



# Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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**Parshas Chayei Sarah, November 23, 2019**

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein – [rabbi@yicbh.org](mailto:rabbi@yicbh.org) President Menno Ratzker

**Kiddush this week is lovingly sponsored by Rozy & Larry Jaffe  
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Beni Ness.**

**This week's early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Michael Szafranski in honor  
of his wife Elana who has managed to stay married to him for 20 years!**



**Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev  
Rosh Chodesh will be Thursday and Friday.  
Happy Thanksgiving to all!**

The central theme of Parshas Chayei Sarah is the shidduch of Yitzchak & Rivka. The question arises, why did Avraham not make a shidduch with his loyal followers Aner, Eshkol & Mamre? Why didn't he consider Eliezer himself, who was one of his closest disciples? What was wrong with choosing from the many converts he had attracted to the belief in one G-d? The Malbim explains that Middos, (character traits), are in one's DNA. They are passed down from parent to child while beliefs and philosophies are the product of one's mind. So even though Aner, Eshkol, Mamre and Eliezer identified with Avraham in his monotheistic beliefs, they were unsuitable to marry into Avraham's family. This was because their character traits were inherited from their forefathers, the children of the accursed Canaan, son of Cham. Avraham's family, although non-believers, were nevertheless endowed with exceptional character traits which Avraham exemplified.

## Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:11PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	5:15PM
Talmud Shiur	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:15PM
Mincha	5:00PM
Havdalah	6:14PM

## 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 5:15PM

**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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First and foremost, the kallah of Yitzchak must personify these magnificent character traits because they must build a home where the divine presence resides. G-d is only comfortable in a home where peace reigns and husband and wife deal with each other in a loving, respectful and considerate matter. Only under such conditions can G-d's manifold blessings be found.

*Sefer – Darcei Noam*

**Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!**  
**Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein**

**We are honored to welcome Cantor Yaakov Motzen as our guest chazan  
this Shabbos for the Bar Mitzvah.**

#### **YOUNG ISRAEL 2020 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE – LAST CALL!**

**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](mailto:stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com) by Nov 24, 2019.  
Thank you for your cooperation.**

#### **Surfside Voter Registration of Community Members**

Dear Congregants and Community Members:

One of the most vital functions of a member of a community within our democracy is to exercise the right to vote in local and national elections. In local elections in particular, voter turnout is less than twenty percent of the population of a particular area, so in smaller towns, literally every vote matters. As our community grows it is helpful to have elected officials who represent us and recognize our needs.

#### **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](http://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](mailto:mhr36@aol.com), or to**

**Yakira Navarro (305)866-0203, [yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org)**



**Search for Young Israel of Bal Harbour**

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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.
- Fathers and children 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).
- Tuesdays starting Dec 3, 7:30PM – Beis Midrash – Rabbi Gruenstein continuing last year's class on Navi, the book of Shmuel. For men and women.
- Thursday, Dec 5, 10AM-6PM – Sisterhood annual holiday boutique – Featuring international and domestic vendors.
- Monday Dec 9, 7:30PM – Class on Parsha of the week by Rabbi Yaacov Laredo, Director of the Miami Torah Center.
- Shabbos Dec 13-14 – Friday night Carlebach minyan and Shabbaton for Young Professionals. Guest speaker: Rabbi Ari Bensoussan. Cost dinner: \$50/person, maximum \$110 per family. **Please RSVP to yakira@yicbh.org.**
- 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

- Mazal Tov to Charlie & Dorith Ness upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Beni and to the proud grandparents Rozy & Larry Jaffe, Raquel & Yaakov Aronovici, and Sharon & Jerry Ness.
- Mazal Tov to Jayne Shapiro on the birth of a granddaughter, Milana Leah. Mazel Tov to the parents, Natasha & Josh Shapiro.
- Thank you to Ginette & Max Dekelbaum for donating the beautiful kiddush cup from Israel, and for all the help with purchasing serving plates and spoons for the Carlebach dinner.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm.**

Please make your advance reservations by calling 305-866-0203 with credit card or bring a check to the Young Israel Congregation, 9580 Abbott Ave, Surfside. 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 23– November 29, 2019

- 25 CHESHVAN Allan Krieger for his mother, Miryam Toba bas Dovid, on Shabbos, Nov. 23  
25 CHESHVAN Jeffrey Koppel for his father, Alfred Koppel, on Shabbos, Nov. 23  
25 CHESHVAN Mali Schwartz for her brother, Dovid ben Tzvi, on Shabbos, Nov. 23  
28 CHESHVAN Harvey Wolinetz for his grandmother, Tamar Wolinetz, on Tuesday, Nov. 26  
29 CHESHVAN Diane Cole for her mother, Chana Bas Moshe HaLevi, on Wednesday, Nov. 27

Please report any errors or omissions to Steve Schwartz at [stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com)

#### 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](mailto: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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami Gala – Jungle Islands  
For sponsorship and tables, please contact: [DanielleD@Israelrescue.org](mailto:DanielleD@Israelrescue.org) – [www.UHmiamigala.com](http://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**

**Shabbat Dinner:** During the winter months, Shabbat Dinners are available for purchase at local area restaurants such as Kosh and Backyard BBQ, both on Harding Avenue.

Please contact the restaurants directly for reservations, cost and availability.

**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](http://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](mailto: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