The Parsha of Bamidbar is usually read before Shavuos. One of the reasons this is so is to underscore a key prerequisite which is necessary in the acquisition of Torah and that is shalom. There is nothing as dear to G-d as seeing his children getting along in peace and harmony. This is so important that without it the Torah never would have been given to the Jewish people. As it states in Exodus 19:2 (at Mt. Sinai, just before the giving of the Torah), “vayichan Yisroel” – the Jewish people encamped near the mountain. The Torah says vayichan, which is singular (he camped) when it should have stated vayachanu (they camped). Rashi explains that this is to teach us that the Jewish people at the giving of the Torah were one people with one heart. There was unity and that’s what made them worthy of receiving the Torah. Our Torah portion of Bamidbar describes how the camp of Israel was organized. Each person and tribe knew their place. The Kohanim, the Levites and the rest of Yisrael knew their exact positions, no squabbling or fighting, like a beautiful symphony, each playing their instrument. Everybody knew their assignment and they worked together in one harmonious unit. Everyone has their time and place; what creates dissonance and chaos is when
we want someone else’s place because we are not happy with what we have. The message of Bamidbar is unity – shalom – which is the necessary prerequisite for the acceptance of Torah. Let the merit of our Torah study this Shavuos coupled with the camaraderie and friendship it engenders be a merit for the Jewish people to bring us the redemption of our people and the coming of Moshiach – may he come speedily in our days.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos and Spiritually uplifting Shavuos.
Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

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.

All night Learning 5779

• 11:30PM Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein - Applying the Brett Kavanaugh case to Jewish law.
• 12:30AM Rabbi Aryeh Citron - Talmud Yerushalmi -it’s history, methodology, and application
• 1:30AM Rabbi Aryeh Schottenstein - Spending Money on Mitzvos-How much is too much?
• 2:30AM Rabbi Avi Fried - You are what you think, eat and do
• 3:30AM Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein - Are self-driving cars kosher?
• 4:30AM Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein - Questions of life and death in the IDF
• 5:30AM Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein - Yona and the whale- a fishy story
• Rabbi Citron will be available to teach daf yomi during all night learning/Shabbos and Monday after early minyan Tue- After minyan; Tuesday-Friday after 7:00AM.
• Talmud Shiur – Tues-Fri - 6:20AM.
• The Tuesday weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser, for women only, will resume after the summer.
• 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.

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Congregational Family and Shul News

• Last week’s kiddush was sponsored by Mrs. Banny Hermann in honor of her son Meir Cosiol’s 35th birthday.
• Shabbos kiddush is sponsored by Susan & Aaron Weinberg, commemorating the yahrzeit of Susan’s mother, Nellie Fischer, Necha bas Meir z"l.
• All night learning for Shavuos is sponsored by Eti & Andrew Bales.
• First day Shavuos kiddush is co-sponsored by Yoram & Yleana Izhak and Rose Schreiber, commemorating the 1st Yahrzeit of our dearly departed esteemed member Rabbi Simeon Schreiber z"l.
• Early minyan kiddush for first day Shavuos is sponsored by Gaby & Israel Kopel in honor of Isaac’s 8th birthday. May he be blessed with health, happiness, success in Mitzvot, Torah learning and everything that he sets out to accomplish - mit Gezunt und Menuche!
• Second day Shavuos kiddush is co-sponsored by: Sura & Bert Fried in memory of three of their grandparents, in memory of all Carpathian Jews that were taken on the second day of Shavuos to concentration camps and murdered, and in honor of their first great grandson; and by Alice & Leonard Lekht in honor of Alice Lekht’s birthday.
• Early minyan kiddush for second day Shavuos is sponsored by Judy & Fred Farbman in honor of Rabbi Citron and all the learning he does with people and the work he does in the community.
• Mazel Tov to Miriam and Shelly Lisbon on several simchas:
  o The birth of a great grandson, Yisrael Meir, son of Shani and Yitzi Grunhut..
  o The birth of a great granddaughter, Tsofia Dahlia, daughter of Dena and Shmuli Katz.
  o The graduation from high school of their grandson, Shalom Leib, son of Dennis and Rachel Lisbon.
• Mazel Tov to Helen and Menno Ratzker upon the graduation of their granddaughter Alexandra Ratzker from Harvard University.
• A warm welcome to our new members, Lauren & Seth Cohen.

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.
Yahrzeits June 8 – June 14, 2019

5 SIVAN  Jack Benishai for his father, Izhak Benishai, on Shabbos, June 8
5 SIVAN  Mimie Rose for her mother, Helen Rutkowski, on Shabbos, June 8
6 SIVAN  Marcia Reiter for her father, Yaakov Lev, on Sunday, June 9
6 SIVAN  Ellen Wasserman for her sister, Ruth Schreiber, on Sunday, June 9
7 SIVAN  Saadia Shapiro for his father, Harav Aharon ben Eliyahu, on Monday, June 10
8 SIVAN  Henry Stern for his father, Salli Stern, on Tuesday, June 11
9 SIVAN  Ginette Dekelbaum for her father, Ezra Azrak, on Wednesday, June 12
10 SIVAN Alexander Berkovitch for his daughter, Diana Berkovitch, on Thurs, June 13
10 SIVAN  Susan Weinberg for her mother, Nellie Fischer, on Thursday, June 13

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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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One of the most talked about results of the Governor’s Israel mission was the Teach Florida visit to a Tel Aviv school to see the country’s school security measures firsthand and meet with experts. Rep. Randy Fine, Sen. Lauren Book, Speaker Designate Chris Sprowls, President Designate Wilton Simpson and Mimi Jankovits saw Israel’s situational awareness strategies combined with smart physical security measures and training that create safe schools in ways that can easily replicated in Florida. For more information, please contact teachflorida@teachcoalition.org.

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