One of the most difficult requirements of the Jubilee Year (this takes place at the end of 7 cycles of Shmittah, in the 50th year) is the unconditional freeing of the Jewish slaves. This includes those who have not even worked the minimum period of six years, and those who chose to remain with their masters after the six-year period and undergo the procedure of the ear being drilled with an anvil against the doorpost, as described in Parshas Mishpatim. The Sefer Hachinuch (Mitzvah 331) explains the freeing of the slaves during the Jubilee Year can be a very traumatic experience for the slaves' masters, who have become accustomed to the decades-long service of their slaves. This is why on Yom Kippur of the Jubilee Year we were commanded to blow the shofar throughout the land of Israel. The shofar sound would reverberate over the entire landscape of Eretz Yisroel so that people would realize that everyone had to free their slaves and it's not just you.
For it is a great consolation to the individual to know that this is being done by all. As the sages tell us "The suffering of many is a consolation". From the Sefer Hachinuch we glean an important lesson. Life is filled with trials and tribulations. For some it is health or financial issues, for others it is shalom bayis. Some deal with serious child rearing issues and others deal with infertility. At times this pain is greatly intensified because people mistakenly think they are the only ones with the problem and must suffer alone. If they would realize that there are many others with similar issues, that would help decrease the pain and put their own suffering into perspective. The Sefer Hachinuch, which was written hundreds of years ago, is teaching us a lesson which modern psychology knows all too well, which is the great therapeutic and emotional value of support groups for life's challenging situations. It is an idea that our sages have known about centuries earlier and is an example of the Torah's eternal wisdom in helping a person cope with the vicissitudes of life and inspiring us with the answers of how to live a happy and satisfying life.

Sefer: Noam Avraham

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 July 31. 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.

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.
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**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- Last week’s kiddush was sponsored by Mali & Steve Schwartz.
- This week’s kiddush is sponsored by Judy and Moish Tuchman in commemorating the yahrzeit of Judy’s father Binyomin Gruss z”l and in fond memory of Stuart Harris z”l.
- This week’s early minyan kiddush is co-sponsored by Elizabeth & Buzz Mayer and by anonymous.
- This week’s seuda shlishit is sponsored by Judge Steven & Joyce Robinson commemorating fiftieth yartzeit of Steven’s father, Levi Ben Dov Ber, Leo Robinson z”l.
- Mazel Tov to Anne & Jerry Gontownik on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents Bellene & Yoni Gontownik.
- Mazel Tov to Shirley & Raoul Cappell on the Bar Mitzvah in Israel of their grandson, Yisrael Nachum.
- Mazel Tov to Susan and Martin Packer on the engagement of their granddaughter Rachel Packer to David Schwartzman of West Hempstead NY. Rachel is the daughter of Yali and Paul Packer of Hewlett Bay Park NY.
- With profound sadness we regret to inform you of the passing of our esteemed member Minnie Schraga z"l, mother of Shopsie Schraga.

**Refuah Sheleimah**

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allen Packer.

**Youth Program**

- Please see our Youth Shavuos Flyers including, new for this year - Shavuos Night program for older children.
- 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 25 – May 31, 2019

20 IYAR  Howard Cole for his father, Avraham Cole, on Shabbos, May 25
21 IYAR  Ed Leventhal for his mother, Rivka Rochel Leventhal, on Sunday, May 26
21 IYAR  Steven Robinson for his father, Levi Ben Dov Ber Robinson, on Sun, May 26
21 IYAR  Miriam Greenblatt for her father, Shlomo Ben Elchanan Gunzenhauser, on Sunday, May 26
22 IYAR  Lois Rosengarten for her mother, Syd Lewis, on Monday, May 27
25 IYAR  Alex Spira for his mother, Yehudis Spira, on Thursday, May 30
25 IYAR  Amy Mosery for her father, Yechezkel ben Lev, on Thursday, May 30
26 IYAR  Max Dekelbaum for his wife, Anita Dekelbaum, on Friday, May 31
26 IYAR  Deborah Newborn for her mother, Dorothy Feinberg, on Friday, May 31

Please report any errors or omissions to the Young Israel office or email stevnbarryschwartz@gmail.com

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.

HATZALAH: (305) 919-4900

Jewish day schools are expected to receive more than $20 million in state funding in the 2019-2020 school year. The deadline for families to apply for income-based scholarships is fast approaching. Both Step Up for Students and AAA Scholarships are accepting applications at least until May 31st. Apply as soon as possible if you or anyone you know qualifies under the income guidelines. Contact teachflorida@teachcoalition.org for more information.

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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