



# Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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**Parshas Vayechi, December 22, 2018**

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein – [rabbi@yicbh.org](mailto:rabbi@yicbh.org) President Menno Ratzker

**Kiddush sponsored by Elliot & Devorah Gibber in honor of the community.**

**Last weeks early minyan kiddush was sponsored by Yaakov & Chana Fish. This week's early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi & Rena Gruenstein in honor of the early minyan.**

**We welcome the dynamic singing duo Rabbi Josh Alpert and Eric Freeman for the NCSY Shabbaton.**

**ועתה שא נא לפשע עבדי אלוקי אביך ויבך יוסף בדברם אליו**

**“So now, please forgive the spiteful deeds of the servants of your father's G-d.” And Yosef cried when they spoke to him.  
Bereishis 50:17**

When Yaakov passed away, the brothers appealed to Yosef to forgive them for the years of misery and suffering they had caused him. Their plea stressed the word **ועתה** (so now) which meant to convey that after Yaakov's death there was an added reason for Yosef to forgive them. After a father's passing, the children should look for ways to honor his memory and earn him continued merit in the world of truth. The brothers appealed to Yosef not to take revenge on them, which would tear apart the unity of the family and cause Yaakov great pain in the world of truth. People would say that as great as Yaakov was, he failed to educate his children to live in peace and harmony with one another. The bitter feelings that were hidden under the surface when he was alive erupted into open hatred upon his death. What could be a bigger disgrace to the memory of Yaakov then that? When Yosef heard this, he burst into tears that the brothers could suspect him of such a thing. There is a great lesson here for all of us. When a parent passes away, the children look for ways to do things **לעילוי נשמתו** (to elevate the soul). They plan a Siyum or donate Sefarim to the local Shul or Yeshiva, maybe start a Gemach (free loan fund) and so on. All these are

## Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:16PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	5:20PM
Shabbos	
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:10PM
Mincha	4:50PM
Havdalah	6:20PM

## Weekday

### Shacharis

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

### Mincha

Sun-Thu	5:25PM
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**Next Friday Candle Lighting  
5:20PM**



**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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wonderful ways to bring a parent spiritual merit in the next world. Yet the greatest respect and nachas children can give a parent after they are gone is to live in peace and harmony among themselves. That is the greatest Aliyas Neshama for them, for it is a testimony to the fact that the parents raised children who are true “Mentchin” which is the greatest accolade a person can aspire to.

*Sefer- Emrei Cohen*

**Have an inspiring Shabbos!**  
**Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein**

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Annual Dinner this year will be on **Sunday, March 3, 2019.**

**Our Guests of Honor will be our own**

**Rabbi and Rebbetzin Gruenstein**

**and we will also pay tribute to all of our past presidents.**

#### Upcoming Scholar-In-Residence Shabbatons – Save the Dates

**January 25-26: Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi Dr. Dovid Katz, Rav of Congregation Beth Abraham, Baltimore.**

**February 22-23: Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, Rav of Kehillat Nitzanim, Baka, Jerusalem. Formerly Rabbi of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, Tennessee.**

**Shabbaton brochures to follow.**

#### Upcoming Lectures

- **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – Rabbi Zecharia Walerstein**
- **Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – Rabbi Eli Mansour**
- **Wednesday, January 30, 20 – Achdus Lecture together with The Shul- Rabbi Shais Taub**
- **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – Rabbi Yissocher Frand**

**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 Now Available**

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent satin brass Yahrzeit Plaque for a dearly departed loved one on the newly installed automated Yahrzeit memorial displays in our main sanctuary, space is limited, so please fill out the form recently emailed as well as mailed to you and return to our office. If you have any questions, please speak to David Herman. To order a plaque online, please use the website [www.yiplaques.com](http://www.yiplaques.com).

**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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#### Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron Sunday-Friday after Shacharis.
- Talmud Class by Rabbi Gruenstein, Monday-Friday 6:30AM
- Father & Child program will be at 7:00PM Saturday night.
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra, at Young Israel (through January 14).
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser - Women only.
- Wednesdays at 8:00PM – weekly class on the book of Shmuel I for women. This week's Shiur will be held at the home of Freda Greenbaum 10185 Collins Ave. Apt.#520 Bal Harbour.
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos. A user-friendly shiur in the laws of Shabbos for men and women at the Young Israel upstairs.
- Sunday December 23. Debby and Bob Hartman invite all members for a lecture by Mrs. Vivien Hidary: The Story of Joseph, A blue print for Unity, 7:30pm. at: 10155 Collins Ave. Apt 810.

#### Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Elliot and Devorah Gibber in honor of the community.
- This week's early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein in honor of the early minyan. Last week's early minyan kiddush was sponsored by Yaakov & Chani Fish
- Seuda shlishit is sponsored by Freda Greenbaum in honor of the NCSY teen leadership.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Michael & Robbye Henesch.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Rabbi Moshe Epstein z"l beloved father of our esteemed member Juda Epstein.

#### Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to the following for their support of our new building fund, and for their additional donations:

- Andy and Basya Lowinger for their additional donation of \$25,000
- Jack and Susan Gluck for their additional donation of \$25,000 in memory of Stuart Harris z"l and Rabbi Simeon Schreiber z"l
- The Packer Family Foundation for their additional donation of \$18,000

Yasher Koach

#### Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Howard Barbanel, Shelly Lisbon, Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga, Effry Steinmetz (Ephraim ben Leah).

#### Youth Program

- Father and Child Motzei Shabbos with pizza and prizes starting at 7:15PM.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting on Mondays or attend via Skype please email [RabbiFried@YICBH.org](mailto:RabbiFried@YICBH.org)

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#### **Yahrzeits December 22 – December 28, 2018**

14 TEVET	Simon Truzman for his son, Joseph Yehudah Truzman, on Shabbos, Dec. 22
15 TEVET	Miriam Lisbon for her father, Shlomo ben Mayer, on Sunday, Dec. 23
15 TEVET	Pessia Frankel for her father, Moshe Alter, on Sunday, Dec. 23
15 TEVET	Max Dekelbaum for his grandfather-in-law, Meyer Schneider, on Sunday, Dec. 23
18 TEVET	Herman Berger for his father, Shlomo Berger, on Wednesday, Dec. 26
19 TEVET	Stanley Wasserman for his sister, Leatrice Salzverg, on Thursday, Dec. 27
20 TEVET	Sam Eltes for his father, Yaakov ben Yisrael, on Friday, Dec. 28

Please report any errors or omissions to the Young Israel office or email [stevenbarrschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:stevenbarrschwartz@gmail.com)

**LEARNING DEDICATION:** The beautiful Learning Dedication poster for 5779 is now on the north wall of the Bais Medrash. It includes the names of those that have sponsored learning for the year 5779 in our Young Israel as part of this year's Simchas Torah auction. Thank you to the following for their generosity:

Aaron & Tammy Attias	Andrew & Esther Bales	Jack & Amy Benishai
Bert & Sura Fried	Jerry & Anne Gontownik	Yoram & Yleana Izhak
Albert Lichy	Shopsie Schraga	Aaron & Susan Weinberg

Good news for the Jewish community came out of Gov.-elect DeSantis' education transition team. They called for broader school choice and individualizing education for students in their first meeting, which bodes well for Teach Florida's campaign for expanded scholarship funding in the 2019 legislative session. Show your support with our elected officials at Teach Florida's Legislative Breakfast on Sunday, January 13 at B'nai Torah in Boca Raton. Contact [teachflorida@teachcoalition.org](mailto:teachflorida@teachcoalition.org) or register at [www.teachcoalition.org/fl/breakfast](http://www.teachcoalition.org/fl/breakfast).



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#### **IF YOU ARE PLANNING A SIMCHA...**

Please note that all members or non-members planning to use our social hall for a private lunch on Shabbat or Yom Tov at the Young Israel will be able to have their private affair ONLY after our Congregants have finished their regular Shabbat or Yom Tov Kiddush in the FULL Social Hall.

Reservations for a Simcha, by members or non-members, will be on a first come basis and the date will be finalized once the deposit is provided. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

#### **E-mail communication**

When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to [yakira@vicbh.org](mailto:yakira@vicbh.org) NOT [yibh.org](mailto:yibh.org)  
The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is [florence@vicbh.org](mailto:florence@vicbh.org)

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

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