



Young Israel Congregation

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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Ki Seitzei, September 17, 2016

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

President Menno Ratzker

Bar Mitzvah of Liam Senker

לא תראה את חמור אחיך או שורו נפלים בדרך והתעלמת מהם הקם תקים עמו
“You shall not see the donkey of your brother or his ox falling on the road and hide yourself from them! You shall surely stand them up with him.” Devarim 22:4

Rashi explains that the last word of the verse עמו (with him), is a qualifier. Meaning one is required to help only if the owner of the animal participates as well. However, if he sits back and says to this fellow, “It’s your mitzvah, you do it!” then one is not obligated to assist the owner. Based on this, the Chofetz Chaim says that we can’t expect G-d to help us be more spiritual unless we first put in some effort. We can’t sit back and say, “OK, G-d, if You inspire me – fine, but if not, then it’s not my fault!” Of course, we have to take the first step, even if that first step is nothing more than an active desire to improve. Even an aspiration that I would like to grow spiritually before I take any demonstrative steps is also meaningful. As the Midrash states, “Open up for me a window of Teshuva, (repentance), as tiny as the eye of a needle, and I will open up for you a window so wide that wagons could go through.” May we all be worthy this coming new year to improve ourselves just a little bit, whether in our relationship with G-d or with our fellow man, to show the One Above we are trying. In this merit, we should all be inscribed in the book of life and good health and to see much nachas from our children and grandchildren.

*Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos and a Kesivah Vachasimah Tovah
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:05PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	7:00PM
Shabbos	
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:00PM
Mincha	6:50PM
Havdalah	8:07PM

Weekday

Shacharis

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

Mincha

Sunday-Thur	7:05PM
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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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New Year Greeting

Now that the month of ELUL is here, the Yamim Noraim are not far behind. This year, our congregation is sponsoring a community New Year greeting. Congregants have the opportunity to participate in this tradition by having their names inscribed in our special edition of Shmooze News for \$18 per family, wishing everyone a Kesivah Vachasimah Tovah. Please submit your name and remittance to the Shul's office by September 27.

Sukkot Club

As many of you know, we have a long-standing, beautiful Young Israel tradition of having a kiddush each Yom Tov day of Sukkot -- through Shmini Atzeret and including Shabbos Chol Hamoed -- in our shul Sukkah. This year is extra special, since this will be our first year of having our new Sukkah on our new shul premises. What has always made this such a wonderful tradition is that many members and friends each contribute \$100 towards these kiddushim, thereby making this a truly community-wide collaboration. As such, we are once again asking all those interested to contribute \$100 per family to sustaining this beautiful tradition, with the additional excitement of this being our first year in our new building's Sukkah. Over Sukkot, the names of all contributors will be included in our Shmooze News and announced in shul.

Hashkama Minyan

Please let the Shul's office if you are interested in attending a Hashkama Minyan during Sukkot.

Ohr Naava – Women's Torah Center presents

"אבינו מלכנו" - a night of inspiration

Rabbi Lazer Brody

Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein

Thursday, September 22, 7:30PM at Young Israel of Bal Harbour

Sponsored by Estie Kopel in loving memory of Clara bat Mordechai z'l

We are now in the process of assigning High Holiday seats.

We are just over 2 weeks from Rosh Hashana and we ask all those that have not responded with seat reservation requests to do so as soon as possible, so that seat assignment can be done efficiently and correctly.

If you have purchased permanent seat(s), *and you (or family members) plan to be with us for High Holidays*, we must hear from you by this Sunday, September 18, if you have not done so already. Your support is greatly appreciated, and best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Shiur – Insights into making our Rosh Hashona more meaningful.

Tuesday, September 20th at 8:00pm
Home of Nick & Tzippi Wigoda
600 92nd Street, Surfside

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Congregational Family and Shul News

- The Kiddush this week is sponsored by Joey & Bianca Senker in honor of their son Liam's Bar Mitzvah. Mazal tov to Liam and to parents Joey & Bianca. Mazal tov to grandparents Shelly & Eddie Senker and Sarah Herzlich and to great-grandparents Frieda & Sam Solnik. The Senkers welcome all those who have traveled from far and near, and thank the Young Israel for being a second home for their family for 19 years, as well as everyone who has helped to make this weekend special!
- **Sukkot:** We are planning to have meals in our Sukkah for the first 2 nights of Sukkot and for Friday night Chol Hamoed Shabbos. Reservations required. Look for more information coming soon...

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 Shalosh Seudos upstairs. There will be learning, Ice cream, and prizes!!!
- This Sunday, September 18th from 6-8pm there will be a special Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th graders) program. If you have not received the flyer via email yet or still want to RSVP, please see Rabbi Fried for more details.
- 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.

Upcoming Events

- Ladies Tehillim group will meet on Monday at 10:30AM at the Young Israel.

Reminder! Rules regarding seat owners.

- **Men's Section:** Until 9:30AM, the seats with names are reserved; if the seat remains vacant by 9:30AM, it is then open to anyone.
- **Women's Section:** Until 10:30AM, the seats with names are reserved; if the seat remains vacant by 10:30AM, it is then open to anyone.



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

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New Mailing Address: 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154
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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!

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 ז"ל, מאיר משה 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.).

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to
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