



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Vayetzei, December 7, 2019

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Kiddush this week is sponsored by Steve & Linda Rothschild commemorating the yahrzeit of Steve's father Eugene Rothschild z"l.

Early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Ashley & Elijah Salver in celebration of Elijah's Hebrew's birthday.

ותהר עוד ותלד בן ותאמר הפעם אודה את ה' על כן קראה שמו יהודה

She (Leah) conceived again and bore a son, and said: "This time I shall give thanks to G-d." Therefore, she called his name Yehuda. Bereishis 29:35

The Talmud (Brachos 7B) comments on this verse: from the day G-d created the world, no person ever gave thanks to G-d until Leah came along and said thank you. This insight from the Talmud is very perplexing. Did not Avraham thank the Al-mighty, and Noach also when he emerged from the ark (i.e, Noach brought sacrifices to G-d to give thanks)? Explains Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld in the name of the Ksav Sofer: True, others did thank G-d before Leah. However, these expressions of gratitude came about because of some miraculous event or salvation. What the Talmud means to say is that Leah was the first person to ever thank G-d for a mundane natural occurrence. There is nothing so out of the ordinary about giving birth to a child – especially after three other healthy children have already been born. Nevertheless, Leah saw fit to praise G-d for being the source of all that we call nature – for all the things in life we take for granted, which we expect and feel are coming to us, like health, livelihood, marriage, and nachas

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:11PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	5:15PM
Shabbos	
Talmud Shiur	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:15PM
Mincha	5:00PM
Havdalah	6:14PM

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	5:15PM
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Next Fri Candle Lighting 5:13PM



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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from children and grandchildren. However, the truth is that we are not really entitled to any of these gifts and it is only through the abundant mercy of the Al-mighty that He chooses to bestow upon us these gifts of life. Leah teaches us the simple, but often forgotten, credo of life which is: don't take anything for granted. Appreciate every moment you have. That's why we are called Yehudim, after Yehuda. We are not called Reuvanim or Shimonim because the Jew's essence is to be thankful. That is why for us, every day is Thanksgiving Day.

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

You will be receiving your account statement shortly. 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.

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.
- 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.
- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:00PM – “Meat” the Torah with food for thought. An evening of fascinating Torah topics in Jewish thought and Halacha. **Please RSVP to Jonathan Gerszberg – weyfarer2@aol.com**
- Motzei Shabbos Dec 7, 7:45PM – YICBH Youth presents Movie Night: Aladdin 2019.
- Monday Dec 9, 7:30PM – Class on Parsha of the week by Rabbi Yaacov Laredo, Director of the Miami Torah Center.
- Shabbos Dec 13-14 – Shabbaton for Young Professionals and Friday night Carlebach minyan. Guest speaker: Rabbi Ari Bensoussan. Cost for dinner: \$50/person, maximum \$110 per family. **Please RSVP to yakira@yicbh.org.**
- Shabbos Dec 20-21 – NCSY Shabbaton. **Please save the date.**
- Sunday Dec 29 – 12PM to 2PM – Young Israel Chanukah party. **Please save the date.**
- Shabbos Jan 3-4, 2020 – Scholar in Residence Malcolm Hoenlein. **Please save the date.**

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazel Tov to Ellen & Stanley Wasserman on the birth of 2 new great grandsons during November – Elisha Yehuda on Nov 1, and Dovid Meir on Nov 12. Mazel tov to grandparents Anne & Mark Wasserman.
- Mazel Tov to Nechama & Asher Lieber on the birth of a great grandson born in Israel. Mazel Tov to their daughter Ricki Lieber Simon.
- Mazel Tov to Alexander & Rachel Rindner on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to grandparents Shelley Rindner and Ira & Marsha Sussman, to great grandparents Elias Sussman and Zelda Rosenthal and to all the excited aunts, uncles and cousins.
- Mazel Tov to Jayne Shapiro on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Gaby & Danny Shapiro.
- Thank you to Kayla Friedman and Mali Schwartz for a very successful Violins of Hope event.
- Thank you to Amy Benishai and Judy Farbman for the amazing Sisterhood annual holiday boutique.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Grand Rabbi & Rebbetzin Korff; Zach & Miryam Knafo Schapira.

Building Fund

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Andy and Basya Lowinger for their generous donation of \$10,000 to our Building Fund to help build our new Handicap Ramp.
- Our deep thanks and gratitude to an Anonymous donor for their generous donation of \$25,000 to our Building Fund to help build our new Handicap Ramp.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

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Yahrzeits December 7 – December 13, 2019

9 KISLEV	Lazer & Ziporah Milstein for their son, Betzalel Binyamin Milstein, on Shabbos, Dec. 7
9 KISLEV	Charlotte Roth for her mother, Doris Amster, on Shabbos, Dec. 7
9 KISLEV	Greta Hirmes for her sister, Meris Rindner, on Shabbos, Dec. 7
10 KISLEV	Gerald Wolf for his father, Samuel Wolf, on Sunday, Dec. 8
10 KISLEV	Charlotte Roth for her father, Arthur Amster, on Sunday, Dec. 8
11 KISLEV	Sam Eltes for his son, Moshe Nissan Eltes, on Monday, Dec. 9
12 KISLEV	David Herman for his father, Chaim Henoach Herman, on Tuesday, Dec. 10
12 KISLEV	Etella Marcovici for her mother, Malina Lebovits, on Tuesday, Dec. 10
13 KISLEV	Leon Brum for his mother, Elka Brum, on Wednesday, Dec. 11
13 KISLEV	Stanley Reiter for his brother, Nathaniel Reiter, on Wednesday, Dec. 11
13 KISLEV	Stanley Reiter for his mother, Katherine Reiter, on Wednesday, Dec. 11
15 KISLEV	Lois Rosengarten for her father, Jack Fishman, on Friday, Dec. 13
15 KISLEV	Roselyn Weitzner for her mother, Lilly Heller, on Friday, Dec. 13

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

Important Message from a Member:

Dear Friends and Family:

I hope this note finds you well. Unfortunately, I am writing with the devastating news that my kidneys are failing and will require a live donor transplant as quickly as possible. I am now asking for your help: By sharing my story, you can 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