



Pekude

We stand with Israel

This Week @ YICC

Make yourself at home and enjoy!

Shabbat Candles: 6:43 PM

Havdalah: 7:40 PM

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

EREV SHABBAT - Friday, March 15

- Shacharit 6:00/7:00/8:00 AM
- Shabbat Candles 6:43 PM
- Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat (Mintz BM) 5:35 & 6:50 PM
- Shkiah 7:01 PM

SHABBAT MORNING - March 16

- Hashkama Minyan (Mintz BM) 7:15 AM
- Main Minyan (Schlesinger Sanctuary) 9:00 AM
 - Davening led by: David Gershov
- YCM Minyan (Mintz BM) 9:15 AM
- Teen Minyan (Nagel Library) 9:30 AM

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

- **Voices from the Bima - 5:45 PM**
Rivka Hodaya (Letty) Camarillo: "My Journey to Judaism"
- Mincha (Schlesinger Sanctuary) 6:30 PM
- **Guest Seudah Shlishit Shiur with Rav Zvi Sobolofsky, Rosh Yeshiva, RIETS**
- Shkiah 7:02 PM
- Maariv 7:30 PM
- Shabbat ends & Havdalah 7:40 PM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE: MARCH 17 - 20

Minyanim in the Schlesinger Sanctuary

Sunday

Shacharit 6:45/8:00/9:00 AM
Mincha 6:45 PM

Monday - Wednesday

Shacharit 6:00/7:00/8:00 AM
Mincha 6:45 PM

TA'ANIT ESTHER: THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Minyanim in the Schlesinger Sanctuary

Fast Begins 5:40 AM
Shacharit 6:00/7:00 AM
& 8:00 (Nagel Library) AM
Mincha 6:40 PM
Maariv 7:22 PM
Fast Ends 7:37 PM

YICC PURIM CARNIVAL!

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 5:30 - 7:30 PM

EREV SHABBAT- FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Shacharit 6:00/7:00/8:00 AM
Shabbat Candles 6:48 PM
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:40 & 6:55 PM
Shkiah 7:06 PM

IMPORTANT HALAKHIC TIMES

MARCH 15 - 22

Alot HaShachar 5:48 - 5:38 AM
Earliest Tallit & Tefillin 6:18 - 6:08 AM
Sof Zman Kriat Shema 10:00 - 9:56 AM
Sof Zman Tefilah 11:02 - 10:57 AM
Earliest time for Mincha 1:32 - 1:31 PM
Shkiah 7:01 - 7:06 PM

KIDDUSH CORNER

We thank the following sponsors:

Sol Lowi Z"L Hashkama Minyan Kiddush:

- Michael Makiri in honor of YICC's Mishloach Manot volunteers.

YCM Kiddush:

- Anonymous friends of YICC.

Teen Minyan Kiddush:

- Noam Sokol and Kobe Karben in honor of Jesse Orenshein for all his hard work and dedication to YICC.

Sponsorships are a wonderful way to commemorate a Yahrzeit, or to celebrate any special occasion or Simcha. To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact the Shul office or click [HERE](#).

MAZAL TOV

Abe & Eva Kaplan on the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren Shmuel & Shaindel (Klavan) Tashman. Mazal Tov to the grandparents, Avi & Gila Tashman and Yehoshua & Ruchel Klavan. Mazal Tov to all the Tashman & Blitz families.

THANK YOU

- YU Kollel and Rabbi Jonah Steinmetz for arranging the Guest Seudah Shlishit Shiur this Shabbat with Rav Zvi Sobolofsky, Rosh Yeshiva, RIETS.
- Rivka Hodaya (Letty) Camarillo for addressing us this Shabbat for "Voices from the Bima".
- David Gershov for leading the Davening in the Schlesinger Sanctuary this Shabbat.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following and hope they will enjoy a long-lasting relationship with our Shul:

- Shawn & Deborah Feinblum and Family
- Eliot Kaufman

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Yehuda Berdugo Z"L, father of our member, Nehama (Lawrence) Samson. **Shiva** is being observed at Nehama's home, 1475 Cardiff Avenue, from Saturday night through Wednesday (Shiva concludes on Thursday morning).

