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.

**SHMOOZE NEWS**
Parshas Eikev August 12, 2017
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Horah עוקב שמיעון את המספרים והלאהשמורים ועשיהם
אתם שמיער ה”לאוקדר ל אהיבית ...
"This shall be the reward when you harken to these ordinances and keep and do them, that G-d will safeguard for you the covenant ...” Devarim 7:12

The Midrash says, “Wherever the Torah says Vehaya (it shall be), it refers to simcha. However, when the Torah says "Vayehi" (and it was), that refers to something unhappy.” The lesson is that Vehaya refers to the future. Happy people are future oriented. Sad people are always living and looking to the past. Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski would always refer to this as “the Baal Shem Tov’s farfel.” The significance of this dish is a play on words. In Yiddish "farfallen" means it is over and done with. When Rabbi Twerski’s mother would serve the farfel on Shabbos she would say whatever occurred until now is farfallen!

Friday night is the end of the week, with all its difficult challenges having passed. Shabbos is a day of renewal, of recharging the spiritual batteries. Just as it is difficult to walk with a heavy burden on your back, so, too, it is difficult to advance spiritually when you are carrying a heavy burden of the past. Yes! When we make mistakes, we should try to correct...
them and make amends, but one cannot dwell too much on the past if you want to move forward and accomplish for the future. It’s that mindset – the attitude of "Vehaya" (the future; it will be) – that brings simcha into a person’s life, knowing that things from now on will be different, as I have learned from my past mistakes and look forward to a better and brighter future.

*Sefer: Twerski on Chumash
Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski*

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**
*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

Experience has shown that starting soon our office will become extremely busy in view of our membership drive, the High Holidays and seating, Sukkot and booking our social hall. Consequently, if you contact our office by phone, text or e-mail and do not receive a reply within 24 hours, please promptly text or call 201-906-4887.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SHABBOS KIDDUSH SPONSORS**
We are now in the “slower summer season” for getting Kiddush sponsors. We are therefore asking our members and friends to sponsor a Kiddush over the summer months in commemoration of special family occasions (anniversaries, birthdays, yahrzeits, etc.) or just as a gesture of support to our shul. We thank all for your support of this wonderful Young Israel tradition.
Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Anthony & Beril Fellous in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ilan. Mazal tov!

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to:
- Allen Packer, Alexander ben Esther Raizel.
- Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Shimon ben Blima.
- Dan Smith, Doniel ben Mindel.

We ask everyone to please review the statements that have been sent out recently, including the notices for membership renewal and High Holiday seat reservations. We ask all those with balances due to please clear your account as soon as possible, while also renewing membership and ordering High Holiday seats. Please note that membership rates for High Holiday Seats are only available to members who have cleared their accounts for the shul fiscal year ending July 31. If you have any questions, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yizkor Book

We recently mailed the forms for our Yizkor Book. Please send us the names of your loved ones to be listed in the Yizkor Book as soon as possible. You can pay through our website via PayPal, call the office with a credit card or send a check.
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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.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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