



Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Bo

February 4, 2017 8 Shevat, 5777

TORAH ARTSCROLL 340 HERTZ 248		Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Bo		
HAFTORAH ARTSCROLL 1151 HERTZ 263		<p>The American writer Bruce Feiler recently published a best-selling book entitled <i>The Secrets of Happy Families</i>. It's an engaging work that uses research largely drawn from fields like team building, problem solving and conflict resolution, showing how management techniques can be used at home also to help make families cohesive units that make space for personal growth. At the end, however, he makes a very striking and unexpected point: "The single most important thing you can do for your family may be the simplest of all: develop a strong family narrative." He quotes a study from Emory University that the more children know about their family's story, "the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem, the more successfully they believe their family functions." A family narrative connects children to something larger than themselves. It helps them make sense of how they fit into the</p>	<p>world that existed before they were born. It gives them the starting-point of an identity. That in turn becomes the basis of confidence. It enables children to say: This is who I am. This is the story of which I am a part. These are the people who came before me and whose descendant I am. These are the roots of which I am the stem reaching upward toward the sun.</p> <p>Nowhere was this point made more dramatically than by Moses in this week's parsha. The tenth plague is about to strike. Moses knows that this will be the last. Pharaoh will not merely let the people go. He will urge them to leave. So, on God's command, he prepares the people for freedom. But he does so in a way that is unique. He does not talk about liberty. He does not speak about breaking the chains of bondage. He does not even mention the arduous journey that lies ahead. Nor does he enlist their enthusiasm by giving them a glimpse of the destination, the Promised Land that God swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the land of milk and honey. He talks about children. Three times in the course of the parsha he turns to the theme:</p>	<p>And when your children ask you, 'What do you mean by this rite?' you shall say... (Exodus 12:26-27) And you shall explain to your child on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free from Egypt' (Exodus 13:8) And when, in time to come, your child asks you, saying, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him... (Exodus 13:14) This is wonderfully counterintuitive. He doesn't speak about tomorrow but about the distant future. He does not celebrate the moment of liberation. Instead he wants to ensure that it will form part of the people's memory until the end of time. He wants each generation to pass on the story to the next. He wants Jewish parents to become educators, and Jewish children to be guardians of the past for the sake of the future. Inspired by God, Moses taught the Israelites the lesson arrived at via a different route by the Chinese: If you plan for a year, plant rice. If you plan for a decade, plant a tree. If you plan for a century, educate a child.</p>
Times				
Candle Lighting	4:57 pm			
Mincha	5:00 pm			
Hashkama	8:00 am			
Youth Minyan	8:30 am			
Parsha Shiur	8:30 am			
Main	9:00 am			
Beit Midrash	9:15 am			
Gemara Shiur	4:00 pm			
Mincha	4:50 pm			
Shabbos Ends	6:06 pm			
R' Reisman Video	8:00 pm			
Sun. Feb. 5	7:30/8:30 am			
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am			
Tues., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am			
Mincha	5:10 pm			
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei				
Feb. 4	9:35/10:26 am			
Feb. 11	9:31/10:24 am			
Next Shabbat Beshalach				
Candle Lighting	5:06 pm			
Mincha	5:10 pm			
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Jews became famous throughout the ages for putting education first. Where others built castles and palaces, Jews built schools and houses of study. From this flowed all the familiar achievements in which we take collective pride: the fact that Jews knew their texts even in ages of mass illiteracy; the record of Jewish scholarship and intellect; the astonishing over-representation of Jews among the shapers of the modern mind; the Jewish reputation, sometimes admired, sometimes feared, sometimes caricatured, for mental agility, argument, debate, and the ability to see all sides of a disagreement. But Moses' point wasn't simply this. God never commanded us: Thou shall win a Nobel Prize. What he wanted us to teach our children was a story. He wanted us to help our children understand who they are, where they came from, what happened to their ancestors to make them the distinctive people they became and what moments in their history shaped their lives and dreams. He wanted us to give our children an identity by turning history into memory, and memory itself into a sense of responsibility. Jews were not summoned to be a nation of intellectuals. They were called on to be actors in a drama of redemption, a people invited by God to bring blessings into the world by the way they lived and sanctified life.

