



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Va'eira, January 16, 2021

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

הירא את דבר ה' "מעבדי פרעה הניס את עבדיו ואת מקנהו אל הבתים
ואשר לא שמ לבו אל דבר ה' "יעזוב את עבדיו ואת מקנהו בשדה

“Those among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of G-d hurried his servants and his livestock into houses. And those who did not take the word of G-d to heart left his servants and livestock in the field.” Shmos 9:20-21

The Torah describes here two different types of people, those who feared the word of G-d, and those who did not take the word of G-d to heart. Since these two classes of people are total opposites of each other, the verse should have stated, “those who did not fear the word of G-d;” why does it say instead, “those who did not take the word of G-d to heart?” The great Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld explains that the Torah is teaching us a new definition of what it means to fear or not to fear G-d. You may have thought that a person who demonstrably commits sinful and sacrilegious acts is an individual who does not fear G-d. But the Torah is teaching us that the mere fact that someone does not take the word of G-d to heart is the problem. They do not necessarily do anything wrong – in fact, they do mitzvos, but they do them with apathy and indifference. It is lethargic and robotic Judaism. In other words, they are observant but not religious. They do mitzvos but it is devoid of passion and feeling. This type of observant Judaism is one of the many challenges facing Orthodox Judaism today. In order to transmit a Torah way of life to the next generation, it must be an Aish Hatorah, a Torah of fire and enthusiasm. So, on the one hand, we should pat ourselves on the back that at least we are doing the

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:33PM
Mincha	5:35PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Mincha	5:30PM
Havdalah	6:37PM

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

Weekday

Shacharis

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

Mincha

Sun - Thu	5:45PM
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in The Young Israel.

Next Fri candle lighting 5:39 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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mitzvos, which is certainly a great merit, especially when, unfortunately, so many are not. But, on the other hand, we must try to infuse our observance with passion, love, and joy that we are privileged to be part of such a magnificent nation, a nation which is the chosen of G-d. If we truly appreciate who we are and what we have, we will then have the enthusiasm and excitement to properly pass on this magnificent legacy to the next generation.

Sefer: Chochmas Chaim

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 2021 Annual Journal Dinner will take place this year “Virtually” 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, 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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VIRTUAL KIDDUSH:
PLEASE ENJOY YOUR SHABBOS KIDDUSH AND SEUDAH AT HOME WHILE
SHARING THE COMMEMORATION OF A SPECIAL OCCASION

This week's virtual kiddush is being sponsored by Roselyn Weitzner in honor of the birth of her great grandson, Meir Yehuda, to her grandchildren Nava & Aryeh Buchen.

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.
- The following shiurim this week, via Zoom:
 - Monday, January 18 - 7:30PM
Shiur – Sefer Hachinuch. Exploring and delving into the Mitzvos of the Torah.
 - Wednesday, January 20 - 7:30PM
Shiur in Navi - Shmuel II – The life and times of King David
- Zoom: Meeting ID: 734 192 4764 - Password: 688252

Congregational Family and Shul News

- With profound sadness we announce the passing of our esteemed member Edward Chernoff z"l, Yitzchak ben Zeev z"l, husband of our esteemed member Phyllis Chernoff.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Breindy & Neal Pomper and Naomi & Daniel Feuer.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

Upcoming Lecture

The Lander College for Women is sponsoring a virtual lecture by Professor Yael Krumbein on “The Making of a Matriarch: Unmasking the Identity of Esther in the Megillah” on Sunday evening, February 7th at 8 pm.

Please join us!



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Yahrzeits January 16 – January 22, 2021

4 SH'VAT	Mitchell Eichen for his mother, Razel bat Gershon, on Sunday, Jan. 17
4 SH'VAT	Sidney Gordon for his wife, Anita Gordon, on Sunday, Jan. 17
5 SH'VAT	Miriam Glaubach for her father, Max Herlinger, on Monday, Jan. 18
5 SH'VAT	Katerina Berkovitch for her mother, Klara Shvimer, on Monday, Jan. 18
5 SH'VAT	Lore & Suzy Steinmetz for their husband/father, Efrey Steinmetz, on Monday, Jan. 18
6 SH'VAT	Menno Ratzker for his mother, Paula Ratzker, on Tuesday, Jan. 19
6 SH'VAT	Toby Wolf for her father, Irving Stein, on Tuesday, Jan. 19
6 SH'VAT	Michael Wolfe for his father, David Wolfe, on Tuesday, Jan. 19
7 SH'VAT	Elias, Joel, Ira, Sussman, Perri Sussman Stern for their wife and mother, Dorothy Sussman, on Wednesday, Jan. 20
7 SH'VAT	Stanley Wasserman for his brother, Burton Wasserman, on Wednesday, Jan. 20
7 SH'VAT	Yehuda Weinstock for his mother, Fayah bat Beryl, on Wednesday, Jan. 20
9 SH'VAT	Ralph Herzka for his father, Yaakov Yitzchak Herzka, on Friday, Jan. 22
9 SH'VAT	Moshe Banin for his father, Eliahu Banin, on Friday, Jan. 22
9 SH'VAT	Howard Felson for his grandfather, Abraham Selsman, on Friday, Jan. 22

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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

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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