



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Yisro, January 26, 2019

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This week's Kiddush is co-sponsored by Marvin & Matilda Anhalt, Shimmy & Devora Gardyn, Bob & Debbie Hartman, and Alex & Ann Lebowitz; early minyan Kiddush is co-sponsored by Fred & Judy Farbman, and Dr. Martin & Shaynee Kessler (see page 3 for more details).

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

שם האחד גרשם 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 the 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 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 tells us (Bava Basra 733B) 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

Shabbos

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| Candle Lighting | 5:41PM |
| Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos | 5:45PM |
| Talmud Sotah | 8:15AM |
| Shacharis | 8:00/9:00AM |
| Shiur with Rabbi Katz | 4:25PM |
| Mincha 5:10PM followed by Seudah Shlishis for Men & Women | |

Havdalah 6:44PM

Weekday

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| 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 | 5:50PM |
| Next Friday Candle Lighting 5:46PM | |



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 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 Marsha (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 better than anyone else the lesson of history. No matter how good things are, it can always change and therefore we should never be complacent.

Sefer: Rabbi Yissocher Frand

Have an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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

Guests of Honor

Rabbi Moshe and Rena Gruenstein

Paying tribute to our past presidents:

Daniel Courtney, Max Dekelbaum, Jack Gluck,

Morris Kaplan, David Kwiat, Shelly Lisbon, Aaron Weinberg,

Invitations have been mailed – please respond to the call to support our shul.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year – please give generously!

Shabbaton Schedule

Friday Night: Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos 5:45PM followed by Dinner. Rabbi Katz's first lecture will be during dinner. **Topic:** "Whose Truth? The Ironic Story of How the Jews Won a 600-Year-Long Battle Against the Egyptians over what Really Happened on the Original Passover."

Shabbos Morning: Rabbi Katz's Drasha on Parshas Hashavua, approximately 10:30 AM

Shabbos Afternoon Shiur by Rabbi Katz at 4:25PM: "Have We Been Here Before? The Current Division in the Jewish World in Light of the History of the Jewish People in the Second Temple Era."

Mincha: 5:10PM, followed by Seuda Shlishis for men and women. Question and Answer Session with Rabbi Katz.

Upcoming Scholar-in-Residence/Lectures

- **Tue, Feb 12 – Rabbi Yissocher Frand**
- **Feb 22-23 – Second Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton:** Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, Rav of Kehillat Nitzanim, Baka, Jerusalem. Formerly Rabbi of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, Tennessee.

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 7:15PM – 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
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra, at Young Israel.
- Tuesdays 2-3PM – 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. **No class this week**
- **Wednesday January 30, 8:00PM – Achdus Lecture together with The Shul of Bal Harbour – Rabbi Shais Taub.**
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – Weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos.
- Shabbat February 2, Rabbi Kalman Samuels, Founder of Shalva, an organization in Israel that is dedicated to help children with special needs., will be speaking during Seuda Shlishit.
- Monday February 4, 1pm-6pm – Annual boutique – Sisterhood of YIBH.
- Tuesday February 5, 8PM – National Council of Young Israel Youth Forum “Rocking the cradle...our youth in the current environment.”
- Thursday February 7, 10AM-6:00PM Sisterhood exclusive Trunk Show at Oceana, Bal Harbour 10203 Collins Avenue-private room.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week's kiddush is co-sponsored by Marvin & Matilda Anhalt commemorating the yahrzeit of Marvin's father Elazar ben Shalom Levi z"l; by Shimmy & Devora Gardyn in honor of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Katz; by Bob & Debbie Hartman in honor of the birth of their GREAT grandson Meir Baruch Kanowitz and the company of our children and grandchildren this Shabbos, Mark and Penina Hartman and sons; and by Alex & Ann Lebowitz commemorating the yahrzeit of Alex's father מאיר בן אלימלך הלוי.
- This week's early minyan kiddush is co-sponsored by Judy and Fred Farbman for the yahrzeit of his father Izak Farbman, יצחק בן משה הכהן; and by Shaynee and Marty Kessler for the yahrzeit of her mother Esther Hammerman, Esther bat R'Chaim Yosef z"l.
- Last week's early minyan kiddush was sponsored by Seymour & Carol Pinewski in honor of Buzz and Elizabeth Mayer moving in to our community.
- Sunday January 27, A lavish breakfast will be served after the 8:00AM minyan in memory of the yahrzeit of Al G. Brown (Eliyahu Gedaylia ben Yeruchim Fishel z"l). Special guest speaker Rav Yaakov Gross rosh kollel of the Miami Beach community Kollel sponsored by Golda Brown and family.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Rena Gruenstein on the birth of a new granddaughter. Mazal Tov to the proud parents Estie & Avi Binyamin.
- Mazal Tov to Todd Stock & Tina Svetkova on the birth of a baby boy.
- A warm welcome to our new members Stephen & Eve Milstein.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

Youth Program

- 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

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Yahrzeits January 26 – February 1, 2019

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| 21 SH'VAT | Sally Muschel for her husband, Bernard Muschel, on Sunday, Jan. 27 |
| 22 SH'VAT | Reine Fiss for her husband, Roger Fiss, on Monday, Jan. 28 |
| 23 SH'VAT | Jay Novetsky for his grandfather on Tuesday, Jan. 29 |
| 25 SH'VAT | Rose Leventhal for her father, Avraham, on Thursday, Jan. 31 |
| 25 SH'VAT | Moish Tuchman for his mother, Mindel Tuchman, on Thursday, Jan. 31 |
| 25 SH'VAT | Freda Greenbaum for her mother, Anne Faiwlowicz, on Thursday, Jan. 31 |
| 26 SH'VAT | Alex Lebowitz for his father, Meir Lebowitz, on Friday, Feb. 1 |

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

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.

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.

**WIZO Florida CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF WIZO FLORIDA
GALA DINNER - Wednesday, February 6 – The Diplomat Beach Resort
Tickets: Ads+ Packages: WWW.WIZOOFL.ORG/GALA**

**The Holocaust Documentation & Education Center, Inc. presents
THE KURT WALDHEIM AFFAIR:
The Postwar World's Most Sensational Nazi Scandal featuring Eli Rosenbaum & Neal Sher.
Sunday, February 17, 2019 - 1:30PM-4:PM - 303 N. Federal Highway, Dania Beach, FL 33004
RSVP required to education@hdec.org or (954) 929-5690 X304**

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

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