



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Tazria, Shabbos Hachodesh, April 6, 2019

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Shabbos Rosh Chodesh Nissan

נגע צרעת כי תהיה באדם והובא אל הכהן

If a tzaraas affliction will be in a person, he shall be brought to the Kohen. (Vayikra 13:9)

The Talmud (Arachin 16A) says that tzaraas was a divine punishment for seven types of sins, but chief among them loshon hora. In fact, the word מצרע, which is the name given to a person afflicted with this ailment, is a contraction of the words מוציא רע. Many books have been written and countless speeches given about the transgression of loshon hora. However, to some extent the emphasis on this sin is misdirected, because the main cause of loshon hora is not the tongue, it's the heart. We have a flawed heart that constantly looks for deficiencies in others, often as a way of elevating ourselves. These shortcomings are then transferred to the mouth which is simply expressing what the eyes see and the heart feels. If we truly loved others, then we would only see their good qualities. As it says (Mishlei 10:12) על כל פשעים תכסה אהבה "love covers over all offenses." The word פשע refers even to intentional sins, like a mother who defends her child from criticism and punishment even though she knows he is guilty. This is because maternal love is so powerful, it overcomes the child's wrongdoing. Therefore, the best way to uproot loshon

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:21PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	7:00PM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:20PM
Mincha	7:10PM
Havdalah	8:25PM

Weekday

Talmud Shiur	6:30AM
Daf Yomi	
Mon-Fri after 7:00AM Minyan	
Shacharis	
Sunday	8:00AM
Mon-Fri	7:00/8:00AM
Mincha	
Sun-Thurs	7:30PM

Next Fri Candle Lighting 7:24PM



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.

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hora is through אהבת הבריות – loving people unconditionally. Of course, it is easy to write or speak about this, but living this way is another story. Let's face it, people can sometimes be very insensitive, rude, narcissistic, and downright nasty. It's important to remember that loving the people we like is not what makes us pious. The real challenge is loving the people we *don't* like.

The midrash tells us that one of the main reasons we were redeemed from bondage in Egypt was because no one spoke loshon hara. Of course, when our lives are on the line and a sadistic enemy is standing over us, we are going to care for and love each other. The trick is to stop speaking loshon hora when there are no guns to our heads and life is good. The best way to stop negative speech is to look for the positive in our brothers and sisters. Is it easy? No. Is it worth it? Yes. In that merit may G-d see the positive in us. And, as we are now in chodesh Nissan the month of freedom and emancipation. May the almighty bring us the ultimate freedom to witness the full redemption of our people במהרה בימנו אמן.

Sefer: Birchas Avraham

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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.

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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.
- Monday, April 8 11:30AM – Lunch and learn with Rabbi Gruenstein – Topic: All Things Pesach.
- Thursday, April 11 – YIBH Wellness Series “Movement & Meaning.” Teen girls: 6:30PM-7:45PM / Adult women: 8:00PM.

Congregational Family and Shul News

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- This week’s early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Judy in honor of her husband Fred’s special birthday.
- Mazel Tov to Louise & Harvey Wolinetz on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Joseph Rothner, son of Jennie & Avi Rothner of Skokie, Illinois. Mazel Tov to great aunt & great uncle Ellen & Irwin Adelsberg.
- A warm welcome to our new members Mary & Ralph Gut.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

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.

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Yahrzeits April 6 - April 12, 2019

1 NISSAN	Lawrence Jaffe for his mother, Anne Jaffe, on Shabbos, Apr. 6
1 NISSAN	Morris Tuchman for his father, Tzvi Tuchman, on Shabbos, Apr. 6
1 NISSAN	Saadia Shapiro for his mother, Marta bat Yeshyah, on Shabbos, Apr. 6
1 NISSAN	Ziporah Milstein for her father, Elazar Ben Uri Meyer Kahanow, on Shabbos, Apr. 6
2 NISSAN	Cathy Weiss for her father, Leon Selwyn, on Sunday, Apr. 7
5 NISSAN	Heshie Greenblatt for his mother, Chaya Greenblatt, on Wednesday, Apr. 10
5 NISSAN	Rhoda Lipton for her mother, Raizel Zukerman, on Wednesday, Apr. 10
6 NISSAN	Paul Rosenberg for his father, Joseph Rosenberg, on Thursday, Apr. 11

Please report any errors or omissions to the Young Israel office or email stevenbarryschwartz@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

Thank you for your tremendous response to the petition for more scholarships for K-12 education. More than 1,000 people signed within the first 30 hours. We delivered the petition to Senate and Executive leadership this week and expect the Senate bill to be heard in the full Appropriations committee as soon as this Thursday. Email teachflorida@teachcoalition.org to receive updates.

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

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