Shabbos Shekalim, Mevarchim Chodesh Adar

Rosh Chodesh is Sunday & Monday

The Ramban writes that the laws of this Parshah, which deal with monetary and social matters, were taught immediately following the giving of the Torah on Har Sinai. Why was this so? Explains Rav Moshe Feinstein z”l, the Torah is teaching us that following the Torah’s laws on money matters is a declaration of emunah/faith in G-d, and transgressing them is a form of kefira, a denial of G-d’s existence. For if a Jew truly believes that all his money and possessions come from the Al-mighty and that same G-d who gave all this to him can take it back, he will never be tempted to take even a penny that’s not rightfully his. The Talmud teaches us (Shabbos 31A) that after 120 years when a person will stand in front of the heavenly court he is asked six questions. The first question is did you conduct your business dealings with emunah, which in this context means faithfully and with integrity. However, the word emunah also means faith in G-d. Meaning, did your behavior with money reflect the notion that you believe in a G-d who has decreed how much money you are supposed to earn and that you will not gain a penny
more than whatever G-d decreed. When a Jew lives life with this philosophy, it turns their business into a holy endeavor which will not only reap great reward in this world, but one which will shine in the world to come as well. In a generation where thievtry, chicanery and shtikary (made up word) are so rampant, those who stand strong and conduct themselves with honesty and integrity create a massive kiddush Hashem, which, we hope and pray, will be the merit we need to bring the redemption and moshiach tzidkenu – speedily in our days!

(Sefer: Living the Parsha)

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Mondays at 11:30AM – Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein.
- Thursdays 10:00AM-12:00Noon – Rebbetzin Rucha Baumann at YI – for women only.
- Thursdays at 7:30PM – Beis Midrash Night.
- Tuesday, February 28, 8:00PM, CPR by Hatzalah. Please RSVP info@miamihatzalah.com
- **Save the Date:** Purim Seudah – Sunday, March 12, 2017.
- Please place your Happy Purim, Mishloach Manos basket order as soon as possible.
- Wednesday, March 22, 8:00PM – Lecture by Alan M. Dershowitz

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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 being co-sponsored by Reuven & Iris Herssein With thanks to the Almighty G-D and with their utmost gratitude to the entire Young Israel Congregation for selecting us as one of the Honorees at the 18th Year Anniversary Dinner; And by Meir & Batya Cosiol in honor of Steve and Mali Schwartz for all their hard work on the Dinner!

- This week’s Hashkama minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Jay Novetsky on the occasion of Mishenichnas Adar Marbim b'simcha.

- Seuda Shlishit this week is co-sponsored by Jack & Susan Gluck commemorating the Yahrzeit of Jack's mother, Edith Gluck, Chana Bas Yitzhak Isaac z"l; and by Jerry & Ann Gontownik in honor of the 50th anniversary of Jerry’s bar mitzvah.

- We regret to inform you the passing of our esteemed member Mr. Al G. Brown.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- Please note due to an event in the Social Hall, Father and Child learning this Motzei Shabbos will begin at 7:30pm in the back youth lounge.

- Purim preparations are underway! Any parents of youth who would like 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.
ATTENTION ALL MEN!

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

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