Visitation: Saturday night- 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM, Sunday - Wednesday starting from 10:00 AM. Please no visits between 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM or after 9:30 PM. Please be aware of the parking signs and restrictions. There will be no Minyanim at the Shiva home.

May the Almighty comfort the bereaved family along with all mourners of Zion & Jerusalem.

HALAKHIC CORNER

Q: Where does the custom of making noise when Haman's name is mentioned come from?

A: The 16th century Ashkenazik halakhic authority the Rema writes (OC 690:17) that there used to be a custom where children would write the name of Haman on wood or stones and bang them together to erase the name. This symbolized the concept of wiping out the remembrance of Amalek and the notion of "the names of the wicked should rot (Mishlei 10:7)." As an offshoot of this, the custom developed that people would bang when the name Haman was mentioned when reading the Megilla in Shul (see the Mishna Brura 690:59 where he notes that it was not just children who did this as the Chacham Tzvi followed this custom as well). The Rema ends by saying that we should not nullify any custom, nor should we mock it as it was not instituted for naught. The Mishna Brura, authored by Rav Yisrael Meir Ha'Kohen Kagan (1839-1933) quotes the Pri Megadim who argues and says that one should not follow this custom as it creates a lot of noise and doesn't allow people to hear the Megillah (690:59). This is problematic as if one does not hear the entire Megillah, one does not fulfill their obligation. It is for this reason that the Mishna Brura notes, that if a Shul has the custom to make noise when Haman is mentioned, the Ba'al Koreh should be careful to pause while the noise is being made. Additionally, he writes that since it is common for the noise to extend for a long time, it is recommended that everyone have a Megillah or Chumash in front of them and read the next one or two verses just in case they can't hear them from the Ba'al Koreh (690:60).

FROM OUR SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM

Question For the Week by Adam Lewis

Q: If, God-forbid, a child under the age of *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* loses a close relative, does the child need to tear *keriah*?

A: Children are exempt from all of the laws related to *aveilus* (mourning). That said, the *Taz* explains that if a child has reached the age of *chinuch* (old enough so that they're aware of the situation), the child should tear *keriah*. Regardless of the child's age, *Rashi* and the *Shulchan Aruch* agree that if the child attends the funeral, then an adult should tear the child's garment in order to evoke sorrow on those present.

So, if adults are present, it appears that even a five-year-old should tear *keriah* not because they have an obligation or because of *chinuch*, but rather to have an impact on others. The experience of seeing a five-year-old with a large tear across his or her shirt reminds us that when one part of *Klal Yisrael* suffers, all of *Klal Yisrael* is in pain.

We can take the pain that we experience each time we hear of a loss in Israel and use it to propel ourselves forward in our relationships. We can ask ourselves what we can do to minimize the pain of others. We can be more forgiving, reach out to others who may be going through a rough patch, and share our *s'machot* with people who aren't part of our usual crowd.

As Purim approaches, we will be preparing for our *seudahs* and celebrating our ancient victory against *Haman* (and those who supported him). This year, consider inviting someone to your festive meal who is outside of your usual circle of friends and family. We are all part of one interconnected family, and the more we break down the barriers within the Jewish people, the stronger we become as a *kehilla* and the greater impact we can have on the world.

If you're on the fence about inviting someone to your *seudah*, send that invite. And in the merit of our increased *achdut*, may *Hashem* bless all of *Klal Yisrael* so that no Jewish child ever needs to tear *keriah* again.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Shabbat 3/16 @ 4:30 PM: "Pre-Purim Shiur for Women"** with Rav Zvi Sobolofsky, Rosh Yeshiva, RIETS, at the home of Sam & Liz Neumark.
- **Sunday, 3/17 @ 2:00 - 4:00 PM: "Runnergize Women's 2024 LA Race"** at Hazeltine Park, Sherman Oaks. For more info, contact runnergize@gmail.com.
- **Tuesday, 3/19 @ 11:30AM - 2PM: The Israel Bonds Women's Division Trunk Show**, featuring Maskit: Israel's oldest established fashion house! Show your support for Israel and Shop for Israel. Register [HERE](#). Location will be provided.
- **Sunday, 3/31 @ 7:30 PM: "Meet Me After Purim"**: An event for Jewish Professionals of all ages. Location: 8850 W. Pico Blvd. \$20 cash at the door.
- **Achi 613 Shabbat Shalom Israel Fund Shabbat Shalom Cards**: Instead of a bottle of wine for your hosts, give them a Shabbat Shalom card. Each card represents a Shabbat meal donated to those impacted by the War in Gaza. 5 cards for \$100, 10 cards for \$180. Make your check out to: ACHI613, Inc. and mail to: 5922 Grand harbour Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33437 or Zelle: team@achi613.org.

