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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Re'eh August 19, 2017

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Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Elul Rosh Chodesh, Tuesday-Wednesday

"You shall open up your hand to him and provide whatever is lacking to him." Devarim 15.8

As the descendants of Abraham, the pillar of chesed, Jews are generous and kind. It's in our DNA. The myriad of tzedaka and chesed organizations abound amongst us. Jews constantly look for opportunities to help one another and ease the burdens borne by their fellow Jews. For example, there are scores of different kinds of gemachs (free lending institutions). These gemachs lend anything from money without interest to tables and chairs for a simcha. There are gemachs that lend gowns for a bride and her siblings, and bris outfits for babies. There are CD and book gemachs. There are gemachs that lend power tools for short term use. There are organizations that lend a sefer torah, siddurim and low chairs for a house of mourning. There are gemachs for expensive medical equipment, and the list goes on and on. The common denominator of all this is the ingenious ways the Jews conceive of doing acts of kindness for one another. An important act of chesed is that it not be administered in a "one size fits all" manner. Every person is unique and has their own specific needs. The Torah stresses this when it addresses the topic of tzedakah and chesed in this week's parsha:

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:35PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	7:00PM
Shabbos	
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:50PM
Mincha	7:20PM
Havdalah	8:37PM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon-Fri	7:00AM

Mincha

Sun- Thur	7:40PM
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The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

Jack and Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z"l and Nicholas Brecher z"l;

Stuart Harris in honor of Penny Harris; and

Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z"l and

Morris & Nellie Fischer z"l.

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"You shall open your hand...and provide whatever is lacking to him." The word "him" is emphasized to underline the importance of dealing with each individual as the special person he or she is. Many times, we can offer an invaluable chesed without spending money or even lifting a finger. The verse in Mishlei states "when there is worry in a man's heart, he should suppress it." The Talmud explains one of the ways to suppress your worry is to unburden yourself to someone else and just talk about it. By offering a sympathetic ear to a person who is burdened with a problem, one can perform a tremendous act of chesed. Often the only relief for certain problems is that they be verbalized. The listener sometimes cannot resolve the problem or even offer advice. All he can do is listen and many times this can be therapeutic. The ability to listen can be a great chesed and at times a lifesaver. As we begin the month of Elul, we are all looking for special merits to ensure that G-d should inscribe us in the Book of Life. The Talmud tells us that heaven responds to us vis-a-vis our relationships with people. If we perform acts of chesed for others, then the Al-mighty will reciprocate in the same way and judge us with kindness and compassion as opposed to strict justice. But it's all up to us. Therefore, as the verse says, "You shall open up your hand to him and provide whatever is lacking to him." Let us hope and pray that if we open our hands and hearts to others, then the Al-mighty will open his hand and bring us the redemption of our people and the coming of Moshiach – may he come speedily in our days.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SHABBOS KIDDUSH SPONSORS

We are now in the "slower summer season" for getting Kiddush sponsors. We are therefore asking our members and friends to sponsor a Kiddush over the summer months in commemoration of special family occasions (anniversaries, birthdays, yahrzeits, etc.) or just as a gesture of support to our shul. We thank all for your support of this wonderful Young Israel tradition.



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- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by David & Stephanie Schwartz in honor of their son Matan's 8th birthday and in honor of the birth of their niece, Gabrielle Sienna. Mazel Tov to Gabrielle's parents, Jackie and Sael Abecassis, and grandparents, Mali and Steve Schwartz.
- This week's Seuda Shlishis is sponsored in honor of David and Devorah Leah Bender by their friends and by members of the kiddush club, wishing them farewell and success in their upcoming move to Memphis, Tennessee.
- Mazal Tov to the proud parents Deborah & Alan Kestenbaum and the grandparents Anita & Hal Beretz on the forthcoming marriage of Jacob Kestenbaum to Jordana Alpert.

Building Fund: Our deep thank and gratitude to Dr. Walter Molofsky and Dr. Brenda Kohn for their generous additional donation of \$36,000 to our Building Fund, bringing the total donation to \$72,000. Yasher Koach

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to:

- Allen Packer, Alexander ben Esther Raizel.
- Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Shimon ben Blima.
- Dani Smith, Doniel ben Mindel.

Community notice

Motion activated lights were installed in the pedestrian crosswalk at Collins Avenue and 99th Street. Use of this crosswalk should be avoided on Shabbos and Yom Tov as the lights are motion activated and are turned on as pedestrians cross Collins Avenue.

Yizkor Book

We recently mailed the forms for our Yizkor Book. Please send us the names of your loved ones to be listed in the Yizkor Book as soon as possible. You can pay through our website via PayPal, call the office with a credit card or send a check.

We ask everyone to please review the statements that have been sent out recently, including the notices for membership renewal and High Holiday seat reservations. We ask all those with balances due to please clear your accounts as soon as possible, while also renewing membership and ordering High Holiday seats. Please note that membership rates for High Holiday Seats are only available to members who have cleared their accounts for the shul fiscal year ending July 31. If you have any questions, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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