



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Ekev, August 24, 2019

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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.

Early minyan kiddush this week is sponsored by the Kopel family in memory of Chana bat Zvi Hersh z"l, mother of Leon Kopel, whose Yahrzeit is the 24th of Av, and in memory of Rische Rajel bat Yisrael Tzvi z"l, grandmother of Leon Kopel, whose Yahrzeit is the 20th of Av.

ויאמר ה' אלי קום רד מהר מזה כי שחת עמך... עשו להם מסכה... ואתפש בשני לחת ואשלכם מעל שתי ידי ואשברם...

“And G-d said to me, “arise, descend quickly from here...they have made for themselves a molten image...I grasped the two tablets and threw them from my two hands and I shattered them...” Devarim 9:12 and 17

Moshe Rabbeinu is now recounting the sin of the golden calf which almost brought the Jewish people to extinction. The sin of the golden calf was not just idolatry, for they had worshiped idols in Egypt and G-d still saved them. The sin of the eigel was worse because they did it for quote unquote holy reasons. The midrash tells us that at the time of matan Torah the heavens parted and it revealed G-d's throne of glory upon which the form of a calf was engraved. The people were certain that this form would be pleasing in the eyes of the Al-mighty. This was the real sin of the golden calf – that the laws of purity and holiness were blurred to such a degree that they thought this image of a calf is a mitzvah instead of seeing it for what it was: idolatry. This thought answers a fundamental question on the breaking of the luchos (tablets of the 10 commandments) – why Moshe Rabbeinu waited until he came down the mountain and saw what the people were doing to break the luchos. Why didn't he shatter the tablets when he was

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:31PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	7:00PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:30PM
Mincha	7:20PM
Havdalah	8:33PM

Weekday

Daf Yomi

Sunday after 8:00AM minyan
Mon-Fri after 7:00AM minyan

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon-Fri	7:00AM/8:00AM

Mincha

Sun-Thurs	7:35PM
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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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in heaven when G-d told him the people were worshiping an idol?

The answer is that worshiping an idol alone would not justify the breaking of the luchos. Only after Moshe saw the Jewish people dancing and singing around the golden calf thinking it was a mitzvah, when he saw their confusion of holy and profane did Moshe take the drastic step to break the holy tablets of G-d. The takeaway lesson here is that sometimes in a person's zealotry to do what they think is the right thing they are actually sinning and taking the wrong route. Unfortunately, this is a great challenge that we face many times in the sea of life. The antidote to this is to seek out advice and counsel before one makes rash decisions. Shooting from the hip to solve life's dilemmas may feel good but most of the time we wind up shooting ourselves in the foot instead. Seek out the truth in life and you'll never be sorry.

Sefer: Birchas Avrohom

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

STATEMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP

We have recently sent out statements and our Annual Membership letter, which also includes High Holiday seat reservation information. We ask all of you, our valued supporters, to please clear any remaining balances from the fiscal year that ended July 31, and to respond to the new fiscal year membership and High Holiday reservation request at your earliest convenience. **Also, for those with permanent seats, please let the office know if you will be attending Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur.** Your attention to these very important items, and your continued support, are greatly appreciated.

Yahrzeit Plaques Available

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent satin brass Yahrzeit Plaque for a dearly departed loved one on our beautiful automated Yahrzeit memorial displays in our main sanctuary, please contact David Herman or the Young Israel office. To order a plaque online, please use the website www.yiplaques.com.

HATZALAH: (305) 919-4900



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- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Sunday after 8:00AM minyan, Monday-Friday after 7:00AM minyan – Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Early minyan kiddush last week was sponsored by Eti & Andy Bales in honor of their wedding anniversary.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Heather & Joseph Listhaus, Esther Farache & Edward Lowensohn, Paige & Zachary Danowit.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allen Packer, Shelly Lisbon, Allan Krieger.

**If you have any comments, complaints or suggestions regarding our building please give them directly either to
Menno Ratzker (201)906-4887, mhr36@aol.com, or to
Yakira Navarro (305)866-0203, yakira@yicbh.org**

SAVE THE DATE!

Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust, a concert featuring violins from the Holocaust, will take place at The Shul, 9540 Collins Avenue., Surfside, on **Monday, December 2nd at 8:00 pm**. This special performance featuring world famous violinist, Gary Levinson, Sr. Principal Associate Concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony, conducting violinists playing a repertoire of Jewish compositions originally composed and played in concentration camps, is being co-sponsored by the Young Israel Congregation and The Shul.

Tickets are \$54.00 per person.

Become a sponsor at any of the following levels (\$180, \$360, and \$540) and you will receive a listing in the program and VIP seating.

Please make checks payable to the Young Israel Congregation and write Violins of Hope in the memo line. Send to YIC, 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, FL, 33154, or call with credit card (305-866-0203) and ask for Florence or Yakira.

The Refuah Fund provides meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva. Please donate directly to the Young Israel indicating on your check, or alternative payment, that it is specifically for the Refuah Fund. Special thanks to Susan Gluck and Susan Packer for establishing and continuing this very important mitzvah. Thanks to everyone who already contributed to the Refuah fund!

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Yahrzeits August 24-30, 2019

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| 24 AV | Haim Marcovici for his mother, Ileana Marcovici, on Sunday, Aug. 25 |
| 26 AV | Mark Soloway for his mother, Ada Soloway, on Tuesday, Aug. 27 |
| 27 AV | Stanley Reiter for his brother, Murray Reiter, on Wednesday, Aug. 28 |
| 27 AV | Helen Ratzker for her brother, Meier, on Wednesday, Aug. 28 |
| 28 AV | Elias Sussman for his mother, Malka Sussman, on Thursday, Aug. 29 |
| 28 AV | Lazer & Stephen Milstein for their mother, Hinda Milstein, Hinda bas Avram HaLevi, on Thursday, Aug. 29 |
| 28 AV | Heshy Freundlich for his father, Sigmund Freundlich, Simcha Zimmel ben Usher Zelig, on Thursday, Aug. 29 |

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

The Jewish Community Services are participating in a High Holidays project to feed those who are hungry in our Jewish community.

If you would like to contribute, please fill a bag with: Grape Juice, Gefilte Fish, Tuna/ Salmon, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Matzo Ball Soup, Honey, Oil, Peanut Butter.

Food items can be dropped at the Young Israel of Bal Harbour and they will be donated to the JCS Kosher Food Bank. Please make sure that all boxes are sealed. Thank you for your support.

Eruv Bal Harbour

The Eruv in Bal Harbour includes the inner (western) walking path only. 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

Shabbos Dinner

During the winter months, Shabbos Dinners are available for purchase at local area restaurants such as Kosh and Backyard BBQ, both on Harding Ave.

Please contact the restaurants directly for reservations, cost and availability.

Kiddush and Seudah Shlishis

Every Shabbos, the Young Israel has a beautiful Kiddush after Mussaf, as well as a Seudah Shlishis between Mincha and Maariv. Please join us!

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

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