



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Zachor, Shabbos Terumah, February 20, 2021

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the Ratzker families in honor of
Menno's 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.**

ועשית את הקרשים למשכן עצי שיטים עמדים

**You shall make the beams of the Mishkan of shittim wood,
standing effect. Shmos (26:15)**

The verse should have stated קרשים without the derivative “ה”; why does it say הקרשים, the beams? The answer is to highlight that these were special beams that Yaakov our forefather planted in Egypt. When he was dying, he told his sons that G-d would command them in the future to make the tabernacle of shittim wood in the desert. The question arises: the shittim wood was not the only item needed to the Mishkan's construction that would not be available in the desert. The sages tell us that the clouds of glory, besides protecting the Jewish people, also deposited precious stones that were needed for the special vestment of the Kohen Gadol -- so why couldn't G-d just do another miracle and have shittim wood fall from the sky? What did G-d reveal to Yaakov, regarding the Jewish peoples' need for shittim wood, which would require Yaakov to undertake the difficult and arduous task of planting the trees, and then have Bnei Yisroel carry them when they leave Egypt; just make a miracle! The answer is that although the Mishkan contained many sacred items, each one crucial in its own unique way, it was the Mishkan's walls more than anything which brought down the divine presence to rest there. The walls defined the Mishkan's parameters and made it into a special house insulated from the outside world. G-d's presence does not come about through miracles. It requires hard work and effort. For the Mishkan to become a place worthy of G-d's presence Yakkov and his progeny would have to plant the trees, nurture them, and eventually transport them. A herculean task indeed but a necessary one if G-d is to enter your sanctuary. A Jewish home is also a mini sanctuary, מקדש מעט, and just like the Mishkan itself, bringing the Divine presence into one's home takes much toil and effort, but it is well

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:59PM
Mincha	6:00PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Mincha	5:55PM
Havdalah	7:02PM

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

See Purim Schedule on p. 3

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon-Thur	7:00AM-8:00AM
Friday Purim	7:00AM/8:30AM

Mincha

Sun - Wed	6:05PM
Thursday	6:00PM

in The Young Israel.

Next Fri candle lighting 6:03 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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worth it because when peace and harmony exist between husband-and-wife, G-d Almighty resides with them, and that is the greatest blessing of life we could ever hope for. *Sefer: living the Parsha*

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

As Purim and Pesach soon approach, let us not forget those in our community who are in financial need. Unfortunately, due to this corona pandemic, the economic consequences have also affected families who, until now, never needed any financial assistance. Please send in your generous contributions made out to YIBH, and please mention in the memo – Tzedakah, and delineate if it is for Purim or Pesach, or both.

Thank you so much and may Hashem bless all of you with good health, nachas and simchas. Rabbi G.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 2021 Annual Journal Dinner will take place “virtually” this year on Sunday, March 14, 2021.

We are extremely pleased and proud to announce that this year’s guests of honor are:

Tammy & Ambassador David Friedman

We will also pay tribute to our dear

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Moshe & Rena 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, 3 empty horizontal seats and one empty row must be 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.

VIRTUAL KIDDUSH:

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

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Schedule

- Talmud Shiur: Mon-Fri 6:25 AM
- The Daf Yomi shiur is now being given live via Zoom. Please note the new Zoom info for the Daf Yomi: Meeting ID: 873 8224 2928 - Passcode: 613613
9:00 AM Sundays - 7:20 AM Monday to Friday.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazel Tov to Diane & Howard Cole on the engagement of their granddaughter Leora Kroll to Isaac Goor of Los Angeles. Mazel Tov to Leora's parents, Jon & Jen Kroll.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Sherri & Rabbi Basil Herring and Gabriella & Dr. Yaron Bareket.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

SCHEDULE FOR PURIM

Fast of Esther – Thursday, Feb. 25th.

Fast begins – 5:35AM

Shacharis – 7:00AM and 8:00AM

Mincha – 6:00PM

Maariv – 6:40PM

Fast over – 6:55PM (But, unless absolutely necessary, we do not eat till after the reading of the Megillah).

