Shabbos Hagadol Drasha

The Rabbi’s Shabbos Hagadol Drasha will take place
Shabbos morning approximately 10:30AM.

Topic: “The Four Sons”
Raising Sweet Children in a world of Marror.

The Parshiyot of Tazria and Metzora discuss the laws of a skin
disease that results from a spiritual deficiency such as Lashon Hora
(negative speech). A person who discovered tzoraas on his skin
would come to the Kohen (the spiritual leader of the time) who
would examine it to see whether the individual was tamei
(spiritually impure) or not. The Mishna states “kol ha’negaim
adam roeh chutz minega atzmo” (a person sees all faults except for
his own). This refers to the Kohen who sees tzoraas on his own
skin. Although he has the authority to inspect blemishes on other
people, he cannot inspect the lesion on his own body. This halacha
teaches us a very important lesson in human nature. People notice
the faults of others, but not their own. When it comes to other
people, a person can draw up a long list of character flaws.
However, regarding one’s own blemishes the person will always
have some justification and rationalization that it’s ok. This fact of
human nature is spiritually very dangerous, because if a person
never takes note of his own shortcomings, he can never improve.

The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:
Jack & Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z”l and Nicholas Brecher z”l;
Penny Harris in memory of Myrtle Mullens z”l and Stuart Harris z”l;
Aaron & Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z”l
and Morris & Nellie Fischer z”l.
himself and change for the better. Constructive criticism given by someone who cares for you should be well heeded. A story is told of a physician who informed his patient that he suffers from a serious disease. “This is not a nice thing to say,” the patient said. “Why don’t you tell me something positive?” The doctor, of course, reminded the patient that his intention is only to help him by giving an accurate diagnosis so that his problem can be properly treated. So, too, in life, the job of a mentor is to lovingly critique the people he is responsible for. Like a physician’s diagnosis, it will only help someone to improve the situation by telling the individual what he would never see on his own. Only then can the individual take the steps necessary to improve one's health. So, too, spiritually, we can only grow and improve when we are willing to hear the truth which will, in the end, immeasurably improve our lives for the better.

*Sefer: Pasach Eliyahu*

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**Maos Chitim**

Our Maos Chitim appeal is currently under way. There are approximately twenty families that we are trying to assist for Pesach. We would like to allocate between two and three thousand dollars per family so that they may have an enjoyable and zissen Pesach. Thank you in advance for your generosity and participation in this great Mitzvah.

Remember, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” (Winston Churchill). Please make checks payable to Young Israel of Bal Harbour and write in the memo Tzedakah fund.

Wishing all of you a Chag Sameach and Zissen Pesach.

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

**Sale of Chametz**

Rabbi Gruenstein will be available for selling your Chametz Sun-Fri after Shacharis and before Mincha through Erev Pesach, Friday April 19.

**Pesach Koren Haggada**

We have available The Koren Haggada with commentary by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. Please feel free to come to the Shul and pick up the Haggadas.

**Pesach Schedule**

Pesach schedule is available at the Shul and on our website. To view, click on the link below

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Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron Sunday-Friday after Shacharis.
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser – for women only.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- We have no sponsor for Kiddush this week. If you want to sponsor this week’s Kiddush, please call the office and we will announce it in next week’s Shmooze News.
- Mazel tov to Jack Benveniste-Plitt, who was named Valedictorian of the Miami Beach Hebrew Academy class of 2019.

Building Fund

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Jeff and Lillian Glick for their additional donation of $10,000 to our Building Fund.
- Our deep thanks and gratitude to an anonymous donor for their additional donation of $18,000 to our Building Fund.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishit.
- We are launching a new program connecting Youth to spend time with Seniors in our community and learn from them. Any Youth as well as Seniors interested in signing up or for more information, please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org. All others are encouraged to submit/recommend names via email as well.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please check for weekly timing and location details.
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting on Mondays, please speak to Rabbi Fried.
Yahrzeits April 13 - April 19, 2019

9 NISSAN Linda Laulicht, Charles Kushner for their mother, Rae Kushner, on Sunday, Apr. 14
10 NISSAN Stephen Jacobson for his father, Dr. Moishe Jacobson, on Monday, Apr. 15
12 NISSAN Herman Berger for his mother, Scheindl bat Moshe Meir, on Wed., Apr. 17
12 NISSAN Miriam Glaubach for her mother, Rosa Herlinger, on Wednesday, Apr. 17
13 NISSAN David Kwiat for his mother, Rose Kwiat, on Thursday, Apr. 18
13 NISSAN Debra Sussman for her father, Avraham Yaakov HaLevi, on Thursday, Apr. 18
14 NISSAN Esther Friedman for her mother, Nechama Leah, on Friday, Apr. 19

Please report any errors or omissions to the Young Israel office or email stevenbarrystewart@gmail.com

Yahrzeit Plaques Now Available
If you are interested in purchasing a permanent satin brass Yahrzeit Plaque for a dearly departed loved one on the newly installed automated Yahrzeit memorial displays in our main sanctuary, space is limited, so please fill out the form recently emailed as well as mailed to you and return to our office. If you have any questions, please speak to David Herman. To order a plaque online, please use the website www.yiplaques.com.

HATZALAH: (305) 919-4900

Teach Florida welcomes Ruchie Gross-Berger to the team as Miami-Dade Field Director. Ruchie bring great experience and passion for solving the tuition crisis, building on her experience as Program Director for the JCS Kosher Food Bank. With the new state scholarship program pending before the legislature, it is great to have Ruchie on board to mobilize the Miami-Dade Jewish community. Contact teachflorida@teachcoalition.org to become an advocate.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203 or Max Dekelbaum (240) 832-5054

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