



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Last days of Pesach, Parshas Shemini, April 18, 2020

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CHAG SAMEACH! PLEASE STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.

Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Iyar

Rosh Chodesh will be next Shabbos

As we are about to celebrate the last days of Pesach and finish what may be the most unusual Pesach Yom Tov in history, I would like to share with you the following thoughts. I'm sure this Pesach has been a difficult Yom Tov for everyone concerned. But what I find most challenging is that on the one hand it is Yom Tov, when a person is supposed to be b'simcha, and the Jewish community at large has been trying to put on a happy face. One can go online this Chol HaMoed and find many concerts given by the superstars of Jewish music and there have been magic shows to entertain and flatbed trucks with live entertainment traveling through Jewish neighborhoods. And yet, at the same time, there is so much pain out there. It's bad enough that people are getting sick. But not to be able to be in the hospital – to be in the room of a loved one to give emotional support and love – is unconscionable, yet that is exactly what is happening. The number of families in the Jewish world that are grieving and whose lives have been torn apart is mind boggling. Even in death they are not able to have a proper burial with loved ones and friends coming to give their final kavod achron to the

Tuesday Night

Candle Lighting 7:27PM

Wednesday 7th day of Pesach

Candle lighting not before 8:29PM

Thursday 8th day of Pesach

Say Yizkor before

Mussaf

Mincha by 7:35PM

Havdalah, no spices no fire 8:35PM

Wait 1 hour before eating sold Chametz

Friday Night

Candle Lighting 7:27PM

Shabbos

Mincha by 7:15PM

Havdalah 8:31PM

Weekday Mincha

Sun-Thu By 7:20PM

Next Fri candle lighting 7:31PM



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one who has passed on. Great rabbis who are buried with all but a minyan, who could have ever imagined such a thing? A plague which is devastating to the living and to those who are gone, preventing us from saying kaddish for the elevation of the souls of loved ones – whoever heard of such a thing? And yet, this is happening before our very eyes. So yes, it is Yom Tov with the simcha that goes along with it and, at the same time, there is such grief and sadness to so many of our brothers and sisters in the Jewish community. To straddle these dual emotions is very difficult, but G-d has given man the innate ability to do so; to feel joy and pain at the same time. And as Jews, we must remember and understand that eimo anochi b'tzera, G-d stands head and shoulders with us through our pain. For according to our sages, this is why G-d appeared to Moshe Rabbeinu in a lowly thorn bush, consumed by fire but not destroyed by it. It was to send a message to Moshe and the Jewish people that I, G-d, am with you and feel for you in your pain and suffering. And although in our situation, it may appear that G-d has abandoned us by closing down our schools and shuls, we should know He is still here with us. As it says in Shir HaShirim, chapter 2 Verse 9, (according to Rashi's explanation): "I thought I would be alone forever but behold, He was standing behind our wall, observing through the window, peering through the lattices." There are times when G-d openly watches and takes care of us as if the shades and curtains are fully open. The father watches his children who are outside, and his children can see the gaze of their loving father. But then there are times when the curtains and shades are drawn, yet the father peers through the cracks so he can see what's doing with his children outside. He can see but he cannot be seen. So too, in our predicament, it may appear G-d has given up on us, but nothing could be further from the truth. We may not see him now, but He still sees us as he looks through the cracks of his curtains to make sure we are never lost and forgotten. As we now enter the last days of Pesach, we humbly accept G-d's decree of trying to be b'simcha in our homes and at the same time we feel the pain of our people. Let that alone be the merit which puts an end to this devastating plague and brings us to a true z'man cheiruseinu as we look forward to serving G-d once again in our shuls and yeshivot. Ish echad b'lev echad.

Wishing you much blessing and love,

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazal Tov to Amy & Jack Benishai on the birth of their grandson. Mazal Tov to the parents Amanda & Isaac Benishai.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Yako Morjain, Yaakov Ben Nissim z"l, father of Sammy Morjain, Fortuna Kopel, and Marcus Morjain and grandfather of our esteemed member Israel Kopel.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Mindi Smith z"l; Mindel bas Yaacov Yisrael z"l, mother of our esteemed member Daniel Smith.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Menashe ben Yosef Yechezkel z"l, father of our esteemed member Tzipi Wigoda.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allan Krieger and Allen Packer.



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Yahrzeits April 18 – April 24, 2020

24 NISSAN	Jerry Gontownik for his brother, Sidney Nathan Gontownik, on Shabbos, Apr. 18
26 NISSAN	Heshy Freundlich for his mother, Irene Freundlich, on Monday, Apr. 20
26 NISSAN	Martin Packer, Allen Packer, Phyllis Franklin for their mother, Esther Rose Packer, on Monday, Apr. 20
27 NISSAN	Haim Marcovici for his father, Hershel Marcovici, on Tuesday, Apr. 21
27 NISSAN	Rose Leventhal for her mother, Chaya Frieda, on Tuesday, Apr. 21
27 NISSAN	Jerry Gontownik for his sister, Chaya Gontownik, on Tuesday, Apr. 21
28 NISSAN	Howard Felson for his grandmother, Betty Felson, on Wednesday, Apr. 22
29 NISSAN	Howard Barbanel for his mother, Alice Barbanel, on Thursday, Apr. 23
29 NISSAN	Cynthia Rosenberg for her father, Herman Stanger, on Thursday, Apr. 23
29 NISSAN	Annette Sanson-Eichen for her father, Yitzchak ben Binyamin, on Thursday, Apr. 23
30 NISSAN	Arthur Schwartz for his mother, Asnath Schwartz, on Friday, Apr. 24
30 NISSAN	Allan Krieger for his father, Avraham Abba ben Moshe Chayim, on Friday, Apr. 24
30 NISSAN	Joyce Stern for her mother, Estelle Blanks, on Friday, Apr. 24

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Eruv Bal Harbour: While the Eruv in Surfside includes both walking paths, in Bal Harbour the Eruv only includes the inner (western) walking path. The pier at Haulover Cut is not included. We would like to emphasize that every Erev Shabbos, individuals should call the Eruv Hotline to make sure that the Eruv is operational prior to carrying on Shabbos. The number is 305-866-ERUV (3788). The Eruv message is recorded approximately two hours prior to Candle Lighting. Miami Beach Eruv web page: www.miamibeacheruv.com

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