



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Mikeitz, December 8, 2018

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Shabbos Chanukah & Shabbos Rosh Chodesh

As we celebrate and observe this beautiful and inspiring Shabbos Chanukah together, let us remind ourselves of what the Chanukah message is all about. Chanukah was a time of dangerous assimilation for the Jewish people. We were immersed in Greek culture and society, and it was having a devastating effect on our people. Along came a band of a few committed Jews who were ready to fight to the death to keep Torah and Mitzvos, and thank G-d they were successful. They reignited the passion of Judaism within our nation, rededicated the Temple and helped stem the spiritual tsunami that threatened our people. Chanukah is an excellent time for us to reevaluate our commitment and devotion to our faith. It is a time to be introspective and reflective and ask ourselves some serious questions about our connection to Judaism. Question 1 – do I truly believe that our Torah is a Toras emes (that the Torah is absolutely true)? Do I believe that the written law and oral law are G-d's word? Question 2 – do I believe that our Torah is a Toras chaim (a Torah of life)? Meaning that living a Torah-observant lifestyle is the best thing that ever happened to me. Do I feel thrilled and privileged to be an orthodox Jew? And finally Question 3 – do I believe that we are the Am Hanivchar (the chosen people)? Which means that we, the Jewish people, have a special and unique relationship with G-d, more so than anyone else. That we, the Jewish people, have a special mission and purpose in this world, different than anyone else. It is crucial that we be able to answer yes to these three questions, and also be capable to articulate our

Shabbos

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

Weekday

Shacharis

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

Mincha

Sun-Thu	5:15PM
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**Next Friday 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 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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feelings and ideas to our children and grandchildren as to why these three principles are indispensable to living an orthodox way of life. We in America are reliving the Chanukah experience. It's a time of unprecedented and rampant assimilation where pleasure and more pleasure and just having a good time is the credo of life. So, if we want to raise future generations to be committed to a Torah way of life, then we must strengthen ourselves in these three principles of Jewish living: that we have a Toras emes, a Toras chaim and that yes, we are the chosen people, and we are proud of it. And hopefully through our actions and deeds we show the world that we are worthy of that title. Let the merit of the festival of lights bring us the great light of Moshiach and redemption of our people speedily in our days.

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

December 14-15: Young Professionals Shabbaton with Rabbi Benzion Shafier

December 21-22: NCSY Shabbaton.

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

- **Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – Rabbi Dovid Orlofsky**
- **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – Rabbi Zecharia Walerstein**
- **Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – Rabbi Eli Mansour**

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.

Community Chanukah party, Sunday December 9, 2018 2:30PM-5:00PM

2:30-4:00pm: Delicious Food & Chanukah treats catered by Yaakov Mizrahi's Elegant Catering

Special Guest Musician

Children's Chanukah Character Show

Candle-making Workshop

4:00-5:00pm: Mentalist/Magician/Illusionist show by the famous Coby Elimelech flying in from Toronto, Canada!

Followed by Mincha, Menorah Lighting & Maariv

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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). **NO CLASS THIS WEEK- will resume Monday December 17.**
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser - Women only. Starts December 11, 2018.
- 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 Elana Szafranski 9517 Byron Ave.
- 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.
- Thursday, December 13, 2018 11:30AM – The YI Congregation Sisterhood presents “A Virtual Rosh Chodesh Lunch ‘n Learn”, sponsored by Helen Ratzker and Miriam Greenblat.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush sponsored by Yoram & Yleana Izhak.
- Early minyan Kiddush sponsored by Jerry and Ann Gontownik commemorating the 19th yahrzeit of Jerry's father Avraham ben Rav Yosef Halevi Gontownik z"l.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Tuvia & Gitty Rothschild.

Building Fund

Please pay your Building Fund pledge as soon as possible. We would like to pay off our Building Fund loan obligation to the bank to avoid paying continued loan interest.

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

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.

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Yahrzeits December 8 – December 14, 2018

1 TEVET	Maxine Jacobson for her mother, Chaya Sarah Sadie Neamtan, on Sunday, Dec. 9
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2 TEVET	Audrey Rubner for her father, Pinchas Aryeh ben Yaakov Krakovits, on Monday, Dec. 10
3 TEVET	Andrew Lowinger for his brother, Brother, on Tuesday, Dec. 11
4 TEVET	Miriam Greenblatt for her mother, Poyla Bas Yosef Gunzenhauser, on Wednesday, Dec. 12
4 TEVET	Lawrence Jaffe for his uncle, Samuel Graw, on Wednesday, Dec. 12
5 TEVET	Mark Soloway for his father, Lewis Soloway, on Thursday, Dec. 13
5 TEVET	Max Dekelbaum for his father-in-law, Jack Schneider, on Thursday, Dec. 13

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



Search for Young Israel of Bal Harbour

Great news for school choice: State Senator Manny Diaz was appointed as chair of the Florida Senate Education Committee. As an ardent supporter of school choice, he has been a strong supporter of our issues in the past and will be a great advocate for school choice legislation in the upcoming session. Meet and thank your elected officials on January 13 at our annual legislative breakfast. Register at www.teachadvocacy.org/florida/breakfast or email teachflorida@teachcoalition.org to get involved.

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@yicbh.org NOT yibh.org
The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is florence@yicbh.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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