YAHREZITS

March 16 - 22 • 5 - 12 Adar II

Sat, Mar 16

- Rabbi Elazar Muskin's maternal grandfather, Eliyahu ben Meir Yitzchak Ha'Levi Z"L.

Sun, Mar 17

- Neil Miller's mother, Neima bat Yisrael Z"L.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH:

Please include the following names in your prayers, and may each be granted a Refuah Shleimah.

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| • Ahava bat Kochava | • Leah bat Batya |
| • Akiva Eliyahu ben Naomi | • Leah bat Haddasah |
| • Aviad Shlomo ben Sharon Rachel Shprinza | • Leebe bat Brinya |
| • Avraham Gavriel bat Elana Tziporah | • Liat Bat Esther |
| • Baruch Yisrael ben Tziporah | • Mateel Rivka bat Esther Malka |
| • Bayla Bracha bat Malka Hinda | • Matte Leba bat Basha Raizl |
| • Binyamin Yitzchak ben Riva Leah | • Michal bat Gita Mina |
| • Bracha Ita bat Leah Golda | • Moshe ben Bruria |
| • Chaim Azaria ben Menucha | • Pessa bat Sarah |
| • Chaim Benzion Yitzhak ben Fayga | • Rachel Yaffa bat Sarah |
| • Chaim Menachem ben Hena Raizl | • Refael David ben Ella |
| • Chaim Ozer ben Leah | • Rifka bat Lottie |
| • Chaya bat Rivka | • Rivka Yosefa bat Sara Feiga |
| • Chaya Esther bat Nechama | • Rivka Rut bat Chaya |
| • Devorah Sarah bat Chana | • Ronie Moshe be Irit |
| • Dov Yosef Ben Rivka Tova | • Sheindel Meril bat Sheva |
| • Emanuel ben Gita | • Shimon Aryeh ben Chana |
| • Esther bat Sarah Miriam | • Shlomo ben Ruth |
| • Frayda bat Blima | • Sarah bat Frayda |
| • Gershon ben Shoshana | • Sora Golda bat Fradel |
| • Gershon Menachem ben Dina Karen | • Sorah Gitel bat Chava Raitzl |
| • Gitta Rivka bat Chaya Risa | • Yehudit bat Feiga Perel |
| • Golda bat Chava | • Yissachar Dov ben Frumet Gittel |
| • Golda Bat Mindel | • Yitzak ben Channa |
| • Hanoch ben Sara Shprintzeh | • Yosef Dovid ben Hadassah |
| • Kayla Shoshana bat Ella Bracha | |

THE ALTHEA GOLDSTEIN Z"L YICC WOMEN'S TEHILIM GROUP

This group meets via Zoom every Monday, at 7:30 pm, to recite the entire Tehilim, praying for all those in need of a Refuah, for those wanting a child, for singles to find their soulmates, for the memory of a loved one, as well as for peace in Israel and the world. Anyone interested in joining our Tehilim group, by saying a few chapters of Tehilim, should please contact the Shul office.

