



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Bo, January 8, 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.

Justice is Served

While we are familiar with the story of *Yitzias Mitzrayim* (the Exodus from Egypt), there are some basic difficulties that seem to jump out from a surface reading of the *pesukim*.

When Moshe first came to the elders of the Jewish People, he shared with them without reservation what was going to transpire: Hashem was going to redeem His People and bring them to the land flowing with milk and honey (*Shemos* 3:17). Yet, when Moshe and Aharon came to Pharaoh, they seemed to offer a different vision. They simply said, "*Let us now go for a three-day journey in the Wilderness and we shall bring offerings to Hashem, our Gd*" (ibid. 5:3). Why did they not simply tell Pharaoh that the time had come to set the Jewish People free for good? Why imply that this was just a short excursion?

Another difficulty occurs toward the middle of our parashah, right before the final *makkah* (plague). At that time Moshe was told by Hashem, *Please speak in the ears of the people: Let each man be "sho'el" of his fellow and each woman from her fellow silver vessels and gold vessels*" (ibid. 11:2). The verb, שָׁאֵל, (to be *sho'el*) generally means to "borrow." Now it is true that according to some authorities here the word can be understood as meaning to "request" as a gift (*Rashbam* and *Rosh* ad loc.). However, many translate the word as per its more typical usage as meaning to "borrow" (*Seforno* and *Chizkuni* ad loc.; *Ran*, *Derashos* §11). Now, these valuables were owed to the Jewish People for our many decades of unpaid slave labor (see *Sanhedrin* 91a). Additionally, they were owed to us as compensation for the property and land that we were forced to leave behind (*Malbim*). Why then did we not simply inform our former Egyptian masters that we were taking our money? Why did we need to use a word that implied that we were "borrowing" these valuables, as though we were going to return them? Indeed, doing so was distasteful to us, and Hashem

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:27PM
Mincha	5:30PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Rabbi's Class	8:20AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Teen minyan	9:45AM
Rabbi's Shiur	4:40PM
Mincha	5:20PM
Women's Circle	5:20PM
Havdalah	6:31PM
Parent child learning	7:30PM

Weekday

Shacharis

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

Mincha

Sun - Thur	5:35PM
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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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knowing that, introduced this command with a plea, “Please speak in the ears of the people...” He knew that it would bother us to use such a subterfuge (*Ran, loc. cit.*). Why then did He tell us to do so altogether?

The answer to all these questions, explains Rabbeinu Nissim of Gerona (*Ran, Derashos* §11), is that Hashem was saving the best for last. Yes, indeed Moshe could have told Pharaoh that we were leaving for good and that we were taking our just compensation with us. Eventually – after receiving enough *makkos* – Pharaoh would have relented and given in. But then that would have been the end of the story. Where then would be the recompense for all the torturous work in the mud pits? What about the justice for the countless babies drowned in the water? The story was not yet over. There was one more final act – one that would bring all the evil of our tormentors back onto their very own heads. Pharaoh, and the Egyptians, were led to believe that they still had control over us. We were only given “permission” to go for a three-day journey. We still had “their” money. And when they saw that we were not coming back, they chased after us in righteous indignation; running headlong into the thick mud that trapped them – reminiscent of the very same mud they had us wallow in over the decades of forced labor. Then the waters came crashing down upon them causing them to meet their ends in a watery grave – reminiscent of the very same waters in which they drowned our babies!

As Yisro would exclaim upon hearing all this (*Shemos* 18:11), עֲתָה יָדַעְתִּי כִּי גָדוֹל ה' מִכָּל הָאֱלֹהִים כִּי בַדְבָר אֲשֶׁר זָדוּ עָלֵיהֶם, *Now I know that Hashem is greater than all the gods, for in the very matter in which [the Egyptians] had conspired against them...!* All of that came full circle! At that moment, it all became clear. Hashem had a plan, and we were privileged to see its unfolding before our very own eyes. All the questions and misgivings were gone. וַיִּצְמַח בָּהֶם יִרְבֻּמֶשֶׁה עִבְדוֹ, *they had faith in Hashem and in Moshe His servant (Shemos 14:31).*

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**

January Upcoming Events

- Scholar-in-Residence with Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman that was scheduled January 8th has been postponed – New date to be determined.
- 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.

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 stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com to make other pickup arrangements.

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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.
- 4:40PM - Rabbi Moskovitz's Shabbos afternoon shiur. "Practical Dilemmas in Kibbud Av V'Eim".
- 5:20PM - 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 Sura & Bert Fried on the birth of their great grandson.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Simon & Alice Truzman on the engagement of their granddaughter Michelle Truzman to Daniel Alpert.
- Mazel Tov to Sarah & Charles Kalchman on the engagement of their son Moshe to Batzie Schwartz from Kew Gardens NY.
- Mazel Tov to Marsha & Ira Sussman and Naomi & Aryeh Davis upon the birth of Judah Gabriel to their children Mollie and Yossi.

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 lead 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.

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Yahrzeits January 8 – January 14, 2022

- 6 SH'VAT Michael Wolfe for his father David Wolfe, Dovid ben Moshe on Shabbos, Jan. 8
6 SH'VAT Toby Wolf for her father Irving Stein, Yisrael Yitzhak ben Elimelech Hakohen on Shabbos, Jan. 8
6 SH'VAT Menno Ratzker for his mother Paula Ratzker, Baila bat Yissachar on Shabbos, Jan. 8
7 SH'VAT Stanley Wasserman for his brother Burton Wasserman, Dov Ber ben Yosef on Sun., Jan. 9
7 SH'VAT Yehuda Weinstock for his mother Fayah bat Beryl on Sun., Jan. 9
7 SH'VAT Elias, Joel & Ira Sussman & Perri Sussman Stern for their wife and mother Dorothy Sussman on Sun., Jan. 9
9 SH'VAT Moshe Banin for his father Eliahu ben Moshe Banin on Tue., Jan. 11
9 SH'VAT Ralph Herzka for his father Yaakov Yitzchak ben Nosson Herzka on Tue., Jan. 11
9 SH'VAT Howard Felson for his grandfather Abraham Selsman, Avraham ben Reuven on Tue., Jan. 11
11 SH'VAT Roslyn Jaffe for her mother Dita Muhlrud on Thu., Jan. 13
12 SH'VAT Jonathan Gerszberg and Rose Gerszberg for their father and husband Shep Gerszberg, Shabsai ben Shlomo on Fri., Jan. 14

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Please report any errors or omissions to Steve Schwartz at stevenbarrschwartz@gmail.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!

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

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