



# Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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**Parshas Vayishlach, December 14, 2019**

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**Kiddush is co-sponsored by Bella & Stephen Brenner in memory of Bella's father Avraham Ben Yitzchak z"l whose yahrzeit is 16 Kislev; and by Pessia & Robert Frankel in memory of Robert's mother Rachel bat Aharon Eliezer z"l whose yahrzeit is 22 Kislev.**

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families whose loved ones were murdered this past week in a New Jersey Kosher supermarket for no other reason than pure hate. Unfortunately, a new era of anti-Semitic acceptability is rearing its ugly head, and where and when it stops, no one knows. May G-d protect us all and bring comfort to those who have gone through this horrific tragedy.

ויותר יעקב לבדו ויאבק איש עמו...

**Yaakov was left alone and a man fought with him....**

**Bereishis 32:25**

Our sages tell us that this fight was actually a battle of good against evil. It was Yaakov, the father of the 12 tribes, against the angel of Eisav, which in reality represents the יצר הרע, the evil inclination that is sent to push our buttons, causing us to sin, to fall, and to stumble spiritually. However, hidden in the words of this verse is a keen insight into how the Yetzer Horah works. The verse says Yaakov was left alone. When a person feels that he or she is alone, when they feel no one cares, no one to connect with, that creates a state of vulnerability, a sense of sadness and depression which is the most fertile ground for the angel of Eisav to do his dirty work. When a person feels alone, when they don't feel loved, they are most susceptible to transgression, to negative behavior and just plain sadness. And when a person is not happy in life, that is the root cause of most of his issues. Sadness and the feeling of abandonment is the gateway to all sin. This concept is especially true in family life when dealing with our children. Of course, all parents love their children but sometimes that love does not register on their radar, and perception is reality.

## Shabbos

Candle Lighting 5:13PM  
Mincha/Kabbalas 5:15PM  
Shabbos

**[Carlebach minyan in Beis Medrash.]**

Talmud Shiur 8:15AM  
Early Minyan 8:00AM  
Shacharis 9:00AM  
Shiur 4:05PM  
Mincha 4:50PM  
Havdalah 6:16PM

## 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-Thu 5:20PM  
Next Fri Candle Lighting 5:16PM



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 Arnold and 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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If a child feels alone, not understood and not happy, he or she will seek so-called “happiness” in greener pastures – i.e. bad friends, alcohol or drugs. This is an oversimplification of the problem but there is no question when a child feels loved and supported at home, that equals happiness and contentment and they are much less likely to get into trouble. Being or feeling alone is a very painful existence. Whatever we can do as parents, grandparents and as people in our community to lighten the burden of those who feel alone – whether it’s with a helping hand, a phone call or a good word – this goes a long way in helping someone feel that they are a somebody and that they matter. Giving someone a sense of self-worth and encouragement is giving them life and what greater gift can there be than that.

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**

**Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein**

### **The 2020 Young Israel Membership Directory is now available!**

**You can pick up a copy from the Young Israel office, or ask Steve Schwartz for one in shul.**

Every year, YIBH welcomes NCSY for its partnership weekend. This year, we are excited to once again host NCSY, as they launch a brand-new initiative, the Shevet Glaubach Fellows. We will learn much more over the course of our partnership shabbaton how this project will transform Jewish communities of tomorrow.

**Your account statement has been sent. As you do your end-of-year tax planning, this is the perfect opportunity to clear your statement balance and make additional end-of-year donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

### **Surfside Voter Registration of Community Members**

Dear Congregants and Community Members:

One of the most vital functions of a member of a community within our democracy is to exercise the right to vote in local and national elections. In local elections in particular, voter turnout is less than twenty percent of the population of a particular area, so in smaller towns, literally every vote matters. As our community grows it is helpful to have elected officials who represent us and recognize our needs.

To make sure you are registered: <https://registration.elections.myflorida.com/en/CheckVoterStatus>

To register to vote: <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home>

To vote by mail: <https://miamidade.electionsfl.org/vrservices/mbrs>

### **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](http://www.yiplaques.com).

**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](mailto:mhr36@aol.com), or to  
Yakira Navarro (305)866-0203, [yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org)**



