We have no sponsor for Kiddush this week. If you want to sponsor this week’s Kiddush, please call the office and we will announce it in next week’s Shmooze News.

This week’s early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Elana & Michael Szafranski in honor of their chai anniversary of moving to the community and in honor of the yahrzeits of Elana's grandmother, Marion Sturm, Hadas Miriam Bas Yehuda HaLevi z”l and Michael’s Grandfather, Morris Szafranski Moshe Dovid Ben Gavriel Tzvi z”l.

"You shall not desecrate my sacred name, and I shall be sanctified among the people of Israel" Vayikra 22:32

Why does the Torah discuss both extremes in the same verse? If the Torah commands us to make an effort to sanctify the name of G-d, why must it also tell us NOT to desecrate G-d's name? It has been suggested that one could read the verse as follows: You shall not desecrate my sacred name even while I am being sanctified among Bnei Yisroel. According to this reading, it means that while you are doing a Mitzvah and making a Kiddush Hashem, don't get so caught up and carried away that you wind up turning it into a Chillul Hashem. Like the non-Jew who lived next door to a small Shul. One morning he comes into the Shul apologizing for the interruption and asks, “Will the person who parked his car in the front of my driveway please move it.” However, the person who blocked the driveway insists that he has to first finish the prayer service and then he will move the car. So here we have a situation where a person thinks he is sanctifying G-d’s name and in
reality is desecrating it.
We are currently in the middle of counting the Omer. It is a time that we mourn for the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva who died because they did not treat each other respectfully. The question is asked why disrespectful behavior warrants a punishment of death! The Chofetz Chaim and the Ben Ish Chai explain that they were punished for the desecration of G-d's name that resulted from their behavior – for the sin of Chillul Hashem, as the Rambam writes, is the worst transgression of all. The lesson for us is that today every observant Jew is looked upon as a Rabbi by the secular world. Non-observant Jews and non-Jews look to us as examples and representatives of the values and teachings of traditional Judaism. It is therefore incumbent upon us to exercise extreme caution as to how we conduct ourselves, in order to ensure that we create a Kiddush Hashem wherever we go. Let us focus on these days of the Omer to elevate our behavior in creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and greater Ahavas Yisrael, which in turn will bring us that much closer to the final redemption and the coming of Mashiach.

Sefer: Patach Eliyahu

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
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 June 30. 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.

We would like to thank Police Chief Raleigh Flowers and the Bal Harbour police department for recently apprehending the individual responsible for a number of anti-Semitic actions taking place in our neighborhood. We greatly appreciate the diligence and sensitivity shown by the Bal Harbour police on behalf of our Jewish community.

Classes and upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Sunday-Friday after Shacharis – Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron
- Talmud Shiur – Mon-Fri - 6:20AM.
- Monday May 20 and May 27 at 11:30AM – a two-part lunch and learn series on Megillas Rus.
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser – for women only.
- Wednesday evenings beginning May 22 there will be a short shiur after Maariv on fascinating halachic topics.
- 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.
**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- This week’s seuda shlishi is sponsored by Jeff & Cathy Weiss commemorating the yahrzeit of Jeff’s father Morton Weiss z”l.
- The Shabbos morning Talmud class will be making a siyum of tractate Sotah at seuda shlishi.
- Mazel Tov to Sura & Bert Fried on the birth of a great grandson. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Esther & Dov Zeidman. Mazel Tov to the parents, Danielle & Meir Zeidman.
- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Judy & Fred Farbman who graciously donated a 12-person advanced bleeding control kit fully equipped with a wall mount. It contains advanced bleeding control dressings, 12 advanced top of the line tourniquets, chest seals and needle decompression darts.
- A warm welcome to our new member, Rose Gerszberg.
- With profound sadness we regret to inform you the passing of Dr. Ely Simon, son in-law of Asher & Nechama Lieber. May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

**Refuah Sheleimah**

- We wish refuah sheleima to Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

**Youth Program**

- Last call for High School Youth to attend an exciting Shabbaton on May 24th, in Orlando, including a Sunday trip to Disney World Magic Kingdom. Please speak to Rabbi Fried for details.
- A 49-challenge countdown to Shavuot scavenger Limo Hunt has been planned. Please stay tuned for Flyer & more info!
- Please see our Youth Shavuot Flyers including new for this year - Shavuot Night program for older children.
- An end of year Busch Gardens Trip to Tampa has been planned for our youth. Stay tuned for flyer & details!
- 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 May 18 – May 24, 2019

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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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Teach Florida is pleased to announce that our advocacy campaign resulted in a record $2.5 million allocation for Jewish school security funding in the State’s 2019-20 budget, a 25% increase from the prior year. Governor DeSantis is expected to sign the budget in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on your inbox for a thank you campaign to the elected officials who championed our cause. Please contact teachflorida@teachcoalition.org to get involved.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203 or Max Dekelbaum (240) 832-5054

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