Bar Mitzvah Of Benjamin Banin

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Avraham said “G-d, what is it that you can give me, seeing that I am going to be childless and my servant will inherit me.” The word of G-d came to him saying, “this man shall not be your heir, but one who shall be of your own issue shall inherit you.”

Bereishis 15:2-4

The Hebrew word "leimor" is often translated as “saying” but actually means “to say”. It is often used when the speaker wishes his words to be repeated to someone else. Avraham had resigned himself to being childless. At the age of 100 he had no hope of fathering a child, however the divine intent was that Avraham should have a son. A person’s attitude has a great deal to do with the fulfillment of the divine decree and therefore the 2nd verse cited above should be understood as follows: The word of G-d came to him to say “this man will not be my heir.”
In other words, G-d was telling Avraham that he must say to himself, this man, (meaning Eliezer), will not be my heir and I will have a child. Thinking and talking positively creates a reality which allows G-d’s divine blessing to take effect. Hopelessness and despair can be a self-fulfilling prophecy. A person must always have hope and optimism for the future for with G-d all things are possible!

*Sefer – Living Each Week*
*Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski*

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**
*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- Ladies Tehillim Group - Mondays at 10:30 AM in the Beis Medrash
- Beis Midrash Night - Starting Next Thursday, November 17th at 7:00PM.
- Father and Child will start next Motzei Shabbos at 7:00PM.
- The Young Israel Congregation presents a 3-week class series about Shabbat for Young Adult Women Only - Tuesdays, December 6, 2016, December 20, 2016 and January 3, 2017. All classes are from 8:00-10:00pm.
  - **Tuesday, December 6th** - (at Tzippy Wigoda's home)**“How to Make Shabbat Relevant for your Children”,** presented by Debbie Hamburg;
  - **Tuesday, December 20th** - (at Batya Cosiol's home) **“How to Create a Beautiful Shabbat Table”** presented by Gloria Sterental;
  - **Tuesday, January 3rd** - (at Tammy Attias's home)**“How to Prepare a Shabbat Menu with “Tam” (Flavor)”** presented by Chef Shaike Korlansky.
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – Shaarei Tzedek Luncheon at Young Israel, honoring Moj Khaghan, Abraham A. Galbut, and Marcos Lapciuc.
- Monday December 12 – Lunch and Learn With Rabbi Gruenstein, 11:30AM
- Wednesday, December 14, 2016 - Lecture by Dr. Hillel Abramson at 8:00PM.
- Wednesday, December 21, 2016 - Lecture by David Nissanov at 8:00PM.
- Thursday December 22 – Rebbetzin Rucha Bauman Starts, 10:00AM-12:00PM
If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by the Banin family in honor of their son’s Benjamin Banin’s Bar Mitzvah. Mazal tov to the entire family!
- Seuda Shlishit this week is sponsored by Larry & Roslyn Jaffe commemorating the yahrtzeit of Larry’s father, Moshe Yehuda ben Mordechai Chaim z”l.
- Mazel tov to Laurie and Bernard Hasten and Linda and Murray Laulicht on the marriage of their daughter and granddaughter, Jordana Hasten to Yoni Jonas.
- Shloshim for Dr. Shmuel Katz’s Mother, Siyum of Pirkei Avot l’iluy nishmat Rachel Liba Katz A”H (Ilonka), will take place on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Prayers at 9:00am and Siyum at 10:00am at The Shul, 9540 Collins Avenue.

Building Fund

- Our thanks and deep gratitude to Bert and Suri Fried for their additional donation of $100,000 to our new building fund. Yasher Koach.
- Important! Please pay your building fund pledge commitments at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Youth Program

- Father and Child learning this week will move to Motzei Shabbos starting at 7pm with Pizza and prizes!!!
- December 2nd & 3rd there will be an out of town Middle School Shabbaton. Flyer to be posted and emailed.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- We are looking forward to our annual YI/NCSY Partnership Shabbaton, which will take place on Friday & Saturday, December 23rd and 24th, 2016. This year we have the opportunity to enjoy a different and exciting facet of NCSY, hosting The Jerusalem Journey (TJJ) Shuval summer program participant alumni. Shuval TJJ is a specialized program open only to Community or Public High School students, who spend their summer in Israel, connecting with their Jewish Heritage, the Land and learning how to advocate on its behalf. We look forward to learning about yet another exciting aspect of NCSY, and a Shabbos filled with ruach and inspiration.

In order to accommodate our NCSY guests, their advisors, staff and families, we are looking for homes that can each accommodate a few sleeping guests; please specify how many males or females you can host for sleeping by contacting as soon as possible NCSY’s Board Chair Tammy Attias, (786) 566-2102, tammyattias@gmail.com.
New Mailing Address: 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154  
P.O. Box 545985, Surfside, FL 33154-5985

Shabbos/Holiday Schedule: To view the schedule, please go to our website, www.yicbh.org  
and click on Holidays/Shabbos Info.

Email Addresses: To contact Rabbi, Office, Youth Director or Gabbaim, please email  
Rabbi@yicbh.org; yakira@yicbh.org; Rabbifried@yicbh.org; gabbai@yicbh.org

We now have photo gallery available online. Please go to www.yicbh.org and click photo  
gallery on the left bar. Enjoy!

If you haven’t already responded to the request for information for our Aliyah card and  
yahrzeit databases, please send your response to Steve Schwartz as soon as possible. Copies  
of the form are available in the information rack in our lobby.  
Thanks in advance for your kind cooperation.

The Young Israel Congregation of Bal Harbour has an extensive Torah Library both in Hebrew  
and English. Our English Torah lending Library is located in the conference room and will be open  
Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-5:00PM. The Torah library has been made possible through the  
generous sponsorship of Andrew and Basya Lowinger in memory of Maurice Lowinger z”l,  
משה בּוֹר-צְוֵה יָדוֹר ז”ל

We can now accept on-line donations via our shul website directly through PayPal.  
Please use this link http://www.yicbh.org/payment.php , or first go the website,  
www.yicbh.org, and click on Membership & Donation and press Donate.  
Please note it is very important you indicate in the “Payment Notes” the specific donation  
that is being paid for (membership, kiddush, aliyah, etc.).

We ask everyone’s cooperation and understanding in not leaving personal handbags or knapsacks  
unattended anywhere in our synagogue building.

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to yakira@yicbh.org by noon on Thursday.