For some time now, along with many others in the West, we have sometimes neglected this deeply spiritual element of education. That is what makes Lisa Miller's recent book *The Spiritual Child*, an important reminder of a forgotten truth. Professor Miller teaches psychology and education at Columbia University and co-edits the journal *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*. Her book is not about Judaism or even religion as such, but specifically about the importance of parents encouraging the spirituality of the child. Children are naturally spiritual. They are fascinated by the vastness of the universe and our place in it. They have the same

sense of wonder that we find in some of the greatest of the psalms. They love stories, songs and rituals. They like the shape and structure they give to time, and relationships, and the moral life. To be sure, skeptics and atheists have often derided religion as a child's view of reality, but that only serves to strengthen the corollary, that a child's view of reality is instinctively, intuitively religious. Deprive a child of that by ridiculing faith, abandoning ritual, and focusing instead on academic achievement and other forms of success, and you starve him or her of some of the most important elements of emotional and psychological well-being. As Professor Miller shows, the research evidence is compelling. Children who grow up in homes where spirituality is part of the atmosphere at home are less likely to succumb to depression, substance abuse, aggression and high-risk behaviors including physical risk-taking and "a sexuality devoid of emotional intimacy". Spirituality plays a part in a child's resilience, physical and mental health and healing. It is a key dimension of adolescence and its intense search for identity and purpose. The teenage years often take the form of a spiritual quest. And when there is a cross-generational bond through which children and parents come to share a sense of connection to something larger, an enormous inner strength is born. Indeed the parent-child relationship, especially in Judaism, mirrors the relationship between God and us.

That is why Moses so often emphasizes the role of the question in the process of education: "When your child asks you, saying...", a feature ritualized at the Seder table in the form of the Mah nishtanah. Judaism is a questioning and argumentative faith, in which even the greatest ask questions of God, and in which the rabbis of the Mishnah and Midrash constantly disagree. Rigid doctrinal faith that discourages questions, calling instead for blind obedience and submission, is psychologically damaging and fails to prepare a child for the complexity of real life. What is more, the Torah is careful, in the first paragraph of the Shema, to say, "You shall love the Lord your God..." before saying, "You shall teach these things diligently to your children." Parenthood works when your children see that you love what you want them to learn.

The long walk to freedom, suggests this week's parsha, is not just a matter of history and politics, let alone miracles. It has to do with the relationship between parents and children. It is about telling the story and passing it on across the generations. It is about a sense of God's presence in our lives. It is about making space for transcendence, wonder, gratitude, humility, empathy, love, forgiveness and compassion, ornamented by ritual, song and prayer. These help to give a child confidence, trust and hope, along with a sense of identity, belonging and at-home-ness in the universe. You cannot build a healthy society out of emotionally unhealthy families and angry and conflicted children. Faith begins in families. Hope is born in the home.



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February 11, 2017

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Seudah Shlishit Drasha

Follow the Leader:

Cultivating the Value
and Skill of Followership

Scott J. Goldberg, Ph.D., is an active teacher, researcher, and internationally renowned consultant in areas related to student success in the Jewish community including: religious and spiritual development, Hebrew literacy, and social and behavioral functioning. He writes and speaks in both academic and communal settings on these topics, as well as the mission and vision of the Modern/Centrist Orthodox community, the future of learning and schooling, school governance and finance, leadership, strategic planning, and more.

Scott was Vice Provost of Yeshiva University from 2013-2016, and is currently chairman of Koren Publishers Educational Editorial Board, and is a tenured faculty member at Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education.