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR ISRAEL

- **Send protest letters** to President Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris **HERE** in an effort to correct their inaccurate and damaging public comments about Israel. We must make our voices heard loud and clear.
- **Volunteer:** Email Eva Tashman Kaplan at ISRAELVOLUNTEER@gmail.com to find a volunteer opportunity that is right for you (see LA Voices From Israel page).
- **Contribute** to “Operation Unity”- A Young Israel Shuls fund to help support the needs of our Lone Soldiers and their families. To contribute: Online Donations: Click **HERE**, and select “Gmach” from the dropdown menu and put a note for “Operation Unity”. Checks should be made out to YICC Gmach, earmarked “Operation Unity” and dropped through our mail slot
- **Text** “Israel” to 24722 to support AIPAC’s bipartisan, ongoing efforts to provide Israel with the security, diplomatic and materiel support that only our government can provide. For more on how you can support congressional action, visit www.aipac.org/act.
- **Sign up** for the 2-A-DAY email campaign using **this link**, and take FIVE MINUTES OR LESS A DAY to complete the 2 daily action items for Israel.
- **Daven & learn:** Most importantly, come to the daily Minyanim to Daven, attend Shiurim and give Tzedakah.
- **AIPAC Action Item: Call our representatives and senators and urge them to stand with Israel! Please reserve 15 minutes every day for the next several weeks to make calls to offices through AIPAC’s new call center, www.aipac.org/call, urging America’s leaders to support Israel. Right now, this is the single most important thing we in America can do to keep Israel and her residents safe:**
 - Senator Alex Padilla: DC - (202) 224-3553; LA - (310) 231-4494
 - Senator Laphonza Butler: (202) 224-3841
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/laphonza>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/laphonzabutler/?hl=en>
 - Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove: (202) 225-7084
 - Congressman Ted Lieu: (202) 225-3976
 - For a complete list of US representatives and their phone numbers:
<https://www.house.gov/representatives>

DAVEN FOR OUR YICC LONE SOLDIERS

Anat bat Akiva V'Aliza
Naftali Zamir ben Gila
Yisroel Menachem ben Shoshana
Yosef Meir ben Chava
Yosef Tzvi ben Shulamit

We also have in mind our former YICC community members with family and friends serving in the IDF.

ADULT EDUCATION

Week of 3/18/24

SUNDAY

**DR. GEORGE FOX Z"l MEMORIAL
GEMARA SHIUR**
With Rabbi Dr. David Fox



8:40 AM Via Zoom
To join this Shiur, email:
mshainberg@sbcglobal.net

MONDAY

THE DAF GOES DEEP
With Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom



5:00 PM - New Time!
On Zoom

MONDAY

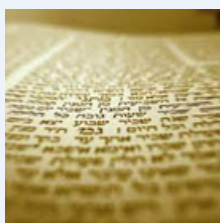
SEMICHAS CHAVER PROGRAM
With R' Seth Berkowitz



8:30 PM
in the Nagel Library

TUESDAY

TALMUD SHIUR
With Rabbi Elazar Muskin



8:30 PM
On Zoom

WEDNESDAY

**MEGILLAT ESTHER
SHIUR FOR WOMEN**
With Rabbi Elazar Muskin



9:30 AM
In the Nagel Library & On Zoom

WEDNESDAY

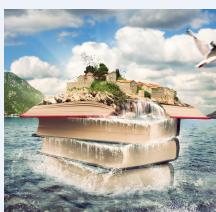
SEFER HACHINUCH
With Rabbi Nechemia Langer



8:30 PM
At the home of Marty Pollack or Via free
conference call: 1425-436-6352, 200747#

WEDNESDAY

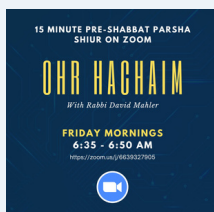
TALMUDIC TALES
With Rabbi Mahler



8:15 PM
In the Nagel Library

FRIDAY

OHR HACHAIM
With Rabbi Mahler



6:35 - 6:50 AM
On Zoom

DAILY

**THE SOL TEICHMAN Z"l
DAF YOMI SHIUR**
With Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom



Shiur meets at YICC (including
Shabbat) immediately after the
early Minyan. Also on Zoom.

