



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Vayeshev, December 21, 2019

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein – rabbi@yicbh.org President Menno Ratzker

Kiddush is sponsored by Mali & Steve Schwartz in memory of Steve's father Jay Schwartz z"l whose yahrzeit is 24 Kislev; and in celebration of the birth of 2 grandchildren: Sophia Ivy Schames in July and Ari Jacob Herman in October; and in honor of the Glaubachs' transformational gift to NCSY and vision in creating the Shevat Glaubach Fellows.

Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Teves
Rosh Chodesh will be next Shabbos and Sunday
Light 1st Chanukah candle this Sunday night

וישאלהו האיש לאמר מה תבקש

The man asked him, saying, "what do you seek?"

Bereishis 37:15

The word לאמר, which is usually translated as "saying", is more correctly translated as "to say", meaning the person is to repeat the communication. How does this interpretation fit into the above verse, which would then read, "A man asked him to say "what do you seek?" The Kotzker Rebbe cites the Midrash that the "man" whom Yosef spoke to was the Angel Gabriel. The series of events that were to follow – Yosef being sold into slavery by his brothers; being tempted by a seductress; being unjustly imprisoned in a dungeon; and finally becoming viceroy of the Egyptian empire – would be enough to bring out the absolute worst in a person. These events could have easily elicited hatred, rebellion against G-d, lust, resentment and vanity. Gabriel provided Yosef with a principle that would enable him to maintain his spirituality and not be corrupted by these challenges. The magic formula was for him to constantly ask himself "what is it that I seek?" When a person has a singlemindedness of purpose, he is unlikely to be distracted or deterred from pursuing his goal even by major upsets. Incidents that can produce moral degeneracy are less likely to affect a person who has a clearly defined purpose in life

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:16PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	5:20PM
Shabbos	
Talmud Shiur	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:10PM
Mincha	4:55PM
Havdalah	6:19PM

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 5:25PM

Next Fri Candle Lighting 5:19PM



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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and is dedicated toward fulfillment of that purpose. If we find ourselves responding to the trials of life with less than desirable character traits, we might ask ourselves, do we have a specific goal in our lives or perhaps we are drifting rather than steering? The Angel's advice to Yosef is one we should heed ourselves, again and again – what is it that we seek? The proper answer to this repetitious question should determine not only the course of our lives, but also our reactions to various challenges to our spirituality.

(Sefer: Living Each Week)

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

YIBH welcomes NCSY for its partnership weekend. This Shabbos, 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.

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.

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.

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.

**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



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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.
- Mondays at 7:30PM – Class on Parsha of the week by Rabbi Yaacov Laredo, Director of the Miami Torah Center. **No class this week.**
- Tuesday class will resume Jan 14 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.
- 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.
- Tuesday Dec 31 at 7:00PM – For Young Professionals - “Meat” the Torah with food for thought. An evening of fascinating Torah topics in Jewish thought and philosophy followed by a great barbecue and a walk to the beach to see the fireworks. **Please RSVP to Jonathan Gerszberg.** This past Wednesday was sponsored by an anonymous donor in the merit that Miriam Yafit bat Sarah & Avraham ben Tema may be blessed with their deepest heart’s desires; by Zushie Litkowski in honor of the 49th yahrzeit of his grandfather, Shimon ben Yisroel and by Jody Benyunes for the continued safety of his IDF unit, Sayeret Golani.
- Shabbos Jan 3-4, 2020 – Scholar in Residence Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body on international and national concerns for 52 national Jewish organizations. **Please make your dinner reservations.**
- Every Wednesday, starting Jan 8 at 11:30AM – Lunch & Learn for men & women – Topic on the parsha of the week by Rabbi Gruenstein.
- 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. **Please RSVP to** florence@yicbh.org or yakira@yicbh.org with your response.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week’s Seudah Shlishit is co-sponsored by Helen & Menno Ratzker in honor of Adam Ratzker, their great grandson’s first visit to Florida. and by Golda & Martin Jacobs in memory of Marty’s mother, Tzippa Bas Moshe Yaacov z”l, whose yahrzeit is 28 Kislev.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Professor Martin Rudner z”l, brother of our esteemed member Bonnie Spira.
- A warm welcome to our new members Jacobo Milgram and Nancy & Albert Friedberg.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

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Yahrzeits December 21 – December 27, 2019

24 KISLEV	Steve Schwartz for his father, Jay Schwartz, on Sunday, Dec. 22
28 KISLEV	Martin Jacobs for his mother, Celia Jacobs, on Thursday, Dec. 26
28 KISLEV	Jack Benishai for his mother, Bella Benishai, on Thursday, Dec. 26
29 KISLEV	Jerry Gontownik for his father, Avraham Gontownik, on Friday, Dec. 27
29 KISLEV	Miriam Lisbon for her mother, Frieda, on Friday, Dec. 27

Please report any errors or omissions to Steve Schwartz at stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com

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>

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

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