



Young Israel Congregation

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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Balak, June 30, 2018

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ויבא אלוהים אל בלעם ויאמר מי האנשים האלה עמך

G-d came to Bilam and said, “Who are these people with you?” (Bamidbar 22:9)

Rashi states that Bilam inferred from G-d’s question that there are things which are unknown to G-d, and therefore he would be able to curse the Jewish people without G-d being aware of it. Bilam was not a fool; the Talmud states that Bilam’s prophecy was akin to Moshe’s. How could someone with such great supernatural power be so stupid as to believe that he could conceal something from G-d? The Torah is teaching us a tremendous lesson, that even a wise person can commit the greatest of follies. History is filled with incidents of smart people who did very foolish things. Invariably this is due to some personal desire or some prejudice which so paralyzes logical thinking that one’s wisdom does not prevent the foolish decision.

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:25/7:58PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	7:00PM
Shabbos	7:00PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM

No Talmud Sotah Shiur

Shacharis	8:00/9:00AM
Shiur	6:55PM
Mincha	7:45PM
Havdalah	9:01PM

Fast of 17th of Tammuz Sunday.

Fast starts 5:13AM

Fast ends 8:55PM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon – Fri	7:00 AM/8:00AM
Wed July 4 th only	8:00AM

Mincha

Sunday	7:55PM
Mon-Fri	8:05PM



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
Morris & Nellie Fischer z"l.

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This is what King Solomon meant when he said (Proverbs 3:5) "Do not rely on your wisdom". Bilam was so consumed with hatred of the Jewish people that his rational judgment was suspended; causing him to think that he could fool G-d. The only safeguard against such folly is to have a good friend whose counsel one can seek. This confidant need not necessarily be wiser than oneself, because what is required is the advice of an objective observer whose judgment is not affected by one's personal agenda.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT, and we ask each family that has an outstanding balance to clear your account as soon as possible. The end of our Shul's fiscal year is rapidly approaching, which also coincides with the summer months when we experience reduced income. We ask for everyone's support on this very important matter, and each and everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

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.

The Refuah Fund, established about a year ago to provide meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva, needs a desperate replenishment of funds.

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.

The Refuah committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Refuah fund!

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.



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Classes and Upcoming Events

- Father & child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishit.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- **No 6:30AM Talmud Makos class this week.**
- Daf Yomi is on hiatus and will resume on Friday, July 13th.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Susan and Aaron Weinberg commemorating the yahrzeit of Aaron's father, Jack Weinberg, Yaakov Ben Aharon Asher z"l.
- Early minyan Kiddush this week is sponsored by Israel & Gaby Kopel in honor of their daughter Clara Sheindel. May she bring Nachas to her parents and may they merit to raise her to a life of Torah, Chuppah and Maasim Tovim mit Gesund und Meniche.
- With profound sadness we announce the passing of our esteemed member Marilyn Pollans z"l. Our sincere condolences to Al Pollans and his family.

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: Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- Father and Child learning will continue this week during a special Seuda Shlishit upstairs. There will be learning, ice cream, and prizes!!!
- 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

Fast of 17th of Tammuz is observed tomorrow, Sunday July 1, starting at 5:13am and ending at 8:55pm.

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Yahrzeits June 30 – July 6, 2018

17 TAMUZ	Edward Senker for his mother, Helen Gans Senker, on Shabbos, June 30
19 TAMUZ	Howard Langer for his father, Elazer, on Monday, July 2
20 TAMUZ	Sandy Klein for his mother, Gittel Perl, on Tuesday, July 3
20 TAMUZ	Felix Glaubach for his father, Baruch Glaubach, on Tuesday, July 3
21 TAMUZ	Lois Rosengarten for her son, Alan Bill Rosengarten, on Wednesday, July 4
22 TAMUZ	David & Roberta Geula for their daughter, Jessica Geula, on Thursday, July 5

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When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to yakira@vicbh.org NOT yibh.org
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.**

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis,
please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to
yakira@vicbh.org by noon on Thursday.