KOLLEL BOKER - Monday - Thursday 6:15 - 7:00 AM with Rabbi Yoni Pere - In the Nagel Library
in conjunction with the Jack & Gitta Nagel YU Community Kollel

MINHAGIM AND HALAKHOT
Shabbat Parashat Pekude And Ta'anit Esther
March 15 – 22, 2024
By Rabbi Elazar Muskin

Friday, March 15th

- Recite regular *Shacharit*.
- After *Kaddish Shalem* at *Shacharit* recite Chapter 121 of *Tehilim*, followed by the *Mi Sheberach* for the IDF and the *Mi Sheberach* for the hostages.
- At *Mincha* omit *Tachanun*.
- *Shabbat* candles should be lit by 6:43 PM.
- *Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat* is at 5:35/6:50 PM.
- *Shkiah* is at 7:01 PM.
- Recite a regular *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Maariv*.
- If you attend the early *Mincha* and *Kabbalat Shabbat* remember to repeat *S'hma* after 7:19 PM.

Shabbat, March 16th - Parashat Pekude

- *Davening* begins with *Anim Zemirot* followed by the Mourner's *Kaddish*.
- *Shacharit* is a regular *Shabbat Shacharit*.
- The *Torah* reading is *Pekude*. Seven *Aliyot* are distributed plus *Maftir*.
- Recite the *Mi Sheberach* for the sick, followed by the *Tefilah* for the American Government, the *Mi Sheberach* for the IDF, hostages and the *Tefilah* for *Medinat Yisrael*.
- The *Haftorah* is Kings I (7:51-8:21).
- Say the two chapters of *Y'kum Purkan* and the *Mi Sheberach*.
- Recite *Av HaRachamim*.
- Voices from the *Bima* at 5:45 P.M.
- *Mincha* is a regular *Shabbat* afternoon *Mincha*. *Mincha* at *Shul* begins at 6:30 PM.
- Recite *Tzidkatcha Tzedek* and the *Kel Maleh* at *Mincha*.
- After *Kaddish Shalem* recite Chapter 121 of *Tehilim*, followed by the *Mi Sheberach* for the IDF and the *Mi Sheberach* for the hostages.
- *Maariv* is the regular weekday *Maariv*. *Maariv* begins at 7:30 PM.
- Right after the *Amida* the *Chazan* recites *Chatzi Kaddish* followed by *V'he Noam*.
- After *V'he Noam* the *Chazan* recites *Kaddish Shalem*.
- *V'yeeten Lecha* is said, followed by a complete *Havdalah*, *Aleinu* and the Mourner's *Kaddish*.
- *Shabbat* ends at 7:40 PM.
- ***Kiddush Levanah* is recited. Look up at the moon and then turn east to say *Kiddush Levana*. *Aleinu* is said at the conclusion of *Kiddush Levanah* followed by the Mourner's *Kaddish*.**

Sunday March 17th – Wednesday March 20th

- Recite regular *Shacharit* and *Mincha* with *Tachanun*.
- After *Kaddish Shalem* at *Shacharit* and *Mincha* recite Chapter 121 of *Tehilim*, followed by the *Mi Sheberach* for the IDF and the *Mi Sheberach* for the hostages.
- Recite regular *Maariv*.

