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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Bamidbar/ Shavuot, May 19, 2018

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ובעז עלה השער וישב שם והנה הגאל עבר אשר דבר בעז- ויאמר סורה שבה
פה פלני אלמני ויסר וישב

Boaz meanwhile had gone up to the gate and sat down there. Just then, the redeemer of whom Boaz had spoken passed by. He said, “come over, sit down here, ploni almoni...” Rus 4:1

There was a closer redeemer to Rus to perform the levirate marriage whose name was Tov. The Megillah does not record his name, but rather refers to him as ploni almoni (Mr. Anonymous). Tov had valid reasons and concerns why he didn't want to marry Rus, so why should he be punished and his name not be mentioned? The answer is maybe he didn't do anything wrong, but he didn't do anything right either, and therefore let an opportunity of a lifetime slip through his fingers. Tov could have been the father of the Davidic dynasty and Melech Hamashiach. Instead, he did nothing, and now he is Mr. Nobody, and Boaz grabbed the opportunity and earned eternal merit. The message we learn from here is that in life every so often opportunities arise that really could change our lives in a very positive way and bring us great spiritual merit. But we have excuses – I don't have the time, I don't think I am qualified, maybe next year, etc. The lesson is that when opportunity knocks, especially spiritual opportunity, don't take the easy way out and just be another ploni almoni (Mr. Anonymous) but

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:45PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	7:00PM
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Mincha	7:45PM
Shiur between Mincha/Maariv	
Candle Lighting	8:47PM
All night learning	11:30PM

Please see Shavuot Schedule

Weekday

Shacharis

Tue – Fri 7:00AM

Mincha

Tue - Thurs 7:50PM



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.

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rather be a Boaz, and take advantage of the opportunity that comes your way. I believe this Torah thought is very applicable to the Historic event that took place this past Monday in Jerusalem. For many years past presidents had the opportunity to do the right thing and move the American embassy to Jerusalem, but in the end because of political reasons and negative repercussions did not do so. Instead they chose the path of least resistance and became just ploni almoni (Mr. Anonymous) missing a golden opportunity. Only this president, Mr. Donald Trump, had the resolve to do what's right and make history by finally moving the American Embassy to its rightful place in the holy city of Jerusalem the capital of Israel. Let us take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the president of the United States for finally stepping up to the plate to be in some way a modern day Boaz and do what no president before has dared to do, which is to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's true capital.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos and Chag Sameach!

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.

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.

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 Herman. To order a plaque online, please use the website www.yiplaques.com.

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.



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Congregational Family and Shul News

- This Shabbat Kiddush is co-sponsored by Jack and Amy Benishai commemorating the yahrzeit of Jack's father Yerachmiel Yitzchak ben Chaim Yaakov z"l, and by Shoshana & Baruch Halpern in loving memory of Shoshana's mother, Lea Jakubovic z"l.
- Early Minyan Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Jack Coopersmith, in memory of his grandfather, Yaakov Ben Shmuel Coopersmith.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi Avi & Sarah Fried on the birth of their baby boy. Shalom Zachor will take place at Young Israel on the second floor at 9:45PM. The bris will take place at the early minyan Monday second day of Shavuot.
- First day of Shavuot Kiddush is sponsored by Aaron & Susan Weinberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Susan's mother, Nellie Fischer, Necha Bas Meir z"l.
- Second day of Shavuot Kiddush is co-sponsored by Alice Lekht in honor of her Hebrew birthday (second day of Shavuot) and in honor of the baby naming of her new granddaughter; and by Bert & Sura Fried in memory of three of their grandparents, and all Carpathian Jews that were taken on the second day of Shavuot to concentration camps and murdered.
- With profound sadness we announce the passing of our esteemed member and pillar of our community, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Shimon Ben Aharon Moshe z"l. The funeral took place in New York on Friday. In lieu of shiva, the family will be accepting visitors from Tuesday through Thursday between 1:00PM and 10:00PM to honor and memorialize Rabbi Simeon Schreiber at 7 Clover Dr., Great Neck, NY 11021". We are planning to have a special memorial in our Shul for Rabbi Simeon Schreiber at the conclusion of his shloshim (Information will be forthcoming). May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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.

Our deep thanks and gratitude for the below recent donations to our Building Fund:

- To Moish and Judy Tuchman for their additional donation of \$72,000, bringing their total donation to \$144,000.
- To Daniel and Miriam Wiener for their additional donation of \$10,000, bringing their total donation to \$60,000.
Yasher Koach

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Yakira Navarro, Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- Any High School Teens that are interested in signing up for an exciting Shabbaton (May 27-29) in Orlando please speak to Rabbi Fried for more details.
- On June 13, there will be a special Middle School trip for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders to Busch Gardens in Tampa. To reserve your spot please email RabbiFried@Yicbh.org
- 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

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Yahrzeits May 19 – May 25, 2018

5 SIVAN	Mimie Rose for her mother, Helen Rutkowski, on Shabbos, May 19
5 SIVAN	Jack Benishai for his father, Izhak Benishai, on Shabbos, May 19
6 SIVAN	Marcia Reiter for her father, Yaakov Lev, on Sunday, May 20
6 SIVAN	Ellen Wasserman for her sister, Ruth Schreiber, on Sunday, May 20
7 SIVAN	Saadia Shapiro for his father, Harav Aharon ben Eliyahu, on Monday, May 21
8 SIVAN	Henry Stern for his father, Salli Stern, on Tuesday, May 22
9 SIVAN	Ginette Dekelbaum for her father, Ezra Azrak, on Wednesday, May 23
10 SIVAN	Susan Weinberg for her mother, Nellie Fischer, on Thursday, May 24
10 SIVAN	Alexander Berkovitch for his daughter, Diana Berkovitch, on Thursday, May 24

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The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is florence@vicbh.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 Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to
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