Shabbos Shira – Tu B’Shevat

ויאמר משה אהב יהושע בחכם אנשי ישראל לעлас על ראש ההבשה

Moshe said to Yehoshua, “Choose people for us and go to do battle with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill.”

Shmos 17:9

The question presents itself, why is it necessary for the verse to tell us מחר (tomorrow). Who cares when the battle with Amalek will take place, whether it’s today, tomorrow or the next day? Explains Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld z”l, Amalek represents more than just a national enemy. It represents the forces of the evil (Yetzer Hora) in man’s heart. It is the function of the Yetzer Hora to tempt man to sin, and sometimes he uses the tactic of tomorrow (manyana). The Yetzer Hora will tell you, yes of course you’re going to do that mitzvah, or write that check to tzedaka, or start studying a little more Torah, but you’ll begin tomorrow. In this manner one tomorrow leads to another, and each passing day diminishes the person’s resolve to do the good deed that he had intended to do. It is this facet of “Amalekism” that the Torah is telling us to eradicate.
That when a Jew resolves to do a good deed he should strike while the iron is hot, and not push it off for the next day, for many times the next day never materializes. Life passes us by quicker than we think. The more resolve we have to accomplish today will bring us that much more happiness and satisfaction for the future.

*(Sefer Chochmas Chaim)*

*Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!*

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- **Ladies Tehillim Group** – Mondays at 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- **Thursdays** – 10:00AM-12:00Noon – Rebbetzin Rucha Baumann at YI – women only.
- **Beis Midrash Night** - Thursdays at 7:30PM.
- **Saturday Night, February 11th** at 8:00pm – an evening of films and discussion from The MAALEH Film School in Jerusalem at YI. Sponsored by Tammy & Aaron Attias and Mali & Steve Schwartz.
- **Sunday, February 12th** – 12:00-3:00PM (including lunch) – Amit Southeast Region invites you to “Create” with a famous Judaica artist. Beth Torah Congregation, 880 W. 40th Street, Miami Beach.
- **Monday, February 13th** – 8:00PM lecture by Rebbetzin Chana Henkin at YI. Topic: Premature Disillusionment in Zionism.
- **Wednesday, February 15th** – 7:30PM – Stress Management Workshop by Mielcah Munk at YI – women only.
- **Monday, February 20th** – 3:00PM – Sunset Dinner Cruise – American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. For more information, please contact Debbie Gold 305-799-5619.
- **Wednesday February 22nd** – 8:00PM – the Shul and Young Israel present Unity Lecture by Rabbi YY Jacobson at YI social hall.
- **Save the Date:** Purim Seudah – March 12, 2017.
- **Please place your Happy Purim, Mishloach Manos basket order as soon as possible.**

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**PESACH SEDARIM**

*If you are interested in attending a Seder at the Young Israel, please contact the YI office-yakira@yicbh.org. Rabbi Gruenstein will be leading the first Seder. Deadline is February 27, 2017. There will be a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, April 7th - (Shabbat HaGadol) – information to follow.*
Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by Jonathan Gerszberg commemorating the Yahrzeit of his father Shep Gerszberg z”l; and by Debbie & Robert Hartman in honor of our president Menno Ratzker and the Board of Directors.

- This week’s Hashkama minyan kiddush is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Farbman on the yahrzeit of Fred’s father Izak Farbman; Dr. & Mrs. Marty Kessler on the yahrzeit of Shaynee’s mother Esther Hammerman, Esther bas Reb Chaim Yosef; and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wolf on the yahrzeit of Michael’s grandfather, Nathan Saperstei נחום בן משה צבי.

Building Fund

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Bert and Sura Fried for increasing their generous donation to our new Building Fund by $25,000, bringing their total donation to $300,000. Yasher Koach

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- Please note due to an event in the Social Hall, Father and Child learning will once again this Motzei Shabbos begin at 730pm in the back-youth lounge.

- Purim preparations are underway! Any Parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Purim program, please speak to Rabbi Fried.

- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Skype session and or attend a Shabbaton and the Aipac conference in Washington DC, please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org

- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

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Shmooze News
Parshas B’shalach, February 11, 2017

YOUNG ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER – SUNDAY, FEB 26, 2017

Our 2017 Annual Dinner honoring Batya & Meir Cosiol and Iris & Reuven Herssein and celebrating our Young Israel’s CHAI / 18th Anniversary is only 2 weeks away! Thanks to all of you who have already pledged support for this dinner. Everyone else: there’s still time to support the dinner – please be generous and become a sponsor or benefactor and support our most important fund raising event of the year. If you haven’t already submitted your ad for the Dinner Journal, please do so no later than Sunday, Feb 12. Also, let us know how many will be attending the dinner. If you want us to repeat your ad from last year, or want us to compose an ad for you, no problem – just tell us and we’ll handle everything!
Upcoming Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton

Rabbi Yitzchak Shochet ~ February 17-18, 2017.
Flyer has been mailed. It includes the schedule and Friday night dinner reservation information.
Dinner reservation deadline is this Tuesday, Feb. 14.

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services.
Thank you for your cooperation.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

Search for Young Israel of Bal Harbour

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