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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Yisro, February 3, 2018

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שם האחד גרשום כי אמר גר הייתי בארץ נכריה

The name of the first was Gershom because he said, “I was a stranger in a strange land.” Shemos 18:3

Both of Moshe’s sons were named as reminders of the trials and tribulations he had experienced during his lifetime. The name of the first son was Gershom, “because I was stranger in a strange land.” The name of the other was Eliezer because “the L-rd of my father helped and saved me from Pharaoh’s sword.” The Pardes Yosef explains that Moshe wanted to ensure that his children grew up with a sense of reality. Growing up in the relatively calm environment of Midian, they could have easily developed a false sense of security. What were these children lacking? They lived with parents in comfort and peace. They had grandparents. They were respected and honored, but in life there are no guarantees. Jewish children have to be prepared. They have to be aware that they are in exile, that persecution, hunger and chaos can appear suddenly out of nowhere. By choosing these names for his children, Moshe was reinforcing this message in their hearts. “Look at me,” he was saying. “I used to be a Prince in Pharaoh’s palace. I had everything imaginable. I was a child of privilege. Then everything changed and I had to flee for my life. And if the

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:47PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	5:50PM
Shabbos	5:50PM
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Gemara Sota	8:15AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:45PM
Mincha	5:35PM
Havdalah	6:51PM

Weekday

Shacharis

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

Mincha

Sun-Thurs	5:55PM
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The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

Jack and Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z"l and Nicholas Brecher z"l;

Stuart Harris in honor of Penny Harris; and

Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z"l and

Morris & Nellie Fischer z"l.

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“L-rd of my father had not rescued me, Pharaoh's executioner would have killed me!” Here in America we also live under the illusion that we are no longer in exile. This is truly a wonderful country, and a merciful, and blessed country, and yet there are no guarantees. The Talmud (Bava Basra 73B) tells us the story of a group of great Rabbis who were traveling on a boat and they saw what looked to be an island. They got off the boat and stepped onto this supposed island. They baked and cooked, but when it got too hot they realized what they thought was an island was actually a gigantic fish, and it rolled over and they fell off. Had they not been close to the boat they would have drowned. According to the Maharsha (one of the great commentaries of the Talmud), this story is a parable. We all are adrift in the stormy sea of exile, and suddenly we see an island. We think we have found a safe haven, we cook and bake and buy nice houses. We raise families and have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and everything is fine. And we say, “We are no longer in exile.” The island then turns over and we realize we have been sitting on top of a monster fish – now we will be fortunate if we can just escape with our lives and not drown in the sea of our exile. The Jewish people should know the lesson of history better than anyone else. No matter how good things are it can always change and therefore we should never be complacent. *Sefer: Rav Frand*

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

PLANNING A SIMCHA?

In order to avoid any conflicts, please book
the social hall well in advance of your simcha.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP

**This Year's Annual Young Israel Gala Dinner honoring
HELEN & MENNO RATZKER
will be at 6:00pm on Sunday February 18, 2018
in our beautiful social hall.**

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Classes and Upcoming Events

- Father & Child learning on Motzei Shabbos starting at 7:00PM with pizza and special prizes.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Mondays at 11:30AM – Lunch & Learn by Rabbi Gruenstein.
- Mondays 8:00PM-9:00PM – Beis Midrash learning with Yeshivah Toras Chaim. 30 young Talmudic scholars will be available to learn with anyone in our community.
- Thursdays 10:00AM-12:00PM – Women's class with Rebbetzin Baumann.
- Every Tuesday, 40 Min before Mincha Shiur by Jonathan Attias on Mesilas Yescharim.
- Sunday, February 11- 10:00AM beginning a 3 part series for young adults on inspiring ourselves to inspire our children. Breakfast and babysitting available.
- **Save the Date: February 23 – Young Couples Friday night dinner**
- Save the Date: Thursday March 1 – Purim Seudah.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by Stuart and Penny Harris in memory of Stuart's sister, Esther David; and by Jonathan Gerszberg in memory of his father Shep Gerszberg, Shabsai ben Shlomo z"l, whose 30th yearzeit was last week.
- Mazal Tov to Ellen & Stanley Wasserman on the birth of a great granddaughter, Tehila Miriam, born to their grandchildren Zahava & Aaron Sieratzki. Mazel Tov to Tehila's sister, Shaina Malka, to grandparents, Dr. Mark & Anne Wasserman, and to all the uncles, aunts and cousins.

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: Allen Packer, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Minnie Schraga; Shlomo Mayer, and Miriam Greenblatt.

Youth Program

- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please check for weekly 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.

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Yahrzeits Feb. 3 – Feb. 9, 2018

19 SH'VAT	Max Dekelbaum for his mother, Ida Dekelbaum, on Sunday, Feb. 4
19 SH'VAT	Shabtai Plutno for his mother, Liza Plutno, on Sunday, Feb. 4
21 SH'VAT	Sally Muschel for her husband, Bernard Muschel, on Tuesday, Feb. 6
22 SH'VAT	Reine Fiss for her husband, Roger Fiss, on Wednesday, Feb. 7
23 SH'VAT	Jay Novetsky for his grandfather, Zeyde, on Thursday, Feb. 8

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The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is florence@vicbh.org

Community notice

Motion activated lights were installed in the pedestrian crosswalk at Collins Avenue and 99th Street. Use of this crosswalk should be avoided on Shabbos and Yom Tov as the lights are motion activated and are turned on as pedestrians cross Collins Avenue.

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies' sections during services.
Please use side doors to enter and exit Sanctuary after 10:00 AM.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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