



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Vayeira, November 16, 2019

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This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Susan & Aaron Weinberg, in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Weinberg family arriving in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day, 1949

This week's early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Heather & Isabel Listhaus in honor of Joe's Birthday.

Before we begin our Dvar Torah, let us take this opportunity to give thanks to G-d Almighty for his protection of our brothers and sisters in Israel. This past week has been a difficult and harrowing experience for our people as hundreds of rockets have rained down upon the State of Israel. Over a million people had to constantly seek refuge in bomb shelters as life for many came to a halt. Baruch Hashem, at this point there is a cease fire and miracle of miracles there were no Jewish casualties.

Let's hope and pray that this insanity ends once and for all and that G-d, in his infinite mercy, brings the Jewish people the shalom they so desperately need and deserve.

ויאמר המלט על נפשך אל תביט אחרריך

(The angel said to Lot)

“Escape with your life, do not look behind you.” Bereishis 19:17

One of the greatest weapons in the arsenal of the Yetzer Hora is to make people depressed and sad. Because when a person is not happy, it is difficult to follow a Torah way of life and fulfill your responsibilities to G-d and to man. Many times, this sadness is caused by reflecting and harping too much on past mistakes and misdeeds. These thoughts cause a person to feel worthless and drain him or her of the energy to act constructively. This does not mean that a person should not take responsibility for their actions – but there is a fine line between taking responsibility and obsessing over one's mistakes. Stop ruminating about the past, just concentrate on starting a new page and move forward. A great Chasidic Rebbe used to say that there is only one day a year when G-d obligates us to think about the past, and that is Yom Kippur.

Shabbos

Candle Lighting 5:13PM

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos 5:15PM

[Carlebach minyan in Beit Medrash]

Talmud Shiur 8:15AM

Early Minyan 8:00AM

Shacharis 9:00AM

Shiur 4:15PM

Mincha 5:00PM

Havdalah 6:16PM

Weekday

Daf Yomi

Sunday after 8:00AM minyan

Mon-Fri after 7:00AM minyan

Shacharis

Sunday 8:00AM

Mon-Fri 7:00AM/8:00AM

Mincha

Sun-Thu 5:20PM

Next Fri Candle Lighting 5:11PM



The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

Jack & Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z"l and Nicholas Brecher z"l;

Penny Harris in memory of Arnold and Myrtle Mullens z"l and Stuart Harris z"l;

Aaron & Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z"l
and Morris & Nellie Fischer z"l.

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Otherwise one must always be focused on the today and tomorrow of life. This is the hidden meaning of the angel's statement to Lot. If you want to save your life, both physically and spiritually, then don't look behind you, don't look back, just concentrate on the future – dust yourself off from the mistakes of the past and start fresh and you will see that your efforts will be crowned with great success!

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

YOUNG ISRAEL 2020 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

We want to ensure that all of your contact information is up to date and correct. Please review your listing in the 2019 Young Israel Membership Directory and send any corrections to Steve Schwartz at stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com by Nov 24, 2019. Thank you for your cooperation.

The community is invited: 7pm on Thursday November 21 at Young Israel. Surgeons Dr. Matthew Sussman and Dr. Emily Ryon will be giving a one hour STOP THE BLEED course on emergency bleeding control. STOP THE BLEED is a national effort to train people in emergency bleeding control that will save lives. You will learn how to use a tourniquet, compression to control major life-threatening bleeding. Come learn in one hour how you can save a life with some basic bleeding control skills. After completion you will receive a certificate. Registration information will be emailed out this week.

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.

If you have any comments, complaints or suggestions regarding our building please give them directly either to
Menno Ratzker (201)906-4887, mhr36@aol.com, or to
Yakira Navarro (305)866-0203, yakira@yicbh.org



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- Sunday after 8:00AM minyan, Monday-Friday after 7:00AM minyan – Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron. They just began studying the last Masechet in Shas – Masechet Niddah. Now is a great time to join the shiur.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Talmud Shiur Monday-Friday 6:25AM.
- Father and child Motzei Shabbos by Yossi Manne with pizza and prizes starting at 7:00PM.
- Monday, Dec 2, 8:00PM at The Shul of Bal Harbour – Violins of Hope (see box below).
- Thursday, Dec 5, 10AM-6PM – Sisterhood annual holiday boutique – Featuring international and domestic vendors.
- Shabbos Dec 13-14 – Shabbaton for Young Professionals. **Please save the date.**
- Shabbos Dec 20-21 – NCSY Shabbaton. **Please save the date.**
- Sunday Dec 29 - Young Israel Chanukah party. **Please save the date.**
- Shabbos Jan 3-4, 2020 – Scholar in Residence Malcolm Hoenlein. **Please save the date.**

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week's Seuda Shlishis is being sponsored by Jack and Susan Gluck, commemorating the Yahrzeit of Jack's father, Milton Gluck, Mordechai Ben Yaakov z"l.
- Mazal tov to Janet & Sholom Spitz on the birth of a son to their children Lindsay & Daniel Setton.
- Mazal Tov to Susan & Aaron Weinberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Tehilla Ciment, daughter of Elissa and Dr. Ari Ciment.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Abby Eisenberg z"l, beloved sister of our esteemed member, Steven Storch.

