



# Young Israel Congregation

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## SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Vayeshev, December 24, 2016

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### Mevarchim Chodesh Teves Friday



ויראו והנה ארחת ישמעאלים באה מגלעד  
וגמליהם נשאים נכאת וצרי ולט

**They saw, behold! – a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, their camels bearing spices, balsam and lotus! Bereishis 37:25**

Why does the Torah take out the time to tell me what items the caravan was carrying? Rashi explains that these merchants usually carried foul smelling substances, but G-d wanted to protect Yosef from such offensive odors so He sent with them sweet smelling spices. The question is – Yosef is suffering tremendous trauma and agony over what his brothers had done to him. What difference would it make to Yosef whether there is sweet-smelling stuff in his wagon or not? The answer is yes, it will make a difference, because he would realize that G-d is sending him a message, that despite the fact he is going through something so difficult for reasons unfathomable to him,

#### Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:18PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	5:20PM
Shabbos	
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
<b>Hashkama</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:20PM
Mincha	5:05PM
Havdalah	6:21PM

#### Weekday

##### Shacharis

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

##### Mincha

Sun-Thu	5:20PM
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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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still G-d is sending him a love letter that “I have not abandoned you and I will be with you during this most challenging period of your life and you will see that it will all be for the good.” Who knows, maybe it was this ability that Yosef could see a silver lining in his gloomy cloud that gave him the strength to persevere over all the trials and tribulations of Egypt. To know that G-d was still with him and still loves him – giving him the self-confidence and hope that in the end he will see salvation and G-d’s master plan revealed. In life, we don’t always get to see the end game, but a Jew has to be able to still see even during times of difficulty that G-d in other ways sends us sweet smelling gifts so that we should not lose hope and realize that he is with us not only in our time of joy but in our time of pain as well.

***Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!***

***Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein***

#### **Account Balances and Tax Planning**

Just a reminder that there is just one week left until the end of the calendar and tax year, As such, this is an excellent time to clear your account, while simultaneously supporting our shul. Also, given the news that tax reform may take place in the coming year, the current tax year may be an especially good opportunity to donate before year end, depending on your personal situation.

In addition, Young Israel now offers the opportunity for families to directly donate appreciated stock, which may offer additional tax benefits; if you are interested, please contact the office. In all cases, of course, please check with your tax adviser. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL DINNER AND HONOREES**

We are very pleased to announce our Honorees for this year's Annual Dinner are ***Batya & Meir Cosiol and Reuven & Iris Herssein***. The Dinner will take place in our beautiful social hall on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Please become a sponsor or benefactor and support our most important fund raising event of the year.

#### **Upcoming Scholar-in-Residence Shabbatons**

- **Rabbi Shmuel Goldin: January 20-21, 2017 – Friday Night Dinner. Mailing, with program and Friday night dinner reservation form, is coming soon -- please make reservations early.**
- **Rabbi Yitzchak Shochet: February 17-18, 2017 – Friday Night Dinner**

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#### Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by Jerry & Ann Gontownik commemorating the Yahrzeit of Jerry's father, Abraham Gontownik, Avraham Ben Rav Yosef Halevi z"l; by Jack & Amy Benishai commemorating the Yahrzeits of Jack's mother, Bella Benishai z"l and Amy's father, Donald Lapidus z"l; and by Martin & Golda Jacobs commemorating the Yahrzeit of Martin's mother Celia Jacobs, Tzippa bas Moshe Yaakov z"l.
- Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Melly & Rochelle Lifshitz in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Mazal tov to Linda & Murray Laulicht on the engagement of their granddaughter Elizabeth Davis of Efrat, Israel to Ori Elmakayes, also of Efrat, Israel.

#### Building Fund

- Our thanks and deep gratitude to the following for their generous donations to our New Building Fund:
  - To our Young Israel Sisterhood for their donation of \$10,000.
  - To Shimmy and Devorah Gardyn for their additional donation of \$6,000, bringing their total donation to \$36,000.
  - To Eli and Barbara Grossman for an additional donation of \$5,000, bringing their total donation to \$10,000.

#### Youth Program - rabbifried@vicbh.org

- Special Chanukah Father and Child learning this week on Motzei Shabbos from 7:00PM till 8:00PM, in honor of Chanukah. Besides pizza, we will be having extra treats and special mega prizes!!!
- We would like to thank Jon and Yael Delgado for sponsoring, once again, this special Chanukah Program this year, in memory of their Saba, Heskell Izhak
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact

#### Classes and Upcoming Events

- Ladies Tehillim Group – Mondays at 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Beis Midrash Night – Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Father and Child – Motzei Shabbos at 7:00PM. This Shabbos special Father & Child in honor of Chanukah.
- Wednesday, December 28 at 6:30PM - Chanukah Extravaganza!
- Monday, January 2, 2017 at 11:30AM – Rosh Chodesh Tevet Lunch and Learn - Natalie Sopinsky – Living the Dream - from Delaware to Sussia. Luncheon open to men and women. Co-sponsored by Heshie & Miriam Greenblatt in memory of Miriam's mother Payla Bas Yosef z"l, and by Larry & Roslyn Jaffe
- Tuesday, January 3, 8-10PM – special series of classes about Shabbat, Part 3 – **open to all women** – at Tammy Attias's home – presented by Chef Shaike Korlansky. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Tammy Attias at 786-566-2102 or [tammyattias@gmail.com](mailto:tammyattias@gmail.com). Monday.
- January 9, 2017 – Breakfast with Dr. Erika Brown.
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – Sisterhood event: Fashion & Beauty Day. Raffles, gifts and prizes.

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*Young Israel Congregation  
Invites the Entire Community to Our  
Chanukah Extravaganza!  
Wednesday, December 28, 6:30pm  
Food, music and entertainment!*

**Rosh Chodesh Teves  
Lunch and Learn for Men & Women  
Presenting:  
Natalie Sopinsky  
Living the Dream – From Delaware to Susya  
Monday, January 2, 11:30AM**

**Lunch and Learn is co-sponsored by Heshie & Miriam Greenblatt in memory of Miriam's mother, Payla Bas Yosef z"l and by Larry & Roslyn Jaffe**

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis,  
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