MINHAGIM AND HALAKHOT

CONTINUED

Thursday, March 21st Ta'anit Esther

- The fast begins at 5:40 AM.
- During *Chazarat HaShatz* the *Chazan* says *Aneinu* as its own *Brakha* between the *Brakhot* of *Goel Yisrael* and *Refa'enu*.
- After *Chazarat HaShatz*, *Selichot* for *Ta'anit Esther* are recited followed by *Avenu Malkeinu* and *Tachanun*. After *Tachanun* the *Chazan* should recite *Chatzi Kaddish*.
- The *Torah* reading of *VaYechal* for a Fast Day is read. Three *Aliyot* are distributed followed by the *Ba'al Kriah* saying *Chatzi Kaddish*. Only those fasting should receive an *Aliyah*.
- After *Kaddish Shalem* at *Shacharit* recite Chapter 121 of *Tehilim*, followed by the *Mi Sheberach* for the IDF and the *Mi Sheberach* for the hostages.
- **Either before or after *Mincha*, one should observe the custom of *Machatzit HaShekel*. One should lift the three half dollars that are on the *Shulchan* for this purpose and say *Zecher L'Machatzit HaShekel* and then place the equivalent of \$1.50 into the plate on the *Shulchan*. He should repeat this for each family member for whom he is performing this custom.**
- At *Mincha* the *Torah* reading of *VaYechal* for a Fast Day is read. Three *Aliyot* are distributed. Only those fasting should receive an *Aliyah*.
- The third *Oleh* reads the *Haftorah* from Isaiah (55:6 – 56:8).
- The *Chazan* recites *Chatzi Kaddish* before the silent *Amida* begins.
- Everyone fasting should recite *Aneinu* during the *Brakha* of *Shema Koleinu* in the silent *Amida*.
- Recite *Sim Shalom* rather than *Shalom Rav* as the last *Brakha* of the *Amida*.
- During *Chazarat HaShatz* the *Chazan* says *Aneinu* as its own *Brakha* between the *Brakhot* of *Goel Yisrael* and *Refa'enu*.
- In *Chazarat HaShatz* the *Chazan* should say *Birkat Kohanim* before *Sim Shalom*.
- We recite *Avenu Malkeinu* and *Tachanun* because the *Ta'anit* is a *Mukdam* and not right before Purim.
- After *Kaddish Shalem* recite Chapter 121 of *Tehilim*, followed by the *Mi Sheberach* for the IDF and the *Mi Sheberach* for the hostages.
- *Maariv* begins at 7:22 PM.
- Fast ends at 7:37 PM.

Friday, March 22nd

- Recite regular *Shacharit*.
- After *Kaddish Shalem* at *Shacharit* recite Chapter 121 of *Tehilim*, followed by the *Mi Sheberach* for the IDF and the *Mi Sheberach* for the hostages.
- At *Mincha* omit *Tachanun*.
- *Shabbat* candles should be lit by 6:48 PM.
- *Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat* is at 5:40/6:55 PM.
- *Shkiah* is at 7:06 PM.
- Recite a regular *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Maariv*.
- If you attend the first *Mincha* and *Kabbalat Shabbat* remember to repeat *Sh'ema* after 7:24 PM.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



YICC PURIM CARNIVAL FUN FOR EVERYONE! ALL AGES WELCOME!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21
5:30 - 7:30 PM @ YICC**

- All carnival booths have been sponsored! (All sponsorships will be publicly displayed.)
- Carnival snacks will be available: Popcorn, hot pretzels, cotton candy & snow cones

YOUNG ISRAEL OF CENTURY CITY

YOUNG ISRAEL

**FRIDAY - SHABBAT
APRIL 19-20, 2023**

RABBI DR. ZEV WIENER

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

SHABBAT HAGADOL WEEKEND

It is a great honor to welcome back to YICC, Rabbi Dr. Zev Wiener, who served as our Resident Maggid Shur from September 2017 until 2022 when he moved with his family to Israel. Rabbi Dr. Wiener graduated summa cum laude from Columbia College with a degree in Biological Sciences, English, and Comparative Literature. He received Rabbinical Ordination from Yeshiva University, an M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School, and completed residency training in psychiatry at UCLA Medical Center. He previously served as Rabbinic Scholar at Young Israel of Brooklyn. Presently, he runs a private psychiatric practice and teaches Torah in Israel and the Diaspora.

Friday Night Dinner at Pat's 7:00 p.m.
(By reservation only)
(Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:55 p.m.)
Reclaiming the Afikomen

Shabbat Morning Chumash Shiur 8:30 a.m.
(By reservation only)
Does Matzah Improve Mental Health?

Shabbat Hagadol Drasha 7:20 p.m.
(By reservation only)
Apples, Walnuts and Endless Love

Dinner & Lunch at Pat's
YICC Member - \$85 each meal | Non-YICC Member - \$95 each meal | Children under 12 - \$45 each meal
RSVP - www.yicc.org/form/shabbat-hagadol-meals-at-pats-5784

THIS WEEKEND IS CO-SPONSORED BY:

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And
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in honor of their children

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: RABBI DR. ZEV WIENER SHABBAT HAGADOL APRIL 19-20

- **Shabbat Meals @ Pat's** by reservation only (Register [HERE](#)):
 - Dinner @ 7:00 PM, "Reclaiming the Afikomen"
 - Lunch @ 12:00 PM, "Does Matzah Improve Mental Health?"
- Shabbat morning Chumash Shiur
- Shabbat HaGadol Drasha, "Apples, Walnuts and Endless Love"

Sponsored by: Michelle Barak & Valerie and Gary Weiter & families, Jennie Lewcovicz & Dr. Emanuel Gottlieb, and Dr. Susan Vorhand

The Abramowitz family is shattered
Their father, Howard, is suffering with kidney failure

**HE IS IN URGENT NEED
OF A KIDNEY DONOR**

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PURIM PREPPING @ YICC!



