



# Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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**Parshas Beha'alotecha, June 13, 2020**

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

In this week's parsha, we read about an incident with Moshe Rabbeinu which is quite puzzling, to say the least. Moshe Rabbeinu has already gone through a great deal of aggravation with the Jewish people, but as always, he is as strong as a rock, never wavering. Whether it's the sin of the golden calf or any other difficulty, Moshe Rabbeinu is up to the challenge. All of a sudden in our Parsha, when the Jewish people start complaining about the fish, melons, and cucumbers they ate in Egypt and they would start crying about their families, Moshe gives up and tells G-d, "I can't do this anymore. It's too hard to carry these people all by myself." Whatever happened to Moshe Rabbeinu, the man of steel? How come he falls apart over something which, compared to what he had dealt with before, is not a big deal? I believe the answer is very telling and has great ramifications for the generation we live in today. Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest Jewish leader of all time, could deal with any situation or emergency that would arise. There was only one thing he could not tolerate, and that was dishonesty. The Jewish people were not being honest with Moshe and, more importantly, they were not being true to themselves. They were complaining about the food they ate in Egypt for free. The only thing they could eat, or I should say drink, for free in Egypt was their own blood. What they meant was free from mitzvos, but they wouldn't dare admit that to themselves. All these complaints and fantasies about how good it was in Egypt were just subterfuge. They were really complaining and crying about mitzvos and about mishpachosav (families). They were upset about the new laws given by the Torah which forbade certain relationships which had

## Shabbos

Candle Lighting 7:25PM/7:55PM  
Mincha/Kabbalas 7:00 PM  
Shabbos

## Shabbos afternoon

Mincha 7:50 PM  
Shiur between Mincha and Maariv  
Havdalah 8:58 PM

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

## Weekday Mincha

Sun-Thu 6:35 PM  
in The Young Israel.

**Next Fri candle lighting 7:57 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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been permitted up until then. But they were hiding their true complaints behind this fantasy that what they were really missing was real food, even though they had the miraculous manna. It was this lack of transparency and this behavior of self-deception that Moshe could not countenance. Moshe Rabbeinu had the strength to deal with the greatest failures and sins of the Jewish people as long as they were honest with him and with themselves about their wrongdoings, but when you're not straight with yourself, there is not much you can do, and that's why Moshe Rabbeinu threw up his hands to G-d in exasperation and said I can't cope. My friends, this is our generation. A world where nothing is wrong anymore, where every deviant behavior is winked at. A world in which marijuana will soon be legal for all to become brain dead. People can physically change their gender and be hailed as heroes instead of being sent to an institution. The world has gone absolutely mad; no one can say the truth anymore without being denigrated as a hater or a racist. In today's society, you must be politically correct to the point of insanity. No one has the guts to stand up and say that the emperor has no clothes. A world in which people can't tolerate the truth is a dangerous world, indeed, and if Moshe Rabbeinu gave up in his time, what can we say about our time? So, we, the Jewish People, must be strong and not allow ourselves to be seduced by a culture whose philosophy is that there are no wrongs. We must be a beacon of light and inspiration of morality and honesty to the world. We must stand up for what's right and not be afraid to speak the truth, for in the end, "emes" prevails above all.

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos.  
With much blessing and love,  
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein**

*For those davening at home over Shabbos, please see below for the schedule of approximate times and associated notes:*

#### Friday Evening

- *Candle Lighting: 7:25 PM/7:55 PM*
- *Early Mincha: 7:00 PM*
- *Lecha Dodi: Approx. 7:30 PM; let us all sing together (on balcony, outside home, etc.)*
- *Say Vayechulu after Shemonah Esrei, but do not say the next three paragraphs.*

#### Shabbos Morning

- *Schacharis: 9:00 AM*
- *Do not say Vayehi Binsoa and Berich Shmei (the prayers for taking out the Torah)*
- *Note: It is appropriate to read both the parsha and the haftorah during the day*
- *Parsha: Beha'aloscha, p. 774 in Stone Chumash.*
- *Haftorah: P.1182 in Stone Chumash.*
- *Say first paragraph of Yekum Purkan; do not say the next two paragraphs*
- *Say Av Harachamim*
- *Do not say Mizmor L'David and U'venucha Yomar*

#### Shabbos Afternoon

- *Mincha: 7:00 PM, followed by seudah shlishis*
- *Say Tzidkuscha Tzedek*
- *Havdalah: 8:58 PM*

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#### Schedule

- Monday – Pirkei Avos via zoom 7:15PM
- Wednesday - Navi Class via Zoom: 7:15PM
- Thursday – Shiur on the Parsha/Shabbos message 7:15PM
- Note: Zoom link sent out by email to entire membership
- All those interested in joining the group that receives Rabbi Citron's Daf Yomi Shiurim, can do so via the WhatsApp link by clicking [here](#).

#### Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazel Tov to Jonathan Gerszberg on his engagement to Dr. Adinah Wieder from Monsey, NY, daughter of Devorah & Heshy Wieder.
- Mazel Tov to Yakira & Aaron Navarro on the birth of their granddaughter.
- Mazel Tov to Talia & Ricardo Berner on the birth of their daughter, Ilanit.

#### Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Aaron Benveniste, Ginette Dekelbaum, Allan Krieger, and Allen Packer.



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**Yahrzeits June 13 – June 19, 2020**

21 SIVAN	David Geula for his father, John Geula, on Shabbos, June 13
21 SIVAN	Penny Miller Harris for her husband, Stuart Harris, on Shabbos, June 13
21 SIVAN	Michael Henesch for his father, Yehuda Aryeh ben Yechiel Michael, on Shabbos, June 13
23 SIVAN	Golda Brown for her mother, Shirley Brown, on Monday, June 15
24 SIVAN	Ginette Dekelbaum for her husband, Ezra Sultan, on Tuesday, June 16
25 SIVAN	Ralph Herzka for his mother, Esther Herzka, on Wednesday, June 17
25 SIVAN	Shimmy Gardyn for his mother, Chaya Gardyn, on Wednesday, June 17
25 SIVAN	Steve Schwartz for his grandmother, Zelda Schwartz, on Wednesday, June 17
25 SIVAN	Bezalel "Buzz" Mayer for his mother, Sarah Mayer, on Wednesday, June 17
25 SIVAN	Martin Kessler for his mother, Florence Kessler, on Wednesday, June 17
27 SIVAN	Shabtai Plutno for his sister, Alta Miriam Chaya bat Leah, on Friday, June 19

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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](http://www.miamibeacheruv.com)

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