Rosh Hashana, Shabbos Shuva – Haazinu

Dear Friends,

As we sit down to our Rosh Hashana table with family and friends let's remember the immortal words of the Chofetz Chaim as he imparts to us his sagacious advice in his Halachic work the Mishna Berura. He says (I am paraphrasing chapter 583-5), that although we have all these fruits and vegetables which we use on Rosh Hashana night to evoke G-d's mercy that we should have a sweet new year, still one must keep in mind that the main thing to be concerned about on Rosh Hashana is not getting angry. For besides the great transgression, anger will insure that one will G-d forbid not have a sweet new year no matter how many apples and honey one eats. So just remember, if your honey forgot to buy honey for Rosh Hashana just smile and wish her Shana Tova and you will be guaranteed to be sealed in the book of life.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year, and may you merit to see much Nachas and Simchas from your families.

Kesiva Vachasima Tova!

Moshe & Rena Gruenstein and Family

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.
Various Halachos for Yom Tov and Rosh Hashana

1. Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin before Yom Tov. Take a roll or bread or piece of matzah, with an egg, or fish or meat and say the proper bracha which is in the Artscroll Siddur page 654.

2. Lighting a fire for a Yom Tov need, i.e, for cooking, lighting, or heat, is permissible as long as you're not creating a new fire where none existed before. For example, to strike a match on Yom Tov is forbidden, but if you light the match from a pre-existing flame it's permissible.

3. It is permitted to enlarge a flame on an already lit gas stove (not electric) or to add more oil to a lamp that is already burning.

4. In case of necessity (such as cooking lighting or for warmth) one could ask a non-Jew to create a new fire or turn on a light on Yom Tov.

5. If food is cooking on a stove on Yom Tov and the flame is too high (which will cause the food to burn) you can lower the flame if it's a gas stove (not electric).

6. One can lower the flame on a stove only if it is because of a cooking issue, not because the room is getting too hot; however you could ask a non-Jew to lower the flame if the room is getting too hot. If you left the light on in your bedroom you can ask a non-Jew to shut it off.

The custom is to have a new fruit on the table the 2nd night of Rosh Hashana. The reason is to satisfy a minority view which holds that we don't say the blessing of Shehecheyanu on the 2nd night of Rosh Hashana (as we normally do on Yom Tov Sheini) because the 2 days of Rosh Hashana are considered in halacha one long day and the Shehecheyanu over this long day was already recited the first night of Rosh Hashana. However, the majority opinion is that Rosh Hashana is two separate days and a Shehecheyanu must be said on the 2nd day as well, whether one has new fruit or not. It is important to remember that even if you have a new fruit on the table the 2nd night of Rosh Hashana, the main reason Shehecheyanu is recited is not because of the fruit but because of the new day of Rosh Hashana, and in case the 2nd day of Yom Tov does not require a Shehecheyanu then this blessing should be on the fruit.

The custom during Aseres Yemei Teshuva (10 days of repentance) is to eat Pas Yisrael as opposed to pas palter (which is kosher bread that is baked in a non-Jewish bakery). The reason we adopt these stricter restrictions is in order to beseech G-d that in the same way we are going beyond what we are obligated to do, so too the Almighty should go above and beyond His strict level of Justice and show us mercy by granting us a good judgment. The foods which are included in the requirement of Pas Yisrael are breads made from any of the five grains: wheat, barley, oats, spelt and rye. It also includes cakes, cookies, pretzels and crackers. it does not include pasta, farfel, soup croutons, doughnuts and pancakes. In order for these baked items to be considered Pas Yisrael, a Jew has to be involved in some fashion in the baking process. For example, pre-heating the oven or placing the dough in the oven or just adjusting the temperature is enough to make it Pas Yisrael. There is a minority view that factories which produce foods on an assembly line (which is completely different than a standard bakery) were not included in this requirement of Pas Yisrael. However, most Halachic authorities do not agree to this opinion.

If a person on Aseres Yemei Teshuva forgets and makes a dish that didn't use Pas Yisrael -- for instance bread crumbs on chicken, or fish or cookies crumbs on ice cream -- then the halacha is if it's recognizable (which it is in these cases) then it is not permissible to eat. However, if this pas palter dissolved or was removed then it's permitted to eat.

It is also customary not to eat sour or bitter foods on Rosh Hashana and to refrain from all types of nuts (peanuts, cashews, almonds, walnuts etc.)
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- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Tuesday, 09/26 Young Women Class hosted by Yael Delgado at 9065 Byron Avenue, Surfside "What can Amazon teach us about Yom Kippur?" presented by Rabbi Avi Bossewitch, Hebrew Academy (RASG) Dean of Academics and Innovation

**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- Shabbat Shuva lavish Kiddush is co-sponsored by the Sussman family – wishing the community Kesiva Va’chasima Tova, a year of good health, happiness, mazal, brocha, nachas and hatzlacha, and welcoming their new addition Eva Dorothy (Devorah Ita), daughter of Mollie and Yossi Davis; by Jonathan Gerszberg commemorating the yahrzeit of his grandmother Baila Molly bas Chaim v’Raizel; and by Jose & Jaya Attias welcoming the Attias family.
- Seuda Shishit this week is sponsored by Reuven & Iris Herssein commemorating the yahrzeit of Iris father Shmuel Alhassid Ben Allegra z”l.
- Shelly and I would like to thank the community for all their tefillos, telephone calls, tehillim, learning on my behalf, food, rides to Mount Sinai for my treatments, and good wishes. It has been a very trying time for both of us. B”H things look good for now and we pray that it will continue to do so. I’m still in the recovering stage and must be watched carefully. At this holy time, I am confident that Hashem will grant us, our family and the entire community good health, happiness, and an appreciation for the miracles Hashem performs for us every day. Thank you again for your outpouring of love and support. All our love, Shelly and Miriam Lisbon.

**Refuah Sheleimah**

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Allen Packer, Alexander ben Esther Raizel, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Shimon ben Blima, Dani Smith, Doniel ben Mindel.

**Succos Club**

We have a wonderful annual tradition in our Young Israel of having a Kiddush each day of Sukkos in our beautiful Sukkah. To support this Sukkos Kiddush Club tradition we look forward to having contributions from as many members and friends as possible, so that this is truly a community sponsorship. Toward this end, we are soliciting a $100 contribution per family, and names of sponsors will be inserted into the Shmooze News prior to Sukkos. If you are interested in being part of our Sukkos Kiddush Club, please contact the office or Stuart Harris. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Sukkot Dinner**

Please join us for Sukkot meals in our beautiful Sukkah on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night. Space is limited – please make reservations ASAP. Price per person per meal $100/adult, $50/child.

On Shabbos Shuva at 6:00PM all women are invited to our Young Israel for a discussion/shiur with Rebbetzin Rena Gruenstein on the effects and life lessons of Hurricane Irma. The program will take place upstairs in the Youth Lounge.
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4 TISHREI, 5778  Iris Herssein for her Father, Shmuel ben Yaakov, on Sunday, September 24, 2017
7 TISHREI, 5778  Sheldon Lisbon for his Mother, Sarah Rachel Lisbon, on Wed, September 27, 2017

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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.

ATTENTION ALL MEN!
Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services. Please use side doors to enter and exit Sanctuary after 10:00 AM.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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