FAST OF ESTHER

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Fast Begins.....	5:40 AM
Shacharit.....	6:00/7:00 AM (Schlesinger Sanctuary) 8:00 AM (Nagel Library)
Mincha.....	6:40 PM (Schlesinger Sanctuary)
Maariv.....	7:22 PM (Schlesinger Sanctuary)
Fast Ends.....	7:37 PM

YOUTH DEPARTMENT PURIM CARNIVAL

Thursday, March 21 5:30-7:30 PM (Mintz Social Hall)

PURIM NIGHT

Saturday, March 23

Maariv.....	7:35 PM (Schlesinger Sanctuary)
Shabbat Ends & Havdalah..	7:45 PM
Megillah 1.....	8:10 PM (Schlesinger Sanctuary)
Family Megillah.....	8:10 PM (Upstairs: Levkowitz Teen Lounge)
Megillah 2.....	9:15 PM (Schlesinger Sanctuary)

PURIM DAY

Sunday, March 24

(All Minyanim in Schlesinger Sanctuary)	
Shacharit & Megillah.....	6:30 AM
Shacharit & Megillah.....	8:00 AM
Shacharit & Megillah.....	9:30 AM
Megillah Only.....	11:00AM
Mincha.....	4:30 PM
Maariv.....	7:30 PM



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If you are hosting a Seudah this Purim and would like to host YICC members who do not have a Seudah to attend, please let the Shul office know, and you will be notified if you are matched with guests. This is a beautiful way for our community to come together and help each other experience the Mitzvah of Simchat Purim!



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LA VOICES FROM ISRAEL

Let the Miracles Continue

By Lydia Weisman

It is now 5 months of horrific fighting. Tension spots surround us. Funerals and tragically wounded continue. Hostages are still suffering. Reports of worldwide antisemitism flourish. Outrageous inflammatory political and rabbinic statements pollute us. Diplomacy attempts seem ineffective. We are each trying so hard, whether fighting, volunteering, doing chased, showing kindness and always davening. We also know it just does not seem enough, and we desperately need Divine Intervention!

Yet how to explain that Israelis, especially us soft American Olim, are NOT in despair, anxious and depressed, and heading for the airports. Instead, they remain committed to continue volunteering, sharing simchas, filling the restaurants, concert halls and movies. They travel, they go on tyulim. Their love for this precious land and this determined people only grows stronger. Are they crazy? In denial? Have they not heard the news? I cannot rule out any of those theories, but my experience of the previous week leads me in a different direction.

Harry and I had signed up for the Alyn Rehab Childrens Hospital 3-day, 2-night camping hike. We must have been crazy, delusional, in denial, and clueless, because if you remember us an 'elderly couple' already when we left LA 3 years ago, you would be correct. And if you heard that this hike in the Judean Mountains and Dessert is long and tough, you would be correct again. I myself cannot explain the moment of madness when we first signed up. Perhaps I wanted to support the hospital, and figured they will probably need to cancel anyway, because of 'the matsav, the situation'. When sanity did return to me a couple of weeks later, and the plans were still going strong, I called the organizer to cancel due to our 'advanced ages', our desire to reach the next age, and our reluctance to be a burden on the group. Our not-so-straight-with-us organizer assured us there were other folks close to our age (not!), we would not go more than 10k each day (not! reality was 18k), there were only about 3 or 4 tricky spots in total to navigate (not! reality was 3 or 4 every 5-10 minutes), and not to worry because their staff was amazing and would help us (yes! completely true, and beyond). So Dear Reader, we went! We walked the walk of our forefathers, we connected with the beauty of this gift that Hashem gave us, we bonded with our fellow hikers, we were a team who helped each other, all of us were inspired by our leaders, and we were united in our mission, our big picture, to help the hospital. And we succeeded, because we were positive and determined and of course because there was no other option on high cliffs or deep ravines in middle of the desert.