Megillah reading - 7:00PM sharp (*Zoom connection information will be sent by email early next week*)

Megillah will be read in main sanctuary, social hall, and upstairs in the succah. All readings at 7:00PM.

Purim Day – Friday, Feb. 26th.

Shacharis – 7:00AM - Main sanctuary – Megillah reading approx. 7:30AM

Shacharis – 8:30AM - Main sanctuary – Megillah reading approx. 9:00AM

Zoom connection information for each of these two minyanim will be sent by email early next week

Megillah reading upstairs in succah – 10:30AM

To comply with social distancing, we may need to move some congregants from one room to another.

Purim Seudah on Friday should begin no later than 12:33 PM

For those who are too uncomfortable to come to Shul (even in the succah) to hear Megillah reading, we have some righteous volunteers who are willing to come to your home and read the Megillah on your terrace or backyard if you so desire. If you are interested, please call the office (305.866.0203) or Rabbi Gruenstein (786.227.2495).

If you cannot come to Shul and you have a kosher Megillah at home, then you can follow on zoom and read it aloud word for word and fulfill the mitzvah of Krias Megillah.

Thank you to all donors who made our Mishloach Manot program a huge success. The funds raised will greatly benefit the shul, and a donation will also be made to the Food Bank.

A tremendous thank you and yasher koach to Bianca Senker for her Mishloach Manot creativity, and to her, her team, and Yakira and Florence for all their efforts in putting the packages together and distributing them.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for individual, socially distanced, and safe Mishloach Manos tasks, please reach out and text message Bianca Senker at 305 790-7067

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Yahrzeits February 20 – February 26, 2021

9 ADAR	Marc Gleitman for his father, Aharon ben Avraham Moshe, on Sunday, Feb. 21
9 ADAR	Sidney Gordon for his son, Matthew Gordon, on Sunday, Feb. 21
9 ADAR	Heshie Greenblatt for his brother, Bernie Greenblatt, on Sunday, Feb. 21
9 ADAR	Michael Levine for his mother, Ruth Levine, on Sunday, Feb. 21
9 ADAR	Sura Fried for her father, Meir Moskowitz, on Sunday, Feb. 21
9 ADAR	Rochelle Senker for her mother, Miriam Barouh, on Monday, Feb. 22
10ADAR	Freda Greenbaum for her father, Max Faiwlowicz, on Monday, Feb. 22
10 ADAR	Leon Brum for his father, Philip Brum, on Monday, Feb. 22
10 ADAR	Martin Jacobs for his father, Yona Jacobs, on Monday, Feb. 22
10 ADAR	Lemor Englard for her father, Samuel Frankel, on Monday, Feb. 22
10 ADAR	Ernest Elias for his father, Boruch ben Yechezkel, on Monday, Feb. 22
10 ADAR	Isaac Salver for his mother, Chana bas Pinchas, on Wednesday, Feb. 24
12 ADAR	Sidney Gordon for his mother-in-law, Sala Hechtman-Teitelman, on Wednesday, Feb. 24
12 ADAR	Rachel Neuman for her father, Moshe Trompolder, on Wednesday, Feb. 24
12 ADAR	Victor Pinter for his father, Paul Pinter, on Wednesday, Feb. 24
12 ADAR	Michael Messing for his mother, Chaya bat Aryeh Lev, on Wednesday, Feb. 24
12 ADAR	Joshua Wanderer for his father, Harry Wanderer, Tzvi ben Yehoshua, on Wednesday, Feb. 24
12 ADAR	Miriam Weinschneider for her father, Efraim, on Thursday, Feb. 25
13 ADAR	Dena Aber for her father, Harav Yechezkel ben Avrohom Moshe Halevi, on Thursday, Feb. 25
13 ADAR	Moshe Rubner for his mother, Ettel Pearl Rubner, on Thursday, Feb. 25
13 ADAR	Sam Eltes for his mother, Pesha bat Meshulem Zalman, on Friday, Feb. 26
14 ADAR	Jane Senders for her father, Aaron, on Friday, Feb. 26

Please report any errors or omissions to Dr. Jared Plitt at jared@drplitt.com or to yakira@yicbh.org

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

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!

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