Building fund

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Debbie and Elliot Gibber for their generous donation of \$50,000 toward the construction of the Handicap Ramp. Yasher Koach.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Barbara Dubrofsky, Allan Krieger, Shelly Lisbon and Allen Packer.

**Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust - First Time in South Florida!!! Tickets: \$54.00 per person.
At The Shul, 9540 Collins Avenue, Surfside, on Monday, December 2nd at 8:00 pm.**

Please make your advance reservations by calling 305-866-0203 with credit card or make checks payable to the Young Israel Congregation and write Violins of Hope in the memo line and mail to YIC, 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, FL, 33154. Become a sponsor for \$180, \$360, or \$540 and you will receive 2 concert tickets with preferred seating and a listing in the program.

This special performance features world famous violinist, Gary Levinson, Sr. Principal Associate Concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony, who will lead some of the finest violinists playing a repertoire of Jewish compositions. The Violins of Hope concert is being co-sponsored by the Young Israel Congregation and The Shul.

Please participate in this special concert that showcases restored violins originally played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. **While the Nazis used music, especially violins, to humiliate and degrade Jews in ghettos and camps, Violins of Hope concerts are the ultimate answer to their plan to annihilate a people and their culture, to destroy human lives and freedom.**

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Yahrzeits November 16 – November 22, 2019

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| 18 CHESHVAN | Jerry Seligsohn for his mother, Selma Seligsohn, on Shabbos, Nov. 16 |
| 18 CHESHVAN | Diane Cole for her father, Moshe ben Yitzhak, on Shabbos, Nov. 16 |
| 18 CHESHVAN | Ellen Adelsberg for her father, Father, on Shabbos, Nov. 16 |
| 19 CHESHVAN | Andrew Lowinger for his mother, Minka bas Moshe Shmuel, on Sunday, Nov. 17 |
| 20 CHESHVAN | Shelley Rindner for her mother, Raizel Berger, on Monday, Nov. 18 |
| 21 CHESHVAN | Stephen Jacobson for his sister, Bat Zion Chad, on Tuesday, Nov. 19 |
| 22 CHESHVAN | Jack Gluck for his father, Milton Gluck, on Wednesday, Nov. 20 |

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Community Events

- Sun Nov 24, 9:30-11:00AM: **Teach Florida's breakfast** at Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus, 20350 NE 26th Av. Miami, FL 33180. Honor our elected officials that support school choice and expanded security funding. Teach Florida's work has a direct impact on the education of our children and grandchildren by lobbying to expand tax credit scholarships, security funding, and other much needed funding to our community's Jewish day schools. Reserve now at <https://teachcoalition.org/fl/breakfast/> or for more information, please call 954.406.6336 or email: teachflorida@teachcoalition.org. We hope to see you there. Thank you in advance! Freda Greenbaum and Iris Herssein.
- Tue Dec 3, 6:00PM – **Friends of United Hatzalah of Israel** – 1st Annual Miami Gala – Jungle Islands For sponsorship and tables, please contact: DanielleD@Israelrescue.org – www.UHmiamigala.com

Important Message from a Member:

Dear Friends and Family:

I hope this note finds you well. Unfortunately, I am writing with the devastating news that my kidneys are failing and will require a live donor transplant as quickly as possible. I am now asking for your help: By sharing my story, you can help me find the kidney donor who will save my life.

Please visit and direct any potential donors (must have A or O blood type) to my website <https://akidneyforallan.com>. Also, I ask that you follow and share my social media pages with your friends and ask them to share. Casting as wide a net as possible is essential to finding a donor.

Your help and prayers are gratefully appreciated. I look forward to speaking under better circumstances.

With much gratitude, **Allan Krieger**

Eruv Bal Harbour: The Eruv in Bal Harbour includes the inner (western) walking path only. The pier at Haulover Cut is not included. We would like to emphasize that every Erev Shabbos, individuals should call the Eruv Hotline to make sure that the Eruv is operational prior to carrying on Shabbos. The number is 305-866-ERUV (3788). The Eruv message is recorded approximately two hours prior to Candle Lighting. Miami Beach Eruv web page: www.miamibeacheruv.com

Kiddush and Seudah Shlishis: Every Shabbos, the Young Israel has a beautiful Kiddush after Mussaf, as well as a Seudah Shlishis between Mincha and Maariv. Please join us!

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

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