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A Torah Perspective On
**ADDRESSING GROWN UP MATTERS
WITH CHILDREN**

Tuesday, February 7th | 8:00PM

at the home of

Tovah & Josh Marmer
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CHAVERIM AT GENS

DATE: February 8th **11:30 - 2:00**

ACTIVITY

Tu B'Shvat Seder
with Rabbi Jesse Shore,
our Rabbinic Intern

LUNCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Give Blood**

Men's Club
Spring Blood Drive

Sunday, March 19, 2017

See David Rein or Michael Kohler
for more information

Saturday night February 4

Mini Shabbaton

GIRLS GRADES 1-2

6:30-8:15 PM

YOUTH CENTER

Zumba with Naz

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MARCH 3

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Kiddush is sponsored by **Lori & Murray Shapero** in memory of his mother **Hanna Shapero z"l**.

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

Sunday, February 5th at 10:00 am - Rabbi Marvin Tokayer will speak on Spies, Scholars, & Statesmen - Amazing Jews of the Orient.

YOETZET HALACHA

The next YH event will be a shiur given by Lisa Septimus at the home of Tovah & Josh Marmer, 100 Myrtle Dr. on **Feb. 7th at 8:00 pm** entitled, "Where Do Babies Come From? - A Torah Perspective on Addressing Adult Matters with Children.

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Feb. 5: Men's Club Event: Rabbi Marvin Tokayer
Feb. 5: Super Bowl Event
Feb. 7: Yoetzet Halacha Shiur
Feb. 8: Chaverim Center: Tu B'Shvat Seder
Feb. 11: Shabbat Speaker: Dr. Scott Goldberg

MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Laura & Scott Danoff** on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children **Emily & Moshe Zaghi**.

Mazal Tov to **Karen Lewkowitz Miller & Monte Miller** on the engagement of their son **Jeremy** to **Jordanna Imershien**.

Mazal Tov to **Keren & Nadav Glucklich** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Danielle**.

SCOPE

SCOPE magazine is interested in you and your families. The happy news and the less than happy - please send the background stories behind the marriages, engagements, bar/bat mitzvahs and birth announcements. We also want to remember and honor those who died and share their life story. Please email submissions to SCOPE Contributing Editor, Zach Dicker at zdicker@verizon.net.

NORTH SHORE MIKVAH ASSOCIATION

Please Save the Date: Annual Fundraiser for the North Shore Mikvah Association will take place on **Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30PM**, featuring Elie Salomon, founding board member of the organization 'Yesh Tikvah'. Please make sure to mark your calendars for a very moving evening for the women of our community as Elie presents a discussion entitled: "Pitfalls, Perseverance and Ultimately Parenthood: One woman's story of persistence and how you can help others." Featured Boutique: Threads Linen

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Shaare Zedek Medical Center's Women's Health Day - **Wed. March 15, 2017** at the New York Academy of Medicine. We expect a sold out event, so sign up early!! Our online site www.acsz.org/healthday opens February 1st! For more info. contact Sharon Goldwyn at sgoldwyn@acsz.org

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Saturday, 8 Shevat

Sylvia Fisher for Esther Hirsch
Ken Magida for Sidney Magida

Sunday, 9 Shevat

Rita Silverman for Leon Silverman

Monday, 10 Shevat

Michael Landsman for Phyllis Landsman
Leslie Kahn for Lily Marcus
Milton Rabinowitz for Minnie Rabinowitz
Stephen Rabinowitz for Minnie Rabinowitz

Tuesday, 11 Shevat

Herschel Flax for Alexander Flax
Mary Flax for Alexander Flax
Jack Lemonik for Henry Lemonik
Diane Seidle for Harriet Zuckerbrot

Wednesday, 12 Shevat

Steven Rosenzweig for Chedva Kandel
Jacqueline Fischer for Else Salomon

Thursday, 13 Shevat

Ellen Siegel for Sam Bluestein

Friday, 14 Shevat

Deborah Chadow for George Rabizadeh
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