



# Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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**Parshas Shoftim, September 7, 2019**

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**We have no sponsor for Kiddush this week. If you want to sponsor this week's Kiddush, please call the office and we will announce it**

**in next week's Shmooze News.**

**Early minyan kiddush this week is sponsored by Eti & Andy Bales in celebration of Andy's birthday.**

ודברו השטרים אל העם לאמר מי האיש אשר בנה בית חדש ולא חנכו ילך  
וישב לביתו פן ימות במלחמה ואיש אחר יחנכנו

**“Then the officers shall speak to the people saying, “who is the man who has built a new house and has not inaugurated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in war and another man will inaugurate it.” Devarim (20:5)**

The simple understanding of this verse is that we give an exemption to this individual from going to war since he has not used his new home and his mind will be preoccupied on the house. The fact that he may die on the battlefield and never use it will affect his ability to concentrate, and it will lower the morale of the soldiers during the war. However, if this was the true reason for his exemption then why does the verse say, “Lest he die in war and another man will use it?” What does that have to do with anything? I thought the idea was that the owner of the house is afraid he might die and never use his new house, and this stresses him out and bothers him to the point that he will be a liability in the war and not an asset. The fact that somebody else might use his home if he dies is irrelevant. However, based on Rashi, I believe we see that not only is this fact relevant, but it is the main reason why this individual is exempt from war. Because Rashi, on the last words of the verse, “And another man will inaugurate it,” comments and says, “This is a great sorrow to him,” meaning that from Rashi we see that what really kills him (excuse the pun) is not the fact that he might die and never use the house -- that is something he could live with (again excuse the pun).

## Shabbos

Candle Lighting 7:17PM

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos 7:00PM

Talmud Shiur 8:15AM

Early Minyan 8:00AM

Shacharis 9:00AM

Shiur 6:15PM

Mincha 7:05PM

Havdalah 8:19PM

## 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-Thurs 7:20PM

**Next Fri Candle Lighting 7:09PM**



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 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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It is the fact that someone else will be using his house. It's the envy that causes him no rest and therefore that's why he is exempt from battle. What an insight to the destructive power of envy and jealousy. If this soldier knew that, if he died in battle, no one would be using his home, then he would be able to fight with peace of mind. But it's the fact that someone else will be using it, and he won't, that causes him no rest. Jealousy and envy destroy people's lives. It's allowing someone to live in our head rent free. We are the ones that create such agony for ourselves. The real antidote for this problem is emunah and bitachon (faith and trust) in G-d. For whatever we have in life is all orchestrated by The Almighty – how much kavod, nachas, money, health etc. And each person is given what one needs and what's good for him as a tikkun for his soul. We can never get what is coming to someone else and no one will ever take away what's meant for us. If we can strive to live in this fashion, our lives would be so much more pleasurable, happy and stress free. Yes, we can make our own Garden of Eden by removing, or at least minimizing, the envy which resides within us. May we all be blessed this coming year with a life of peace and tranquility for ourselves and all of Klal Yisroel.

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

#### **STATEMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP**

In July we sent out statements and our Annual Membership letter, which also includes High Holiday seat reservation information. We ask all of you, our valued supporters, to please clear any remaining balances from the fiscal year that ended July 31, and to respond to the new fiscal year membership and High Holiday reservation request at your earliest convenience. **Also, for those with permanent seats, please let the office know if you will be attending Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur.** Your attention to these very important items, and your continued support, are greatly appreciated.

#### **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).

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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.

**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- Our special thanks to Yakira Navarro, Jack Gluck and Israel Kopel for their extraordinary efforts in securing our shul building as Hurricane Dorian approached. Yasher Koach!!!

**Refuah Sheleimah**

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

**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**

***SAVE THE DATE!***

***Violins of Hope: Strings of the Holocaust*** a concert featuring violins from the Holocaust, will take place at The Shul, 9540 Collins Avenue., Surfside, on Monday, December 2nd at 8:00 pm. This special performance featuring world famous violinist, Gary Levinson, Senior Principal Associate Concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony, conducting violinists playing a repertoire of Jewish compositions originally composed and played in concentration camps, is being co-sponsored by the Young Israel Congregation and The Shul. Tickets are \$54.00 per person.

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

**The Refuah Fund provides meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva. 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. Thanks to everyone who already contributed to the Refuah fund!**

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**Yahrzeits September 7 – September 13, 2019**

9 ELUL	Roselyn Weitzner for her husband, Walter Weitzner, on Monday, Sep. 9
10 ELUL	Anita Beretz for her father, Joseph ben Moshe, on Tuesday, Sep. 10
11 ELUL	Felix Glaubach for his sister, Ethel Glaubach, on Wednesday, Sep. 11
13 ELUL	Howard Cole for his mother, Sara Cole, on Friday, Sep. 13

Please report any errors or omissions to the Young Israel office or email [stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com)

The Jewish Community Services are participating in a High Holidays project to feed those who are hungry in our Jewish community.

If you would like to contribute, please fill a bag with: Grape Juice, Gefilte Fish, Tuna/ Salmon, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Matzo Ball Soup, Honey, Oil, Peanut Butter.

Food items can be dropped at the Young Israel of Bal Harbour and they will be donated to the JCS Kosher Food Bank. Please make sure that all boxes are sealed. Thank you for your support.

**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)

**Shabbos Dinner**

During the winter months, Shabbos Dinners are available for purchase at local area restaurants such as Kosh and Backyard BBQ, both on Harding Ave.

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

**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@yicbh.org](mailto: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