SHABBOS HAGADOL

This verse is teaching us that if a food or vessel touches a sacred offering in a way in which it absorbs its flavor then it, too, becomes holy. However, mere contact without absorption does not make it holy. But if food touches something which is tamay (impure, contaminated), then it also becomes contaminated just by mere touch – it does not have to absorb its flavor. Rav Shneur Zalman, the Baal Hatanya, sees in this a profound lesson. That when it comes to negative influences, even superficial contact can bring a person down spiritually. On the other hand, in order to be uplifted spiritually, a person needs more than just superficial contact. They need to absorb, they have to have a deep and meaningful relationship with spiritually righteous people. This is especially true when it comes to our children. There is much in our environment which is harmful to our children’s moral, ethical and spiritual development. It is very easy for them to become contaminated by the promiscuity and lack of moral values of our...
society. And even superficial contact with the wrong friends and with unsupervised technology can have disastrous spiritual consequences for our youth. Therefore, we must be vigilant and find ways to make our home and family to be places of spiritual inspiration where our children absorb true Torah values. In a world which has lost its ethical and moral compass, it is more important than ever to inspire our youth with the beauty of Judaism and its teachings.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
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.
- Shabbos April 13-14 – Cantorial Shabbos/Community Shabbos Dinner. $75 per adult $36 per child. Please make reservations for the Friday night dinner.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Izhak family.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Yaakov & Miriam Gruenstein on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein!
- Sale of chametz: you can sell your chametz with Rabbi Gruenstein weekdays after shacharis and before mincha.

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: Allen Packer, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Minnie Schraga, Shlomo Mayer.

Youth Program

- Father and Child learning will be upstairs during Seudat Shlishit with delicious treats and prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please check for weekly 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

PLANNING A SIMCHA?

In order to avoid any conflicts, please book the social hall well in advance of your simcha.
Yahrzeits Mar. 24 – Mar. 30, 2018

9 NISAN    Linda Laulicht, Charles Kushner for their mother, Rae Kushner, on Sunday, Mar. 25
10 NISAN   Stephen Jacobson for his father, Dr. Moishe Jacobson, on Monday, Mar. 26
12 NISAN   Herman Berger for his mother, Scheindl bat Moshe Meir, on Wednesday, Mar. 28
12 NISAN   Miriam Glaubach for her mother, Rosa Herlinger, on Wednesday, Mar. 28
13 NISAN   David Kwiat for his mother, Rose Kwiat, on Thursday, Mar. 29
14 NISAN   Esther Friedman for her mother, Nechama Leah, on Friday, Mar. 30

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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 Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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