



# Young Israel Congregation

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## SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Miketz, December 31, 2016

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### Shabbos Chanukah- Dvar Torah

As we celebrate and observe this beautiful and inspiring Shabbos Chanukah together let us remind ourselves of what the Chanukah message is all about. Chanukah was a time of dangerous assimilation for the Jewish people. We were immersed in Greek culture and society and it was having a devastating effect on our people. Along came a band of a few committed Jews who were ready to fight to the death to keep Torah and Mitzvos and thank G-d they were successful. They reignited the passion of Judaism within our nation, rededicated the temple and helped stem the spiritual tsunami that threatened our people. Chanukah is an excellent time for us to reevaluate our commitment and devotion to our faith. It is a time to be introspective and reflective and ask ourselves some serious questions about our connection to Judaism.

### Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:22PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	5:25PM
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
<b>Hashkama</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:25PM
Mincha	5:10PM
Havdalah	6:25PM

### Weekday

#### Shacharis

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

#### Mincha

Sun-Thu	5:30PM
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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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Question One - Do I truly believe that our Torah is a Toras emes? (That the Torah is absolutely true). Do I believe that the written law and oral law is G-d's word? Question Two - Do I believe that our Torah is a Toras chaim? (A Torah of life). Meaning that living a Torah observant lifestyle is the best thing that ever happened to me. Do I feel thrilled and privileged to be an orthodox Jew? And finally Question Three - Do I believe that we are the Am Hanivchar? (The chosen people). Which means that we, the Jewish people have a special and unique relationship with G-d, more so than anyone else. That we the Jewish people have a special mission and purpose in this world, different than anyone else. It is crucial that we be able to answer yes to these three questions and also be capable to articulate our feelings and ideas to our children and grandchildren as to why these three principles are indispensable in living an orthodox way of life. We in America are reliving the Chanukah experience. It's a time of unprecedented and rampant assimilation where pleasure and more pleasure and just having a good time is the credo of life. So, if we want to raise future generations to be committed to a Torah way of life, then we must strengthen ourselves in the aforementioned three principles of Jewish living. That we have a Toras emes, a Toras chaim and that yes, we are the chosen people, and we are proud of it and hopefully through our actions and deeds we show the world that we are worthy of that title. Let the merit of the festival of lights bring us the great light of Moshiach and the redemption of our people speedily in our days.

*Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos.  
Chanukah Sameach*

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

**YOUNG ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER**

**Honorees**

*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. Program and dinner reservation form will be mailed shortly. 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 sponsored by Yoram & Yleana Izhak in memory of Yoram's father, Chezkel ben Chaim z"l.
- We regret to inform you of the passing of Debbie Mann z"l, beloved sister of our esteemed member, Susan Freundlich. May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

#### Building Fund

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to the Packer Family, Alan Packer, Susan and Marty Packer and Phyllis Franklin for their additional generous donation to our new building fund of \$18,000, bringing their total donation to \$187,000. Yasher Koach

#### Youth Program - [rabbifried@yicbh.org](mailto:rabbifried@yicbh.org)

- Father and Child learning this week on Motzei Shabbos starting at 7pm with Pizza and prizes!!!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

#### 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.
- Monday, January 2, 2017 at 11:30AM – Rosh Chodesh Tevet Lunch and Learn – (Please see box on page 4).
- Monday, January 2, 2017 at 5:15PM – Mincha and Maariv, followed by Siyum and Seudah at the home of Yoram Izhak, 230 Bal Bay Drive, Bal Harbour Village, commemorating the Shloshim of Yoram's father Chezkel ben Chaim z"l. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please note there will be a regular minyan as well at 5:30 at our Young Israel.
- Tuesday, January 3, 2017 from 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).
- Wednesday, January 4, 2017 – The Soul Series: Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka. Topic: The New Jewish Agenda at 8:00PM at our Young Israel.
- Next Shabbat, January 7, 2017, Farley Weiss, the President of the National Council of Young Israel, will be speaking at Seuda Shlishit.
- Monday, January 9, 2017 – Breakfast with Dr. Erica Brown from 8:45 – 10:30AM at our Young Israel.
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – Sisterhood event: Fashion & Beauty Day. Raffles, Gifts and Prizes.

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**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**

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