



Young Israel Congregation

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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Ki Savo, September 24, 2016

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ונתנך ה' לראש ולא לזנב והיית רק למעלה ולא תהיה למטה
כי תשמע אל מצות ה' אלוך

“G-d shall place you as a head not a tail. You shall be only above and you shall not be below...” Devarim 28:13

This verse is not just giving the Jewish people a blessing but it's giving a message as how one should live life. The “head” is what directs and controls the body. The Torah is teaching us that we should live a life of higher purpose. We should be a cut above the crowd. The head, which is the repository of wisdom, should be the one in control directing the body, not the tail. One of the main impediments to spiritual growth is the desire to follow the latest fads and fashions of society. There is a “must have” mentality that pervades our world. Must one blindly follow every passing trend and current popular craze knowing full well that in a short period of time they will be obsolete and there will be another new gadget? All the “must-haves” that people toil to acquire only give temporary satisfaction until the next must-have comes on the market. The need to buy and accumulate is a panacea to fill the emptiness people feel in their lives.

Shabbos

Candle Lighting 6:57PM

Mincha/Kabbalas 7:00PM

Shabbos

Daf Yomi 8:00AM

Talmud Sotah 8:15AM

Shacharis 9:00AM

Shiur 5:55PM

Mincha 6:45PM

Havdalah 7:59PM

Slichos 12:00AM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday 8:00AM

Slichos/Shacharis

Mon-Fri 6:40AM

Mincha

Sunday-Thur 7:00PM



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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A person who lives a life “above” – a more spiritual life whose values are eternal rather than temporal – lives on a completely different planet. He has a sense of fulfillment, satisfaction and inner happiness. It is no coincidence that we learn this concept in the last weeks of Elul as we approach Rosh Hashanah. It is a time of year when we strive to make improvements in our spiritual lives. May the realization that a Jew’s task is to live a life “above”, a life of purpose and meaning, make us worthy to be blessed with good health and many simchas for the coming new year.

(Sefer – Emrei Kohen)

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!

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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.

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.

Sukkot Hashkama Minyan

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

High Holiday Seating

We are in the process of finalizing High Holiday seating, so if you need seat reservations, please contact the office immediately, if you have not yet done so. As you enter the Shul on Rosh Hashanah, seating charts will be posted at the downstairs and upstairs Sanctuary entrances, to straightforwardly guide you to your seat. More information to follow during the coming week, Your support and understanding are greatly appreciated, and best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Congregational Family and Shul News

- The Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by Rabbi Simeon & Rose Schreiber in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Schreiber's granddaughters, Nicole Schottestein and Jullian Katz, and in honor of the publication of Rabbi Schreiber's new book; and is co-sponsored by a friend of the Young Israel.
- **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...
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Simeon Schreiber on the publication of his New Book "From Mourning to Morning". An excellent review of the book, written by our own Shelley Benveniste, appeared last week in The Jewish Press.
- We wish Happy Birthday to Minnie Schraga, till 120!
- We regret to inform you of the passing of **Ruth Wertheimer z"l mother** of our esteemed member **Janet Spitz**.
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May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem
- We regret to inform you of the passing of **Judy Singer z"l beloved sister** of our esteemed member **Asher Lieber**.
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Building Fund

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to the following for their generous donations to our new building fund:
 - Alex and Ann Lebowitz - \$20,000
 - Leonard and Alice Lekht - \$10,000
- Important! Please try and remit your building fund pledge commitments at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Warm Welcome to New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Adam Aronson & Emily Grossman, Ricardo & Talia Berner, Ygal & Caroline Cohen, Michael & Lilian Dickman, Kayla Friedman, David & Roberta Geula, Raphael & Tamar Greenbaum, Steven & Debra Hamburg, Arthur Kohn, Alice & Leonard Lekht, Eric & Myriam Malka, Rachel Neuman, Daniel & Naomi Newman, Michael & Batia Wolf.

Youth Program

- Father and Child learning this week during a special Shalosh Seudos 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.

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.

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

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and click on Holidays/Shabbos Info.

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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

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