Apportioning of Israel, Hashem didn't want to remove any hope from those in asylum and so activated the cities only after the 14 years of Conquest and Apportioning! Hope is very powerful as Samuel Weintraub reiterated the lesson of Chizkiyahu years ago: "Even if a sword is against the neck, don't forget G-ds mercy [don't give up hope!]!!!!" LESSON OF CITIES OF REFUGE: HOPE

Community News

City of Miami Beach

BAHAMIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

Supplies Requested by the government of the Bahamas include: Portable / purified water, water purification kits, nonperishable food items, first aid kits, hygiene kits, flashlights & batteries, insect repellent

**Supplies can be dropped off
8:00 am – 8:00 pm at any of the
Miami Beach Fire Stations**

For more information please visit
www.MiamiBeachFL.gov

Perfect Flavors

Cooking up the Holidays with

Naomi Nachman

**Thursday, September 12th
7:00 pm**

JCC Miami Beach

4221 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach

For more information

mbjcc.ticketleap.com/Nachman



Children are back in school, and state elected officials are heading back to Tallahassee for committee weeks.

Discussions about expanding scholarship programs and security funding will be on their agenda this fall. To get involved with this session's school choice agenda

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