



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Vayeshev, December 12, 2020

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**SHABBAT SHALOM AND CHANUKAH SAMEACH!
PLEASE STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.**



**Shabbos Chanukah / Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Teves
Rosh Chodesh will be Wednesday.**

As we celebrate and observe this beautiful and inspiring Shabbos Chanukah together, let us remind ourselves of what the Chanukah message is all about. Chanukah was a time of dangerous assimilation for the Jewish people. We were immersed in Greek culture and society and it was having a devastating effect on our people. Along came a band of a few committed Jews who were ready to fight to the death to keep Torah and Mitzvos, and thank G-d they were successful. They reignited the passion of Judaism within our nation, rededicated the temple and helped stem the spiritual tsunami that threatened our people. Chanukah is an excellent time for us to reevaluate our commitment and devotion to our faith. It is a time to be introspective and reflective and ask ourselves some serious questions about our connection to Judaism. Question one: Do I truly believe that our Torah is a Toras Emes (that

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:13PM
Mincha	5:15PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Mincha	5:10PM
Havdalah	6:16PM

Those davening at home during the week, can connect by zoom with the davening in shul.

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon-Fri	7:30AM

Mincha

Sun - Thu	5:20PM
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in The Young Israel.

Next Fri candle lighting 5:15 PM



The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

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

Nicholas & Margaret Brecher z"l;

Penny Harris in memory of Arnold & 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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the Torah is absolutely true)? Do I believe that the written law and oral law are G-d's word? Question two: Do I believe that our Torah is a Toras Chaim (a Torah of life) --meaning that living a Torah-observant lifestyle is the best thing that ever happened to me? Do I feel thrilled and privileged to be an orthodox Jew? And finally, question three: Do I believe that we are the Am Hanivchar (the chosen people) -- which means that we the Jewish people have a special and unique relationship with G-d, more so than anyone else, and that we the Jewish people have a special mission and purpose in this world, different from anyone else? It is crucial that our answer is yes to each of these three questions, and that we are also capable of articulating our feelings and ideas to our children and grandchildren as to why these three principles are indispensable to living an orthodox way of life. We in America are reliving the Chanukah experience. It is a time of unprecedented and rampant assimilation where pleasure and more pleasure, and just having a good time is the credo of life. So, if we want to raise future generations to be committed to a Torah way of life, then we must strengthen ourselves in the aforementioned three principles of Jewish living. That we have: a Toras Emes; a Toras Chaim; and that yes, we are the Chosen People, and we are proud of it, and hopefully through our actions and deeds we show the world that we are worthy of that title. Let the merit of the Festival of Lights bring us the great light of Moshiach and the redemption of our people speedily in our days.

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos and Chanukah Sameach!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Shabbat Reminders:

We are anticipating being close to our full reduced capacity this Shabbat.

It is critical that each and every one of us take an active role in being a responsible member of our extended YICBH family.

To be more specific that means:

- 1. If you do not feel well, even slightly, please stay home.**
- 2. Even if you are convinced your issue is from allergies or sinus congestion or anything else not COVID-19, please stay home.**
- 3. When in shul, be extra careful to maintain your distance and remain by your seat.**
 - In the Social Hall do not rearrange the seats or move them.**
 - In the Main Sanctuary make sure you have 3 empty horizontal seats and one empty row between you and someone else.**
- 4. Wear a mask that you are capable of keeping securely over your mouth and nose.**
- 5. If we do reach capacity, those who arrive particularly late to minyan may not have a seat available for them.**

Thank you for your understanding.

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Schedule

- Talmud Shiur: Mon-Fri 6:55 AM
- The Daf Yomi shiur is now being given live via Zoom. Use the same Zoom info as for the minyanim.
9:00 AM Sundays - 8:20 AM Monday to Friday.
- Zoom: Meeting ID: 734 192 4764 - Password: 688252
- No classes this week.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- A warm welcome to our new members, Ruthy & Kim Marks.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Raoul Cappell, Ginette Dekelbaum, Allan Krieger, and Allen Packer.

VIRTUAL KIDDUSH:
PLEASE ENJOY YOUR SHABBOS KIDDUSH AND SEUDAH AT HOME WHILE
SHARING THE COMMEMORATION OF A SPECIAL OCCASION

While we all await and anticipate the restart of our weekly kiddush, our Virtual Kiddush enables us to jointly commemorate, on a weekly basis, special occasions of our members (anniversaries, yahrzeits, birthdays, etc.). The cost is much less than a sponsored kiddush and also provides our shul with much needed funds to cover our ongoing operating costs. Please contact the office to sponsor a Virtual Kiddush. Your support is greatly appreciated.

STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT – PLEASE RESPOND

As you do your end-of-year tax planning, this is the perfect opportunity to clear your statement balance and make additional end-of-year donations. Your near-term response will greatly benefit our shul's finances during these challenging pandemic times, and will be greatly appreciated.



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Yahrzeits December 12 – December 18, 2020

28 KISLEV	Martin Jacobs for his mother, Celia Jacobs, on Monday, Dec. 14
28 KISLEV	Jack Benishai for his mother, Bella Benishai, on Monday, Dec. 14
29 KISLEV	Jerry Gontownik for his father, Avraham Gontownik, on Tuesday, Dec. 15
29 KISLEV	Miriam Lisbon for her mother, Frieda, on Tuesday, Dec. 15
30 KISLEV	Leon Weinschneider for his father, Sidney Weinschneider, on Wednesday, Dec. 16
1 TEVET	Aaron Eidelman for his father, Julius, on Wednesday, Dec. 16
1 TEVET	Maxine Jacobson for her mother, Chaya Sarah Sadie Neamtan, on Wednesday, Dec. 16
2 TEVET	Audrey Rubner for her father, Pinchas Aryeh ben Yaakov Krakovits, on Thursday, Dec. 17
3 TEVET	Andrew Lowinger for his brother on Friday, Dec. 18
3 TEVET	Alex Spira for his sister, Agnes Shkarofsky, on Friday, Dec. 18

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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 for everyone who already contributed to the Refuah fund!

Eruv Bal Harbour: While the Eruv in Surfside includes both walking paths, in Bal Harbour the Eruv only includes the inner (western) walking path. 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

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

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