SHMOOZE NEWS
Parshas Vayakhel-Pikudei March 25, 2017
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Parshas Hachodesh
Mevarchim Chodesh Nissan
Rosh Chodesh is Tuesday March 28

וֹמֵם כַּרְא מִזְמַר בְּעֵדֶא בֶּן אָוִיר בֶּן חוֹר
“See that G-d has called by name Betzalel
the son of Uri the son of Chur…” Shemos 35:30

Da’as Z’keinim explains that Moshe originally presumed that he himself would build the Tabernacle. However, G-d told Moshe Rabbeinu that no, Betzalel is more worthy of this task, for Betzalel’s grandfather Chur was killed when he tried to stop the Jewish people from making the golden calf. Therefore, it is fitting that the Mishkan (which was an atonement for the sin of the golden calf) be built by Chur’s grandson. The question arises: isn’t it counter intuitive to have Betzalel involved in building this Tabernacle which had to be an atonement for the entire Jewish nation? Would not Betzalel harbor some ill will against large segments of the Jewish people for being responsible for his grandfather’s death? Wouldn’t these feelings interfere with his ability to have the purest intentions when building the Mishkan? Nevertheless, the Midrash tells us that the Mishkan was never destroyed because it was so Holy, built without any impure motives.

Shabbos
Candle Lighting 7:16PM
Mincha/Kabbalas 7:00PM
Shabbos 8:15AM
Talmud Sotah 8:19PM
Hashkama 8:00AM
Shacharis 9:00AM
Shiur 6:10PM
Mincha 7:00PM
Havdalah 8:19PM

Weekday
Shacharis
Sunday 8:00AM
Mon-Fri 7:00AM

Mincha
Mon-Thu 7:25PM

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
Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z”l and
Morris & Nellie Fischer z”l.
How was that possible? The answer is that Betzalel, with super human effort, overcame his feelings of revenge against the Jewish people for what they did to his grandfather. In fact, it was this ability to rise above his personal feelings, and, instead of animosity, to feel love for his people, that made him the perfect choice to build the Mishkan. We often feel that our emotions control us -- in actuality, we can master our emotions, and we do have the innate ability to rise above our negative feelings and create a sense of peace and harmony within ourselves and with those around us. Of course, it’s not easy, but true strength in life is conquering ourselves, not others.

(Sefer Mussar Hatorah Rebbe Umori Hagoan Rav Henach Leibowitz Z”L)

Wishing you an inspirational Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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**E-mail communication**

When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to yakira@yicbh.org

NOT yibh.org

We also hired a new receptionist/secretary – Florence. Her e-mail is florence@yicbh.org

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**Friday night Dinner (Shabbos Hagadol)**

Friday April 7 after davening
Cost: Member adult $75, Child $36
Non-Member adult $85, Child $40
Please RSVP to the Shul’s office

**Pesach First Seder**

Monday night, April 10 after davening
Cost: Member adult: $150, Child $75
Non-Member adult: $175, Child $90
Rabbi Gruenstein will be leading the Seder
Please RSVP to the Shul’s office
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – Beis Midrash Night.
- Sunday, March 26 at 3:00PM – Hachnasat Sefer Torah by Yoram & Yleana Izhak in memory of Yoram’s father Hezkel ben Chaim Izhak z”l. This will be a gala celebration with music and dancing, followed by a lavish meal in honor of this great Mitzvah. Everyone is invited!
- Monday April 3, Lunch and Learn by Rabbi Gruenstein – Topic; Insights into the laws of Pesach and the Hagadah.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Food Art Catering.
- This week’s Hashkama minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Mark and Susan Wainberg commemorating the yahrzeit of Mark's beloved mother Faige bat Mordechai z"l.
- Seuda Shlishit is sponsored by Rick & Renee Moore commemorating the yahrzeit of Rick’s mother Edith Moore, Eta bas Shoel z”l.
- Mazal Tov to Martin & Susan Packer and family upon the forthcoming wedding of their grandson Jonathan, son of Michael & Suzanne Packer of Teaneck, New Jersey, to Sarah Struhl Warren and Robin Struhl of Boca Raton, Florida

Starting Monday March 27, Rabbi Gruenstein will be available for Mechiras Chometz in the morning after Shacharis. If the time is not convenient for you then Please call the Rabbi and he will accommodate you.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudat Shlishit with treats & prizes!
- Pre-Pesach Scavenger hunt for all Middle School Students (6th, 7th and 8th graders) on April 2nd. Please see Flyer for details.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- There will be a Middle School Shabbaton for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders April 28th/29th. Please see flyer for details.
- End of the school year, High School Shabbaton May 12th/13th. Please see flyer for details.
ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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