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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Tzav April 8, 2017

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Shabbos Hagadol

רשע מה הוא אומר מה העבודה הזאת לכם ואף אתה הקהה את שיניו

"The wicked son - what does he say? What is this service to you! Therefore, blunt his teeth"

The four sons described in the Haggadah seem to represent four different personality types. We would expect their questions and answers to differ widely from each other. Yet, upon further examination, we notice perplexing similarities. First, the wicked son's question closely resembles that of the wise son (what are the testimonies, decrees, and ordinances which our G-d has commanded you?) Furthermore, the father's response to the wicked son is identical to that of the son who is unable to ask -- "It is because of this that G-d did so for me..." Finally, why do we respond at all to the wicked son? Doesn't answering his question lend it credibility by implying it is worthy of a response?

Shabbos

Candle Lighting 7:22PM

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos 7:00PM

Hashkama 8:00AM

Shacharis 9:00AM

Shabbos Hagadol Drasha
Approx. 10:30AM

Shiur 6:15PM

Mincha 7:05PM

Havdalah 8:26PM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday 8:00AM

Mon Erev Pesach 7:00AM

Thu-Fri 7AM&8AM

Chol Hamoed

Mincha

Sun and Thur 7:35PM



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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These questions can be answered by referring to a Rambam in the Laws of Divorce (Hilchos Gerushin 2:20). The Rambam, while explaining the law of a husband who refuses to give his wife a get (גט), says we force him to give it. Even though a forced גט is invalid, explains the Rambam, this is called giving it willingly, because deep down every Jew wants to do what G-d wants, but his evil inclination overpowers him. Therefore, in the case of divorce, when we beat him, his evil inclination weakens and allows him to give the divorce willingly. The Rambam is revealing to us a very profound lesson: that every Jew, even while mired in depravity, still has a subconscious desire to fulfill G-d's will and lead a virtuous life. In fact, this is considered his true desire even when he outwardly rejects it, since it is the Yetzer Hara repressing his true nature. On this basic level, even the wicked son has a deep-seated drive to serve G-d. His very question, in its similarity to the wise son's query, reveals his desire to understand G-d's Torah. However, his choice of words "to you" indicates his arrogant denial is motivated by a desire to justify his self-gratification. His father is therefore obligated to rebuke him harshly ("blunt his teeth"). Now that the son is unencumbered by his evil inclination, he is not very far removed from the son who is unable to ask. This explains the similarity in our responses to them. After our rebuke, the wicked son is receptive to our words. It is now possible for the father to teach him Torah. We are required to appreciate all Jews for their potential greatness. It is forbidden to "write off" any Jew, even if his actions cause him to be labeled "wicked". The Haggadah's four sons teach us that we must care for every member of the Jewish nation and do our utmost to illuminate their lives with the light of Torah.

(Sefer - Majesty of Man, Rabbi Umori Hagaon Rav Henach Leibowitz Z"l)

Wishing you an inspirational Shabbos and חג כשר ושמח!!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SHABBOS KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The winter season is ending and we are approaching the summer season, which historically is the "slow season" for getting Kiddush sponsors. We are therefore asking our members and friends to sponsor Kiddushim over the coming months in commemoration of special family occasions (anniversaries, birthdays, yahrtzeits, etc.) or as just a gesture of support to our shul. As a special bonus, Kiddush sponsorship cost now is at "summer rates", so that the basic Shabbos Kiddush is an extremely affordable \$700. Of course, more elaborate Kiddushim can still be sponsored. We thank all for your support to this wonderful Young Israel tradition that so greatly benefits us all by allowing us to socialize in our beautiful shul building – a place of Kedusha, holiness.

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Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Moishe & Judy Tuchman in honor of Penny & Stuart Harris.
- This week's Hashkama minyan Kiddush is co-sponsored by Judy Farbman in honor of Fred's special birthday; by Fred Farbman in honor of all the people who help make the hashkama minyan a great success; and by Mike Szafranski in honor of his wife Elana and in honor of זמן הרה"תנו.
- Mazal tov to Linda & Murray Laulicht on the recent wedding in Israel of their granddaughter Elizabeth Davis to Ori Elmakayes. Mazal Tov to parents Shellie & Eric Davis and Chana & Ami Elmakayes.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishit with treats & prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night (except for Pesach). Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- There will be a Middle School Shabbaton for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders April 28-29. Please see flyer for details.
- End of the school year High School Shabbaton May 12-13. Please see flyer for details.

Pesach Information

- Monday, April 10 Shacharis 7:00AM followed by Siyum Bechorim
- Eat Chometz: until 10:51AM
- Burning Chometz: 12:07pm. You can burn your Chometz at Collins Avenue and 84th between the hours of 10:30-12:30.
- There will be a Hashkama minyan on Shabbos and Yom Tov at 8:00AM. On Chol Hamoed, there will be two minyanim – 7:00AM and 8:00AM.

E-mail communication

When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to yakira@yicbh.org

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The e-mail for Florence, our new receptionist/secretary is florence@yicbh.org

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**Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies' sections during services.
Please use side doors to enter and exit Sanctuary after 10:00 AM.
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