



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Ki Sisa, February 23, 2019

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**Welcome to our Scholar-In-Residence, Rabbi Shai Finkelstein
(see Shabbaton schedule page 2)**

וירא העם כי בושש משה לרדת מן ההר.....ויאמרו אליו קום עשה לנו אלוקים
אשר ילכו לפנינו כי זה משה האיש אשר העלנו מארץ מצרים לא ידענו מה
לו **Shemos 32:1** היה לו

The Torah at this point is discussing one of the most tragic events in Jewish history – the sin of the golden calf. It's beyond human comprehension how the Jewish people could fall so precipitously from the highest of spiritual heights – after seeing so many miracles and hearing the voice of G-d – to the lowest of lows and sinning with the golden calf. The answer as to how this can happen can be found in the Midrash which Rashi brings. The Midrash states that when Moshe did not return at the moment they expected, the Jewish people started to worry that something happened to their great leader. Then Satan fooled them and conjured up a vision of the body of Moshe Rabbeinu floating in the air, seemingly dead. The Jewish people panicked, became confused and depressed. In this emotional state, a person can be vulnerable to radical degeneration. This may be over-simplified, but it is the answer to our question. How could the Jewish people fall from such greatness so quickly? When a person is in a state of sadness and despondency, anything can happen, and at such a time a person would be well advised not to make any important decisions until the somber mood has been lifted. The credo of living life b'simcha (joy) is not only a healthy one, but it is the only way a person can make proper life decisions.

Shabbos

Candle Lighting 6:00PM
Mincha/Kabbalas 6:05PM
Shabbos
Talmud Sotah 8:15AM
Early Minyan 8:00AM
Shacharis 9:00AM

**Shiur with Rabbi Finkelstein
4:55PM**

**Mincha 5:40PM followed by
Seuda Shlishit for Men and
Women**

Havdalah 7:04PM

Weekday

Talmud Shiur 6:15AM

Daf Yomi

Sun-Fri after 7:00AM Minyan

Shacharis

Sunday 8:00AM

Mon-Fri 7:00/8:00AM

Mincha

Sun-Thurs 6:10PM

Next Fri Candle Lighting 6:04PM



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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When one is in a state of melancholy, one's perspective is so altered that it can lead to dangerous situations very quickly. It is not a coincidence that Parshas Ki Sisa follows Purim (this year, Purim Katan), our greatest day of simcha. For it is through joy, a positive and confident attitude in life, that we get the strength to navigate the challenges we all face. We hope and pray that the Almighty infuse us with this elixir of life called simcha. As we say in Havdalah every Saturday night (which is taken from Megilas Esther) ליהודים היתה אורה ושמחה וששון ויקר , "for the Jews, there was light, happiness, joy and honor." So may it be for us.

Have an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER IS A WEEK FROM SUNDAY!

Thank you to all who supported this year's Annual Journal Dinner.

This is our most successful dinner ever!

**Due to the overwhelming response,
we are booked to capacity and
dinner reservations are now closed.**

**2019 Annual Journal Dinner Honoring
Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein**

Paying tribute to all our past Presidents:

**Leon Brum, Daniel Courtney, Max Dekelbaum, Jack Gluck,
Morris Kaplan, David Kwiat, Shelly Lisbon, Aaron Weinberg**

Shabbaton Schedule

Friday Night: Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos 6:05PM followed by dinner and Rabbi Shai Finkelstein lecture. Topic: "Lessons of Leadership from Megilas Esther."

Shabbos Morning: Rabbi Finkelstein's Drasha: "How to Create Eternity in a Fast Pace Reality" approximately 10:30 AM.

Shabbos Afternoon: Shiur by Rabbi Finkelstein at 4:55PM: "Israel S.W.O.T. – Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats."

Mincha: 5:40PM, followed by Seuda Shlishis for men and women. Question and Answer Session with Rabbi Finkelstein.

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

- Saturday night 7:40PM – Father & Child program.
- 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
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser – for women only.
- Wednesday February 27th-8:00PM Women's Navi class. This week at the home of Miriam Wiener 128 Camden Dr. Bal Harbour, FL 33154
- Lunch and Learn – Three part series on Megillas Esther and the true meaning of Purim and its laws by Rabbi Gruenstein starting Monday March 4th at 11:30AM.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week's kiddush is co-sponsored by Yaakov & Claudia Allouche in honor of their daughter Chana's Bat Mitzvah; by Ronald & Rachel Benveniste and Jared & Tami Plitt in honor of Jack Benveniste's birthday; and by Aaron & Susan Weinberg in honor of several Weinberg family birthdays.
- Mazal Tov to Anne & Jerry Gontownik on the birth of their grandson. Mazal Tov to the parents Ari & Shira Gontownik.
- A warm welcome to our new members Jodi & Jeffrey Harris.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Shelly Lisbon, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- Father and child Motzei Shabbos with pizza and prizes starting at 7:40PM.
- 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 February 23 -March 1, 2019

19 ADAR I Linda Salzhauer for her father, Binyamin, on Sunday, Feb. 24
20 ADAR I Menno Ratzker for his father, Shimon Zev Ratzker, on Monday, Feb. 25
24 ADAR I Rachel Neuman for her husband, Cyrus A. Neuman, on Friday, Mar. 1

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

HOLD THE DATE

**Tasting of Israeli Wines & Hors d' oeuvres March 19th at 7:30pm
to benefit the Kosher Food Bank of South Florida.**

Please see Shelley or Eddie Senker for more information.

Gov. DeSantis is asking the FL Legislature to create a new state-funded equal opportunity scholarship program for low-income and working-class families who elect to send their children to nonpublic schools. The Legislature is now working to draft legislation for the ESA, and Teach Florida is advocating for the broadest program possible. Your vocal support will be critical as the legislative process continues.

Email teachflorida@teachcoalition.org for more information.

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

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please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203 or Max Dekelbaum (240) 832-5054

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