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SHMOOZE NEWS  
Parshas Shelach, June 9, 2018  
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Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Tammuz  
Rosh Chodesh will be Wednesday and Thursday

“And Kalev quieted the people regarding Moshe!”  
Bamidbar 13:30

Why did Yehoshua remain silent? In truth, our sages tell us that such panic gripped the Jewish people because of the prophecy of Eldad & Medad -- that Moshe would die and Yehoshua would take over. The Jewish people wondered, how will we overcome these mighty giants and conquer the fortified cities without the leadership of Moshe Rabeinu. Kalev explained that they were wrong in attributing all the miracles to Moshe. Just the opposite -- it is the nation of Israel that is worthy of those miracles and Moshe’s greatness stems from the spiritual strength and greatness of the Jewish People. Therefore it was Kalev who spoke and quieted down the people regarding Moshe. He called attention to their mistake of crediting Moshe for all the miracles and tried to inspire them to understand that G-d will bring about miracles because of them. Only Kalev could say this. Had Yehoshua spoken these words he would have been suspect. The people would have said: "He is only saying this for ulterior motives; for in truth he knows we will not be able to conquer Israel, and he just wants Moshe to die so that he can take over."
In light of this entire explanation we can also understand the connection between the sin of the spies, which was on the 9th day of Av, and the destruction of our Holy Temple, which was also on the 9th day of Av. Rav Shimshon Rephael Hirsch explains that the root of the sins of the Beis Hamikdash era was that people separated religion from their personal lives. They believed that the religious/ritual service in the Beis Hamikdash is what protects them. Their personal behavior, on the other hand, even if wanting, will not bring about negative consequences to them as long as they properly perform the religious services in the Beis Hamikdash. Little did they realize that what gives the Beis Hamikdash its power is the people’s saintly behavior. The same is true in our Parsha -- they put their faith in Moshe, not realizing that Moshe’s power will rise and fall according to the righteousness of the people. So, in conclusion, the effectiveness of our leaders is directly related to our adherence to Torah and Mitzvos. If we find ourselves losing faith in our leaders, maybe the fault lies within us.

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 Hermann. To order a plaque online, please use the website [www.yiplaques.com](http://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.

**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.
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.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Yoram & Ileana Izhak:
  in memory of Stuart Harris z’l, וליעל ושם שלמה חנניה בן יוחנן ז’ל
  and in memory of Rabbi Simeon Schreiber z’l, וליעל ושם שמואל בן אהרון משה ז”ל
- Mazel Tov to Anita & Hal Beretz on the birth of their great granddaughter. Mazel Tov to the parents Jeffrey & Dr. Daniella Kirschner and to the great aunt & uncle, Deborah & Alan Kestenbaum.
- Mazel Tov to Heshie & Miriam Greenblatt on the engagement of their grandson Shlomo Greenblatt, son of Elie and Chani Greenblatt from Rmat Shlomo, Israel to Tzipi Fabian from Petach Tikva, Israel, daughter of Meir and Chaya Fabien.
- With sadness we announce the passing of our esteemed member Stuart Harris z”l (Shlomo Chananya ben Yechezkel z”l).

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.

Reuah 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

We are all feeling the loss of our dear friend, fellow member and Board member Rabbi Simeon Schreiber. He will be sorely missed by all. We are planning a memorial service in his memory on Wednesday June 20th at 6:00PM. Please hold the date.
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Yahrzeits June 9 – June 15, 2018

27 SIVAN     Shabtai Plutno for his sister, Miriam Chaya Kalish, on Sunday, June 10
28 SIVAN     Maxine Jacobson for her father, Chaim Neamtan, on Monday, June 11
28 SIVAN     Stephen Jacobson for his mother, Miriam Jacobson, on Monday, June 11
2 TAMUZ      Fred Farbman for his brother, Sam Farbman, on Friday, June 15
2 TAMUZ      Max Dekelbaum for his father, Leo Dekelbaum, on Friday, June 15

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

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