



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Beshalach, Shabbos Shira, January 15, 2022

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The kiddush this week is unsponsored. If you want to sponsor this week's kiddush, please call the office, and we will announce it in next week's Shmooze News.

This week early minyan kiddush is co-sponsored by Sharon & Michael Freudenstein on the occasion of the second yartzheit of Michael's mother, Jutta Freudenstein, Yentl bas Ha'Chaver R' Meir z"l and by Judy & Fred Farbman for the yahrzeit of his father Izak Farbman z"l.

Seemingly Identical but Worlds Apart

There are two almost identical *pesukim* in this week's *parashah* which describe how the Jews passed through the parted waters of the sea.

The first *pasuk* states (*Shemos* 14:22): וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם בַּיַּבֵּשָׁה וְהַמַּיִם לָהֶם חוֹמָה מִיְמִינָם וּמִשְׁמָאלָם וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הָלְכוּ בַיַּבֵּשָׁה בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם וְהַמַּיִם לָהֶם חוֹמָה מִיְמִינָם וּמִשְׁמָאלָם, *The Children of Israel came within the sea on dry land; and the water was a wall for them, on their right and on their left.*

Just a few *pesukim* later, the Torah seems to restate this idea almost verbatim, when it says (*ibid.* 14:29): וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הָלְכוּ בַיַּבֵּשָׁה בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם וְהַמַּיִם לָהֶם חוֹמָה מִיְמִינָם וּמִשְׁמָאלָם, *The Children of Israel went on dry land within the sea; and the water was a wall for them, on their right and on their left.*

Why the repetition?

Now, there are some differences in the *pesukim*. In the first *pasuk* it notes that the Jews went *בַּיַּבֵּשָׁה בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם*, *within the sea on dry land*, while the second *pasuk* reverses the order and says, *בַּיַּבֵּשָׁה בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם*, *on the dry land within the sea*. Why is the order reversed?

Finally, why does the first *pasuk* use the verb *וַיָּבֹאוּ*, *and they came*, while the second one says *הָלְכוּ*, *they went*?

The differences in the *pesukim* are of course the cues that help answer our original question. These differences indicate that there are two *different* narratives being described by these respective *pesukim*.

During the moments leading up to the miracle of the splitting of the sea, the Jews were in a quandary. They were stuck between a rock and a hard place; with Pharaoh and his formidable army on one side and the raging sea on the other. There was

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:32PM
Mincha	5:35PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Rabbi's Class	8:20AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Teen minyan	9:45AM
Rabbi's Shiur	4:45PM
Mincha	5:25PM
Women's Circle	5:25PM
Havdalah	6:36PM
Parent child learning	7:30PM

Weekday

Shacharis

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

Mincha

Sun - Thur	5:40PM
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The Izhak family in memory of Yechezkel ben Chaim z"l.
Jack & Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z"l;
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nowhere to go. Hashem however declared (ibid. 14:15), דַּבֵּר אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיֵצְאוּ, *Speak to the Children of Israel and let them journey forth!*

Those with stronger *emunah* (faith and trust) in Hashem simply entered the water. Led by the righteous Nachson son of Aminadav, they started walking into the waters until the waters threatened their lives (*Bamidbar Rabbah* 13:7). That act of *emunah* helped split the sea. Others, however, took a wait-and-see approach. They only entered the seabed after the miracle had already occurred.

The first *pasuk* brought above describes the actions of the first group, those who believed wholeheartedly. They came into the water before it showed any signs of parting. Regarding them it says, וַיָּבֹאוּ...בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם בְּיַבֶּשֶׁת, *they came within the sea on dry land*. That is, they first entered within (וַיָּבֹאוּ) while it was still a sea, and only afterwards did it become dry land.

The second *pasuk*, though, describes the actions of the second group, those who took the wait-and-see approach. They simply went (הִלְכוּ) after their brethren, following in the footsteps of the former group. Regarding them the *pasuk* says, בְּיַבֶּשֶׁת בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם, *on dry land within the sea*. That is, they went on the already existing dry land that had been formed within the sea.

Armed with this knowledge, we can approach one last difference between the *pesukim*. Unlike in the first *pasuk*, where the word חוֹמָה, *wall*, is spelled full, with a *vuv*, in the second it is spelled חֶמָה, without the *vuv*. The Midrash homiletically reads the latter word as חֶמָה, *anger*, noting that the sea raged against the Jews seeking to destroy them, arguing that they, like the Egyptians, were idolaters and not fit to be saved. Hashem, though, recognized our challenges of having been raised in the pagan Egyptian society, and defended us, saving us from certain destruction (*Yalkut, Shemos* 14, §234). Based on the above, we can understand why this allusion is placed in the second *pasuk* rather than the first. For the first group there was no anger. They were able to pass through the walls of water on their own merit, without special Divine intervention. The latter group, though, needed the extra help from Above (*Kli Yakar; Vilna Gaon*).

Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom / Good Shabbos.
Rabbi Moskovitz

SAVE THE DATE!

The Young Israel of Bal Harbour has always counted on the Annual dinner as our primary fundraiser.
This year our annual dinner will be held on February 27.

