We have no sponsor for Kiddush this week. If you want to sponsor this week’s Kiddush, please call the office and we will announce it in next week’s Shmooze News. This week’s early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Ricardo & Talia Berner commemorating the yahrzeit of Ricardo’s father Yehuda ben Abraham Tuvie z”l

Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Sivan
Rosh Chodesh will be Tuesday

“וְשָׁם עַשֶּׂה עַל הָאֵל בֵּיתֵי בַּעָזִּים יְמֵי יָעֹסְבִּים”
(Yirmiyahu 17:11 - Haftarah of Parshas Bechukosai)

As with almost all Haftoras, the Haftarah of Parshas Bechukosai complements the Parsha itself. In it, the prophet Jeremiah speaks very harshly as to what will befall the Jewish people if they don’t follow the Torah. This parallels the Tochacha which makes up the bulk of this week’s Parsha. Unfortunately, many times the mess that we find ourselves in is due to our own behavior. Much (not all) of the Tochacha of life many times is self-inflicted. Jeremiah speaks here of someone who steals and cheats because he thinks he will become rich and prosper. However, the prophet tells us otherwise – that one who amasses wealth unjustly will in the end not enjoy the fruit of his labors. There is a midrash which states that when Noach was preparing to enter the ark, all types of creatures came to him for permission to enter. Among them was Shikra (שִׁקר) (power of falsehood).
Noach asked him “but where is your mate? If you have a mate, you may enter! So Shikra went out and met Pachsa (power of depletion) which causes deterioration of one’s monetary resources and causes one to become impoverished. Pachsa agreed to the marriage on condition that whatever Shikra earned, Pachsa would get. Shikra agreed and they boarded the ark. Ever since then when Shikra would earn money (with of course Sheker), Pachsa would take it away from him and this is how it’s been since they got out of the ark. We, many times in life, are our own worst enemy, whether it’s ill-gotten gains, an explosive temper, a meddling and gossip-oriented personality, laziness, jealousy – you name it. As was said before, we very often create our own destiny, for, more often than not, it’s our fault, not G-d’s.

The antidote is

אם בוחותי, תלא
אם מצוותי נשמרת

Follow the Torah and do what’s right and your life will be a blessing.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

By now, each of you should have received a statement of your shul account balance. As you all know, we are now at the time of year when our shul cash flow primarily depends on having members and friends clearing balances that reflect prior pledges and commitments made. This is especially important now, given that the current fiscal year ends on July 31. As such, we ask all of you, our valued supporters, to please pay your balances at your earliest convenience. Your attention to this matter and your continued support are greatly appreciated.

Classes and upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Sunday-Friday after Shacharis – Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron
- Talmud Shiur – Mon-Fri - 6:20AM.
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpers – for women only.
- Save the date: Monday, December 2, 2019 – Violins of Hope – A premiere concert featuring an extraordinary collection of violins belonging to Jews during the Holocaust.
Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazel Tov to Helen and Menno Ratzker on the birth of a great grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents, Alex and Zachary Ratzker.
- Sunday June 2, breakfast after minyan in honor of Yom Yerushalayim
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Moschiach Ben Rachamim z"l, father of our esteemed member Mandyf Davoudpour.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allen Packer.

Youth Program

- Please see our Youth Shavuos Flyers including, new for this year - Shavuos Night program for older children.
- Father and Child learning will continue this week during a special Shalosh Seudos upstairs. There will be learning, ice cream, and prizes.
- We have recently launched a new Junior Congregation that starts each Shabbos at 10am. Youth that attend each week will be eligible to receive future tickets to either a Marlins, Heat, Dolphins or Panthers games.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night at 8pm. Please contact Rabbi Fried details.
- Any youth 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 Rabbi Fried.
- A program connecting Youth to spend time with Seniors in our community and learn from them launched a couple of months ago. Any Youth as well as Seniors still interested in signing up or for more information, please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org. All others are encouraged to submit/recommend names via email as well.

All night Learning 5779

- 11:30PM Applying the Brett Kavanaugh case to Jewish law.
- 12:30AM Talmud Yerushalmi -it’s history, methodology, and application
- 1:30AM Are self-driving cars kosher?
- 2:30AM Questions of life and death in the IDF
- 3:30AM Yona and the whale- a fishy story
Yahrzeits June 1 – June 7, 2019

28 IYAR  Esther Friedman for her father, Pinchos, on Sunday, June 2
28 IYAR  Susan Packer for her mother, Mary Arnoff Kaye, on Sunday, June 2
29 IYAR  Brent Levison for his mother, Chana Levison, on Monday, June 3
29 IYAR  Sam Eltes for his wife, Rivka bat Mordechai, on Monday, June 3
29 IYAR  Susan Packer for her father, Norman Kaye, on Monday, June 3
29 IYAR  Eve Milstein for her father, Shmuel Yosef ben Yitzchak, on Monday, June 3
1 SIVAN  Ricardo Berner for his father, Yehuda ben Avraham Tuvie, on Tuesday, June 4
2 SIVAN  Rose Schreiber for her husband, R. Simeon Schreiber, on Wednesday, June 5

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

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.

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State Representatives James Bush III and Patricia Williams visited Jewish day schools this week to see the tremendous impact state funding is having on our schools and families. Both Representatives voted for expanded state scholarship and security funding this past session. They expressed continued support for the programs moving forward. To arrange a school visit with your elected official email teachflorida@teachcoalition.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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