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- Sunday after 8:00AM minyan, Monday-Friday after 7:00AM minyan – Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron. They are studying the last Masechet in Shas – Masechet Niddah. Now is a great time to join the shiur.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Talmud Shiur Monday-Friday 6:25AM.
- Fathers and children Motzei Shabbos by Yossi Manne with pizza and prizes starting at 7:00PM.
- Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the YI Beis Midrash – Rabbi Gruenstein continuing last year’s class on Navi, the book of Shmuel. For men and women.
- Wednesday Dec 18 at 8:00PM – “Meat” the Torah with food for thought. An evening of fascinating Torah topics in Jewish thought and philosophy followed by a great barbecue. **Please RSVP to:** Jonathan Gerszberg – [weyfarer2@aol.com](mailto:weyfarer2@aol.com)
- Mondays at 7:30PM – Class on Parsha of the week by Rabbi Yaacov Laredo, Director of the Miami Torah Center.
- Shabbos Dec 20-21 –NCSY Shabbaton.
- Sunday Dec 29 – 12PM to 2PM – Young Israel Chanukah party.
- Monday Dec 30 at 11:30AM – Sisterhood presents Rosh Chodesh Tevet. A dim sum cooking demonstration by Yael Aburos. No charge for YI members, \$10 for non-members.
- Shabbos Jan 3-4, 2020 – Scholar in Residence Malcolm Hoenlein. **Please make your dinner reservations.**
- Motzei Shabbos Jan 11 at 8:30PM – New Member Melava Malka at the Young Israel Congregation for members who have joined our shul over the last three years. RSVP to [florence@yicbh.org](mailto:florence@yicbh.org) or [yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org) with your response.

### Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week’s Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Cathy & Jeff Weiss in memory of Jeff’s mother, Magdalena Weiss z”l whose yahrzeit is 18 Kislev.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi Simon & Alice Truzman on the birth of their great granddaughter, Mazal Tov to parents Yehudit & Shimon Yehuda Fuerst.
- Mazal Tov to Ruth & Irwin Shapiro on the engagement of their granddaughter Rachel Shapiro, daughter of Monica & Sandy Shapiro, to Natan Bienstock, son of Sara & Mark Bienstock.
- Mazal Tov to Susan & Martin Packer on the wedding of their granddaughter Rachel, daughter of Paul & Yali Packer, to David Schwartzman of West Hempstead, NY.
- A warm welcome to our new members Lemor & Murry England.

### Building Fund

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Marcia & Dr. Stanley Reiter for their generous donation of \$18,000 toward the construction of the Handicap Ramp.

### Refuah Sheleimah

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

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#### Yahrzeits December 14 – December 20, 2019

16 KISLEV	Bella Brenner for her father, Avraham ben Yitzchak, on Shabbos, Dec. 14
16 KISLEV	Paul Bermanski for his father, Yisrael Yitzchak Bermanski, on Shabbos, Dec. 14
16 KISLEV	Rhoda Lipton for her father, Eli Zukerman, on Shabbos, Dec. 14
16 KISLEV	Roberta Geula for her father, Jack Kono, on Shabbos, Dec. 14
17 KISLEV	Murray Laulich for his father, Abraham Chaskell Goldwasser, on Sunday, Dec. 15
17 KISLEV	Moshe Rubner for his father, Klonymus Kalman ben Moshe Rubner, on Sunday, Dec. 15
18 KISLEV	Jeff Weiss for his mother, Magdalena Weiss, on Monday, Dec. 16
18 KISLEV	Carol Strickoff for her mother, Rochel bat Yehuda Yitzchak, on Monday, Dec. 16
19 KISLEV	Oded Ben-Arie for his mother, Rivka Yaakov, on Tuesday, Dec. 17
20 KISLEV	Lois Rosengarten for her grandmother, Sarah Leah Dworkin, on Wednesday, Dec. 18
20 KISLEV	Marty Lieberman for his father, Aron Lieberman, on Wednesday, Dec. 18
21 KISLEV	Murray Laulich for his grandmother, Leah Grunfeld, on Thursday, Dec. 19
22 KISLEV	Alex Spira for his father, Avraham Spira, on Friday, Dec. 20
22 KISLEV	Robert Frankel for his mother, Rachel Frankel, on Friday, Dec. 20
22 KISLEV	Ann Kwiat for her mother, Yeshua Bat Moshia, on Friday, Dec. 20
22 KISLEV	Gloria Sterental for her mother-in-law, Mery Sterental, on Friday, Dec. 20
22 KISLEV	Amy Benishai for her father, Donald Lapidus, on Friday, Dec. 20
22 KISLEV	Alexander Berkovitch for his father, Moshe Berkovitch, on Friday, Dec. 20

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#### **Important Message from a Member:**

Unfortunately, my kidneys are failing and I need a live donor transplant as quickly as possible. Please share my story and help me find the kidney donor who will save my life. Please visit and direct any potential donors (must have A or O blood type) to my website <https://akidneyforallan.com>. Also, I ask that you follow and share my social media pages with your friends and ask them to share. Casting as wide a net as possible is essential to finding a donor. Your help and prayers are gratefully appreciated. I look forward to speaking under better circumstances.

With much gratitude, **Allan Krieger**

**Shabbat Dinner:** During the winter months, Shabbat Dinners are available for purchase at local area restaurants such as Kosh and Backyard BBQ, both on Harding Avenue.

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

**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](http://www.miamibeacheruv.com)

**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](mailto: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