And you should choose life, Devarim (30:19)

A string of zeroes no matter how long is always worth zero unless a digit – even a digit as small as 1 is placed before it – this idea is not only true in the world of mathematics and finance, but in the spiritual world as well. A person can perform an infinite number of actions that all have zero spiritual value – but the moment you add a spiritual dimension to these actions you transform it into an act of holiness. For example, a person must eat in order to live – it’s a basic human need. But with a bracha before and after you eat, and with a two-minute Torah thought, you have taken a mundane physical act and sanctified the whole two hour meal. This is called choosing life. The Chofetz Chaim used to say that if a pharmacist has in mind that he is doing an act of kindness each time he gives out medication then he is involving himself with mitzvos all day long. If an owner of a hotel has in mind when he gives lodging and food that he is helping another person then all day long he is not only

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earning money but he acquires a spiritual currency which is priceless. A person with just an attitudinal shift can be doing mitzvos 24/7. This is a world of tremendous spiritual opportunities free for the taking. Whatever mitzvos we can grab before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur can be a great merit for ourselves and the entire Jewish people. Let us hope and pray that G-d takes into account all our efforts and grants us a new year of good health, nachas, bracha and the greatest blessing of all the coming of Moshiach Tzidkenu, may he come speedily in our days.

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos, Shanah Tovah!

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**Halacha Corner**

Q. Why is there a custom to have a new fruit on the table the second night of Rosh Hashanah?

A. The reason we do so is to satisfy a minority opinion which holds that we do not recite a shehecheyanu by Kiddush on the second day of Rosh Hashanah as we would normally do on the second day of Yom Tov because the two days of Rosh Hashanah are halachically considered as one long day, and the shehecheyanu was already recited during Kiddush on the first night of Rosh Hashanah. However, the majority opinion disagrees and holds that the two days of Rosh Hashanah are considered two separate days and a shehecheyanu must be recited on the second day as well. While optimally we look for a new fruit so that the shehecheyanu may be recited according to all opinions, if for any reason a new fruit is not available we rely on the majority opinion and recite shehecheyanu on the second day as well. One should understand that even when the new fruit is on the table the second night, the main reason we say shehecheyanu is not because of the fruit but because of the day of Rosh Hashanah. So the proper intent of the person reciting Kiddush should be as follows: primarily, the shehecheyanu is being recited because another day of Yom Tov has arrived, and secondly, in case of the minority view that the second day of Rosh Hashanah does not warrant a shehecheyanu, the blessing should then be over the new fruit. (Which also means that when you eat that new fruit on the second night no shehecheyanu is recited because you said it by Kiddush)

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**Important: High Holidays Seat Assignment and Posting Information**

All men & women seats are assigned by name and seat number. Seat assignments will be posted at the sanctuary entrances on the main and balcony levels.

The seat assignment information will be posted in two forms: a) Directly on the seating chart configuration; b) In a table by family name, in alphabetical order.

Two copies of this information will be posted on each level.

*Please make sure to follow the seat numbering on the arm of each seat.*

We ask everyone's cooperation in respecting the seat assignments, and further respecting that each seat is assigned for the **duration of the service**, regardless of when the individual enters the sanctuary.

Please note that permanent seat holders who will be with us have, of course, been assigned their seats. For those reserving seats, every effort has been made to accommodate seat reservation requests. We ask everyone's understanding and cooperation.
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 this week is co-sponsored by Aaron and Susan Weinberg, commemorating the yahrzeit of Aaron's mother, Helen Weinberg, Yenta bas Baruch Chaim z"l, and by the Miller Family on the occasion of Asher's Bar Mitzvah.
- Seudah Shlishis this week is sponsored by Lorraine & Makhlof Suissa and family in loving memory of Jay Farkas, Yaakov ben Rav Moshe z"l. He considered YI and its members as his “family”.
- Seuda Shlishis last week was sponsored by David & Rachel Herman.
- Mazal Tov to the Daf Yomi shiur on the completion of Mesech Bava Kama and for beginning Mesechet Bava Metziah.
- We regret to inform you of the passing of Yitzchak Yehuda Gruenstein z"l, father of our Rav, Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Building Fund

- Important! Please try and remit your building fund pledge commitments at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Youth Program

- Father and Child learning this week during a special Seudah Shlishis upstairs. There will be learning, ice cream, and prizes!!!
- All youth can once again turn in their tickets they received for their wonderful participation for great prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- The Youth Department has been busy preparing for our special Rosh Hashanah program with some new and exceptionally great educational and fun activities! Please see separate flyer for details.

Dinner at our Sukkah

- 1st night of Sukkot, Sunday October 16th
- 2nd night of Sukkot, Monday October 17th
- Shabbos Chol Hamoed, Friday October 21st

Member: $75 per Person, Non-Member $85 per Person, Child: $36
Please rsvp to the Shul’s office, 305 866-0203 or Yakira @yicbh.org

Sukkot Club

We are once again asking all those interested, to contribute $100 per family to the Sukkot Club, with the additional excitement of this being our first year in our new building Succah.
Over Sukkot, the names of all contributors will be included in our Shmooze News and announced in shul.

Upcoming Classes/Events

- Special Aseres Ymei Teshuva women’s class will be at the home of Gloria Sterental in memory of Paul Sterental z”l, on Sunday, October 9th at 8:00PM. The location is 1361 97th Street, Bay Harbor Islands.
- Ladies Tehillim group will meet on Monday at 10:30AM at the Young Israel.
We now have photo gallery available online. Please go to www.yicbh.org and click photo gallery on the left bar. Enjoy!

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, מאיר מ슛 בן בן-ציון הלוי 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.).

Search for Young Israel of Bal Harbour

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