I have no doubt Harry and I would never have taken on this challenge anywhere else in the world. And we could not have overcome these challenges, with joy in our hearts and singing on the trails, anywhere else in the world. And we would not have been accepted and included in the way we were anywhere else in the world.

Harry and I might seem ridiculous in believing that we could do this hike, just as most of the world believes Israel is ridiculous in believing it can overcome the overwhelming challenges our many enemies have planted to wipe us off our path. Yet the people of Israel are correct in believing they will preserve and succeed. They see clearly what their Big Mission is: to protect this Gifted Land and to ensure that it will always be Our Jewish Homeland. The young men and women go joyfully to war: they feel the honor of participating in this honorable mission. And all the while, just a few miles from the fighting, the citizens and visitors in this country go to theaters and restaurants and gather with simcha for family milestones. Most likely they have several family members serving in the military, and they volunteer in some capacity several hours each week. They live their lives with Faith in the end goal and demonstrate daily resiliency and normalcy so this wonderful life can continue during this 'matsav', and continue long after this 'matsav' is resolved.

Israel is a miracle. The hike was a miracle. Long live miracles!

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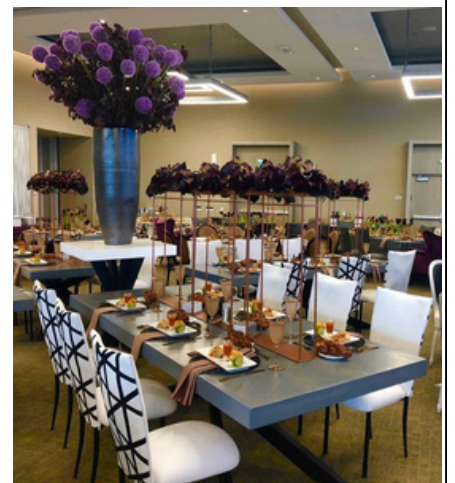
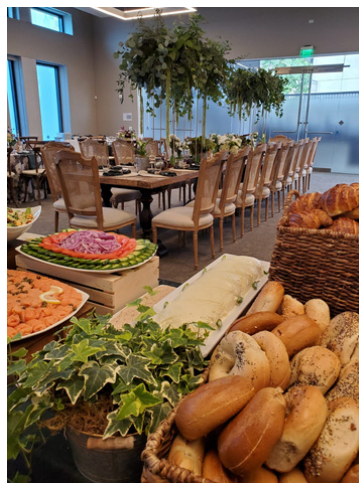
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THIS WEEK'S FEATURED FLYER



MY JOURNEY TO JUDAISM

Shabbat | March 16 | 5:45 P.M. (Mincha 6:30 P.M.)



Rivka Hodaya (Letty) Camarillo

Each year, Voices From The Bima features one member of YICC who shares with us his/her life story and how they balance an observant Torah lifestyle while succeeding in their professional career.

This year, it is our pleasure to feature Rivka Hodaya (Letty) Camarillo. Letty is a Mexican-American Jew who converted to Judaism through the Beth Din of the Rabbinical Council of California in July, 2023. She attended Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, where she was Woman of the Year in 2012, and earned her law degree in 2017 from UC Berkeley Law. She is a practicing attorney at Pershing Square Law Firm in Los Angeles.

Letty's first introduction to Orthodox Judaism was at Chabad of San Francisco. Prior to her involvement with Chabad, she learned about Judaism through a historical and anthropological lens. Upon graduation from law school, Letty was a fellow with the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics.

From her involvement with Chabad of San Francisco, Young Israel of Century City, Tomchei LA, Olami West, and the Jewish Learning Exchange, to her time learning at Shearim Seminary in Israel shortly prior to completing her conversion, Letty's journey to Judaism has been the most awe-inspiring experience of her life to-date.