



# Young Israel Congregation

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## SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Nitzavim, September 8, 2018

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העדתי בכם היום את השמים ואת הארץ החיים והמות נתתי לפניך הברכה והקללה ובחרת בחיים למען תחיה אתה וזרעך

**"I call heaven and earth today to bear witness against you. I have placed life and death before you, blessing and curse; and you shall choose life, so that you will live, you and your offspring." Devarim 30:19**

Why in the world does Moshe Rabbeinu have to exhort the Jewish people to choose life? Wouldn't any sane person choose life? The answer is: look around you. Look at the people addicted to alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling and much more. Look at those who respond with anger when something doesn't go their way. Look at people who only see the negative in life and complain. Look at those who are consumed by envy & greed and how miserable it makes them. Yes, look at how many homes are filled with such turmoil and divisiveness, may G-d have mercy! Sometimes and maybe more than sometimes the problems we face in life are self-inflicted. That's because we do not want to look in the mirror and take personal responsibility and say "maybe it's my fault and I need to do

### Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:15PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	7:00PM
Shabbos	
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:10PM
Mincha	7:00PM
Havdalah	8:17PM

**See Rosh Hashana Schedule for Sun-Tue**

### Weekday

#### Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Wed-Fri	6:30AM/7:30AM

#### Mincha

Wed - Thurs	7:15PM
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The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

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

Stuart Harris in honor of Penny Harris; and

Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z"l and

Morris & Nellie Fischer z"l.

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something about it"! So yes, Moshe Rabbeinu is inspiring us -- don't destroy yourself, don't pick a life of self-destruction, choose life! Wake up, let us not allow the yetzer hara to fool us into living a life of physical pleasure without consequences, but rather to live a life of self-control and responsibility. A life where Torah guides our lives, and shows us the true path to simcha. As we approach the awesome days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, it's a time for us to reflect on how we can begin to take small steps in improving our behavior in our homes and in our relationships with people, and to gradually move up the ladder of spirituality in our overall observance of G-d's commandments. By doing so we will bring upon ourselves and family members the greatest blessing of all (ובחרת בחיים) which is to live a purposeful, meaningful, and G-dly life!

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos and Shanah Tova!**  
**Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein**

#### Sukkot Dinners

Please join us for Sukkot dinners on Sunday September 23 and 24 after davening  
Cost: \$65/member, \$80/nonmember, \$45/child  
Please RSVP by September 17 to the Shul's office 305 866 0203, [yakira@vicbh.org](mailto:yakira@vicbh.org)  
**\*\*Space is limited!\*\***

**Sukkot Club:** We are looking forward to sustaining our annual tradition of having kiddush in our shul Sukkah each day of the holiday. As in past years, we look forward to getting as many sponsor families as possible, at the modest amount of \$100 per family. Stuart Harris z"l worked very hard organizing this each year, and let us strive together to sustain this beautiful shul-wide tradition. Please contact Yakira ([yakira@vicbh.org](mailto:yakira@vicbh.org)) or Shelly Lisbon ([slisbon7346@aol.com](mailto:slisbon7346@aol.com)) if you would like to be part of our Sukkot Club.

The talent of Stuart Harris z"l for continuously sustaining kiddush sponsorship on a weekly basis was truly amazing. Our wonderful kiddush tradition has allowed members and friends to get to know one another and socialize in a place of kedusha, holiness. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition, and we ask for your ongoing support.

Please contact Yakira ([yakira@vicbh.org](mailto:yakira@vicbh.org)) or Shelly Lisbon ([slisbon7346@aol.com](mailto:slisbon7346@aol.com)) if you would like to sponsor a kiddush.

#### **Yahrzeit Plaques Now Available**

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent satin brass Yahrzeit Plaque for a dearly departed loved one on the newly installed automated Yahrzeit memorial displays in our main sanctuary, space is limited, so please fill out the form recently emailed as well as mailed to you and return to our office. If you have any questions, please speak to David Herman. To order a plaque online, please use the website [www.yiplaques.com](http://www.yiplaques.com).

**The Refuah Fund, established about a year ago to provide meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva, needs a desperate replenishment of funds.**

**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.**

**The Refuah committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Refuah fund!**



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#### Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron Sunday-Friday after Shacharis.
- Father and Child during Seuda Shlishit upstairs.

#### Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week's Kiddush and Seuda Shlishit is sponsored by Aaron & Susan Weinberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Aaron's mother, Helen Weinberg, Yenta Bas Baruch Chaim z"l.
- A warm welcome to our new members Alan Jay Marcus and Micah Goldstein.

#### Building Fund

**Please pay your Building Fund pledge as soon as possible. We would like to pay off our Building Fund loan obligation to the bank to avoid paying continued loan interest.**

#### Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga, Howard Barbanel, Shelly Lisbon.

#### Youth Program

- An extensive High Holiday Youth program has been prepared. Please see separate flyer for details
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting or attend via Skype please email [RabbiFried@YICBH.org](mailto:RabbiFried@YICBH.org)
- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudat Shlishit with treats & prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

#### Important: High Holidays Seat Assignment and Posting Information

- All men & women seats are assigned by name and seat number.
- Seat assignments will be posted at the sanctuary entrances on the main and balcony levels.
- The seat assignment information will be posted in two forms:
  - a) Names shown directly on the seating chart configuration;
  - b) In a table by family name, in alphabetical order.Two copies of this information will be posted on each level.
- ***Please make sure to follow the seat numbering on the arm of each seat.***
- We ask everyone's cooperation in respecting the seat assignments, and further respecting that each seat is assigned for the ***duration of the service***, regardless of when the individual enters the sanctuary.
- Please note that permanent seat holders who will be with us have, of course, been assigned their seats. For those reserving seats, every effort has been made to accommodate seat reservation requests. We ask everyone's understanding and cooperation.

#### **IF YOU ARE PLANNING A SIMCHA....**

**Please note that all members or non-members, planning to use our social hall for a private lunch on Shabbat or Yom Tov at the Young Israel will be able to have their private affair ONLY after our Congregants have finished their regular Shabbat or Yom Tov Kiddush in the FULL Social Hall.**

**Reservations for a Simcha, by members or non-members, will be on a first come basis and the date will be finalized once the deposit is provided. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.**

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#### **Yahrzeits September 8 – September 14, 2018**

28 ELUL	Jerry Gontownik for his mother, Zissel Gontownik, on Shabbos, Sep. 8, 2018
28 ELUL	Julianne Schorr for her father, Alexander Bohm, on Shabbos, Sep. 8, 2018
28 ELUL	Shelley Rindner for her father, Nachum Tzvi, on Shabbos, Sep. 8, 2018
28 ELUL	Zohara Weiss for her mother, Violet Sivern, on Shabbos, Sep. 8, 2018
29 ELUL	Joel Wiener for his father, Shraga Feivel Wiener, on Sunday, Sep. 9, 2018
29 ELUL	Paul Rosenberg for his mother, Gussie Rosenberg, on Sunday, Sep. 9, 2018
1 TISHREI	Steve Schwartz for his mother, Milly Schwartz, on Monday, Sep. 10
4 TISHREI	Iris Herssein for her father, Shmuel ben Yaakov, on Thursday, Sep. 13

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

**School is back in session and Teach Florida has been at back to school events to make sure every parent is registered and ready to vote this November to support safe, affordable Jewish schools. Let your neighbors and friends know that voter registration for the November 6 election is open until October 9. Email [teachflorida@ou.org](mailto:teachflorida@ou.org) for information about how to register online.**

## **Hatzalah (305)919-4900**

#### **Support our Shul with Amazon Smile**

When you shop on Amazon through the program called Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases can be donated to the Shul. Please visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and sign up your amazon account with Young Israel Congregation (**National Council of Young Israel – Surfside**). Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Young Israel every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our Shul. Click here to go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and begin supporting the shul.

#### **E-mail communication**

When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to [yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org) NOT [yibh.org](mailto:yibh.org)  
The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is [florence@yicbh.org](mailto:florence@yicbh.org)

#### **Community notice**

Motion activated lights were installed in the pedestrian crosswalk at Collins Avenue and 99th Street. Use of this crosswalk should be avoided on Shabbos and Yom Tov as the lights are motion activated and are turned on as pedestrians cross Collins Avenue.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis,  
please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to  
[yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org) by noon on Thursday.