



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshat Lech-Lecha, November 9, 2019

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This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the Sussman Family in honor of the birthday of Elias (Eliyahu) Sussman and other family birthdays – Perri, Mollie, Paige, Dara, Zach, Miriam and Emily.

This week's early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Judy & Michael Levine commemorating the yahrzeit of Michael's father Harold Levine, Yechezkel Ben Chanoch z"l.



In this week's Parsha, the Torah describes how four great and mighty kings came to do battle against five powerful kings. This was the "first world war" of history, for it involved the majority of the world population at the time. The Midrash comments: why did G-d put these nine monarchs together in this valley? It was in order to make it easier for Avraham to vanquish all of them at the same time and free his nephew Lot. Had CNN and Fox networks been there they undoubtedly would have had their military and political experts give us the "real reason" for the strategies of each of the antagonists to all meet in this valley for war. But the pundits would all be wrong because it was all G-d's plan to make it easier for Avraham. The lesson from this Midrash is meant to give us a Torah outlook on life. Don't put too much credibility to all the so called "experts" whose insights and analysis fill the airwaves. More often than not they are wrong, and the reason is simple – they forgot to put G-d in the equation. It is an axiom of Jewish belief that everything that happens in the world is somehow related to the

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:17PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	5:20PM
Talmud Shiur	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	4:20PM
Mincha	5:05PM
Havdalah	6:19PM

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 5:13PM



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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benefit or detriment of the Jewish people. The connection is not always evident. It sometimes can take years, decades or centuries to confirm, but this is the Jewish view. Therefore, one must look at the news with “Torah eyeglasses” and realize that G-d controls history. So, although Am Yisroel is surrounded on all sides by ruthless enemies who want her destruction, we know שומר עמו ישראל לעד that G-d Almighty, Who safeguards His people Israel forever, will protect us and bring us the ultimate salvation we so desperately seek, the redemption of our people and the coming of Moshiach, may he come speedily in our days.

Sefer: Emrei Kohen.

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.

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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- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- 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.
- Talmud Shiur Monday-Friday 6:25AM.
- Father and child Motzei Shabbos by Yossi Manne with pizza and prizes starting at 7:00PM.
- Monday, Nov 11 at 11:00AM – Brunch and learn featuring Hagit Hoffman, inspirational speaker, teacher, writer and certified therapist life coach.
- Friday, Nov 15 at 5:15PM – Carlebach Friday Night – Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat Services.
- 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.**
- Shabbos Jan 3-4, 2020 – Scholar in Residence Malcolm Hoenlein. **Please save the date.**

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week's Seuda Shlishit-Sheva Brachos is sponsored by YIBH in honor of Daniela & Shopsie Schraga.
- Mazel tov to Susan & Martin Packer on the recent marriage of their grandson Jeremy Packer to Kate Eidman.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Ashley & Elijah Salver.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust - First Time in Miami Beach!

Purchase your tickets now!!! Tickets are \$54.00!! See you there!

Please make checks payable to the Young Israel Congregation and write Violins of Hope in the memo line. Send to Y 9580 Abbott Ave., Surfside, FL, 33154, or call with credit card (305-866-0203) and ask for Florence or Yakira. Become a sponsor at the following levels (\$180, \$360, and \$540) and you will receive 2 concert tickets, preferred seating and a listing in the program.

This concert will take place at The Shul, 9540 Collins Avenue, Surfside, on Monday, December 2nd at 8:00 pm promptly. 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 9 – November 15, 2019

11 CHESHVAN	Michael Levine for his father, Harold Levine, on Shabbos, Nov. 9
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12 CHESHVAN	Heshie Greenblatt for his brother, Moshe ben Yekutiel Zev Greenblatt, on Sunday, Nov. 10
12 CHESHVAN	Cathy Weiss for her mother, Rae Selwyn, on Sunday, Nov. 10
12 CHESHVAN	Cynthia Rosenberg for her mother, Irene Stanger, on Sunday, Nov. 10
12 CHESHVAN	Phyllis Franklin for her husband, on Sunday, Nov. 10
12 CHESHVAN	Shomo Pessar for his brother, Moshe ben Rachamim, on Sunday, Nov. 10
13 CHESHVAN	Lawrence Jaffe for his father, Morris Jaffe, on Monday, Nov. 11
13 CHESHVAN	Rachel Neuman for her mother-in-law, Gladys Neuman, on Monday, Nov. 11
15 CHESHVAN	Harvey Wolinetz for his grandfather, Rabbi Aharon Asher Wolinetz, on Wed., Nov. 13
15 CHESHVAN	Paul Bermanski for his sister, Chaya Chava Chena, on Wednesday, Nov. 13
15 CHESHVAN	Rochelle Senker for her father, Albert Barouh, on Wednesday, Nov. 13

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We would love for you to join us and participate in **Teach Florida's breakfast** on November 24th- 9:30AM to 11:00AM - Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus – 20350 NE 26th Av. Miami, FL 33180 - to 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

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**

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!

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

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yakira@yicbh.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