We will be formally installing / welcoming our new Rabbi & Rebbizen Moskovitz to our YICBH family.
Additionally, YICBH will be giving out two Special Service Awards to:

- **Max Dekelbaum**
- **Bianca & Joey Senker**

Please show your support to our YICBH and donate generously.
Sponsorship opportunities will be emailed this week.
We need your support this year more than ever

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, Jan 14 - 6:00PM – Young Family Shabbat dinner. For families with kids 8 and younger. \$20 per person, \$80 per family. Please RSVP online.**
- **Thursday, Feb 3 - 11:30AM - Lunch and Learn for women - Daily Practices for Emotional Health.**
- **Wednesday, Feb 9 - 7:30PM – Guest Speaker: Naftali Horowitz. Rabbi Horowitz has lectured to tens of thousands globally on the topics of business, motivation, self-actualization and finance.**

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Schedule

- The Daf Yomi shiur begins each weekday after the first minyan.
- Rabbi will be giving a brief Sefer ha'Chinuch shiur (on a mitzvah related to the parashah) at 8:20AM on Shabbos morning.
- 10:30AM – Every Monday – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beit Midrash.
- 4:45PM - Rabbi Moskovitz's Shabbos afternoon shiur. "Practical Dilemmas in Kibbud Av V'Eim".
- 5:25PM - The Women's Circle, Shabbos afternoon, with Malka Moskovitz.
- 7:00PM - Every Tuesday - An exciting new lecture series by Rabbi Moskovitz entitled, "Dinner with the Nevi'im", Now learning Sefer Yehoshua. Light dinner provided. Can't make it in person? Join via Zoom. Please email yakira@yicbh.org for the link. SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazel Tov to Rose Gerszberg on the engagement of her granddaughter, Yakira Gerszberg, to David Herskowitz, and on the engagement of her grandson, Ami Gerszberg to Hadassah Bixon.
- Mazel Tov to Susan and Aaron Weinberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jack Ciment. Mazel Tov also to parents, Elissa and Dr. Ari Ciment.
- A warm welcome to our new members Sarabeth & Kevin Fein.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Ginette Dekelbaum (Dina bat Margalit), Allan Krieger (Aron Yitzchok ben Miriam Toba), Allen Packer (Alexander ben Esther Rayzl).

Youth Program

- Every Shabbat: Teen minyan – For teens by teens (Ages 13 through 25) - At 9:45AM in the Beit Midrash, upstairs, followed by teen kiddush.
- Each Motzei Shabbat (Saturday night) – **Parent Child Learning - New time: 7:30PM** - Learning program led by Rabbi Yerachmiel Weiss. Delicious pizza, raffle, prizes.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR KIDDUSH AND SEUDAH SHLISHIS SPONSORS

We have always been proud of the high quality and presentation of our Shabbos kiddush, regardless of time of year and the size of our Shabbos crowd -- Stuart Harris z"l and Shelly Lisbon z"l always made sure of that!!! We also all understand that prices have increased since the onset of the COVID pandemic, and at the same time our membership has wonderfully grown. Therefore, in order to sustain our wonderful kiddush tradition, we are reaching out to all of you – our generous membership – to please sponsor a kiddush during the year, in honor of a special occasion (anniversary, birthday, yahrtzeit, or some other special family event). Also, in order to mitigate per-family sponsorship cost – especially during the height of the winter season – we encourage multiple-family sponsorship of a given kiddush. We also encourage sponsorship of our weekly Seudah Shlishis.

Please contact the office to sponsor. Thank you in advance for your support to our shul and your continuing generosity.

The 2022 Young Israel Membership Directory is now available!

A pdf version has been sent via email.

If you would like a hard copy, you can pick one up from the Young Israel office, or ask Steve Schwartz for one in shul, or email steinbarrschwartz@gmail.com to make other pickup arrangements.

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Yahrzeits January 15 – January 21, 2022

- 13 SH'VAT Ruth Marciano for her father Michael ben Ephraim on Shabbos, Jan. 15
13 SH'VAT Shimmy Gardyn for his father HaRav Moshe Gardyn on Shabbos, Jan. 15
13 SH'VAT Leslie Baum for her uncle Irving on Shabbos, Jan. 15
14 SH'VAT Michael Freudenstein for his mother Jutta Freudenstein, Yentel bas Ha'Chaver R' Meir on Sun., Jan. 16
16 SH'VAT Sidney Gordon for his father Max Gordon, Moshe ben Zalman Dov on Tue., Jan. 18
17 SH'VAT Fred Farbman for his father Izak Farbman, Yitzchok ben Moshe Hacoheh on Wed., Jan. 19
17 SH'VAT Marvin Anhalt for his father Louis Anhalt, Elazar ben Shalom Levi on Wed., Jan. 19
17 SH'VAT Rachel Neuman for her mother Shoshana Trompolder Berber on Wed., Jan. 19
18 SH'VAT Linda Frank for her mother Ruth bat Yoseph on Thu., Jan. 20
19 SH'VAT Nechama Pessar for her father Shlomo Yaakov ben Avraham Yitzchak HaLevi on Fri., Jan. 21
19 SH'VAT Matilda Anhalt for her grandfather Irving Allerhand, Yitzchak ben Yosef on Fri., Jan. 21
19 SH'VAT Max Dekelbaum for his mother Ida Dekelbaum, Chaya Devorah bas Sholomo Zalymah on Fri., Jan. 21
19 SH'VAT Shabtai Plutno for his mother Leah bat Baruch Leib on Fri., Jan. 21
19 SH'VAT Sheldon Perl for his father Yonasan Binyamin ben Shlomo on Fri., Jan. 21

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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!

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

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

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to
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