



# Young Israel Congregation

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## Shmooze News

### Parshas Ki Tisa , March 11, 2023

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**The main Kiddush is co-sponsored by Susan Gluck in celebration of Jack's birthday, and by Ros Weitzner in celebration of the birth of 2 new great grandchildren:**

**Zehava Bracha born to Tali & Zack Comet, and David Joseph born to Esther & Josh Goldstein.**

**Early minyan kiddush this week is co-sponsored by Janet & Saul Spitz**

**l'ilui nishmas Saul's father R' Naftali Hertz ben R' Yehoshua Spitz z"l ,**

**and by Elana & Michael Szafranski in honor of Lexi making Dean's List at the University of Florida.**

### “The Children of Israel Shall Observe the Sabbath”

There are *pesukim* in this week's *parashah* with which we are very familiar as they are part of our Shabbos morning *amidah* and *kiddush*. They begin with the words: וְשָׁמְרוּ בְּיָמֵי שְׁרָאָל וְשָׁמְרוּ בְּיָמֵי שְׁרָאָל, *The Children of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to make the Sabbath an eternal covenant for their generations* (*Shemos* 31:16 ff). With these words, the Torah exhorts us to “keep Shabbos.”

The commentators, however, note that the previous verses already stated this requirement explicitly, as they say: *However, you must observe My Sabbaths, for it is a sign between Me and you... You shall observe the Sabbath, for it is holy to you...* (ibid. v.14-15). What then is added by our verse of וְשָׁמְרוּ, *The Children of Israel shall observe the Sabbath...* that was not already stated? Also, what is meant by the end of the verse, “to **make the Sabbath...** for their generations”? How does one “make” the Sabbath, and do so for “generations”?

There are a number of different approaches to understanding some of the depth which these *pesukim* are imparting. We will touch on three such approaches.

Some suggest that the verses here are teaching us an attitude of how we should approach Shabbos. The word וְשָׁמְרוּ, can also mean to “anticipate excitedly,” as it does in the verse, וְאַבְרָם שָׁמַר אֶת הַדָּבָר, *and his father looked forward to [the fulfillment of] the matter* (*Bereishis* 37:11). Based on that, our verse is understood as stating, *The Children of Israel shall look forward to Shabbos*, as a highlight of the week. Not simply because it provides for a needed break from a busy week, but rather with the intention of לְעִשׂוֹת אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת, *to make the Sabbath* – i.e., to make it real, for its intended spiritual purpose as “an eternal covenant” (*Or HaChaim* ad loc.).

Others suggest that our verse here is teaching us the power of a properly observed Sabbath. According to them, the verse is teaching us that if we observe the Sabbath as it is meant to properly be observed, then it will infuse the coming week with a spirituality that will then in turn allow us to enter the coming Shabbos with greater spiritual sensitivity, making the proper observance of that Shabbos even easier. That, in turn, will infuse the following week with greater spirituality, creating a positive cycle of Sabbaths that lead to better Sabbaths to come. Accordingly, the verse reads as follows: *[If] the Children of Israel*

### Shabbos

Candle Lighting	6:08PM
Mincha	6:10PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Rabbi's Shiur	8:20AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Parent child learning	4:00PM
Rabbi's Shiur	5:10PM
Mincha	5:55PM
Women's Circle	6:05PM
Havdalah	7:12PM

**TURN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR**

### Weekday

#### Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM/9:00AM
Mon - Fri	7:00AM/8:00AM

#### Mincha

Sun - Thu	7:15PM
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The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

The Izhak family in memory of Yechezkel ben Chaim z"l,

Susan & Jack Gluck in memory of Edith & Milton Gluck z"l and Margaret & Nicholas Brecher z"l,  
Susan & Aaron Weinberg in memory of Helen & Jack Weinberg z"l and Nellie & Morris Fischer z"l.

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*observe the Sabbath [properly, then they will] make the Sabbath [i.e., create a different Shabbat experience the following week, and so on] for their generations [ i.e., as an ongoing upward moving spiritual cycle] (Kedushas Levi).*

Finally, others suggest that our verse is teaching us of the affect Shabbat observance has upon one's *ultimate* future. Our Sages note that the mitzvah of Shabbos observance is so weighty that it is on some level equivalent to all the other mitzvos combined (זוה"ק ח"יב פח.). Additionally, our Sages refer to the World to Come as יום שכולו שבת, *a day that is completely Shabbat (Rosh Hashanah 31a)*. Our verse, then, can be read as follows: *The Children of Israel shall observe the Sabbath [in this world], to make the Sabbath – i.e., to create for themselves the eternal Sabbath of the World to Come. Hence it will be for them, “an eternal covenant for their generations” i.e., for their existence which will not be bound by time, but rather which will be for all time, and for all generations (Seforno; Or HaChaim ad loc.).*

Putting that all together, our *pesukim* teach us that Shabbos is a gift to look forward to, never a burden to be begrudgingly observed. Properly observed, Shabbos will infuse us with a spiritual sensitivity that changes our upcoming week, which in turn will change our upcoming Shabbos in an upward moving spiritual cycle. And with that, we will have created for ourselves not just a more meaningful and full life in this world, but for a World yet to Come, one that itself is “completely Shabbos”!

**Wishing you all a very good Shabbos / Shabbat Shalom!**

**Rabbi Moskovitz**

#### ***YICBH PURIM 2023***

Thank you to all our YI volunteers who helped organize and package our 2023 YICBH Mishloach Manot and deliver packages on routes for our annual fundraising drive! Working together and creating something special for our Shul members and for the JCS Food Bank families is always meaningful. We raised money for our shul and are grateful for your continued support.

Many thanks to our team for helping plan and execute a festive and groovy Purim! All scrolls have been mailed for those who were out of town or donated packages.

#### **Thank you to the following members for helping pack:**

The Allouche - The Attias Family - Shelley Benveniste - The Bermanski Family - The Courtney Family - Sherry Eidelman - The Hershman Family - The Plitt Family - Shelly & Eddie Senker - The Senker Family - The Sterenfeld Family - The Zaret Family.

#### **Thank you to our crew who helped make our Seudah a groovilicious, festive and creative success!**

Ruty Gad - Laura Hershman - Nikki Lanado - Rabbi & Malka Moskovitz - Mielka Munk - Yakira Navarro - Bianca & Joey Senker - Elana Szafranski - Belinda Zaret .

*Peace, Love & Light Always!*

#### **Maos Chitim**

With Pesach around the corner, our Maos Chitim appeal is currently underway.

"Maos Chitim" (or "Kimcha D'Pischa") is an ancient Jewish custom whereby people donate to help those in need to have food for Pesach.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and participation in this great mitzvah.

Please make checks payable to Young Israel of Bal Harbour and write in the memo “Maos Chitim fund,” or you can make your donation online: [www.yicbh.org](http://www.yicbh.org)

Wishing all of you a Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

#### **Sale of Chametz**

Torah law forbids one to own chametz over Pesach (including pastas, liquors, cereals, etc.). One who plans to put such chametz aside for Pesach, must sell it to a non-Jew to avoid the issue of ownership. In addition, even those who discard all known chametz, will often "sell their chametz" as an additional assurance.

Rabbi Moskovitz is available to act as your agent in the sale of any such chametz. Please fill out the form available online or in the Shul lobby and return it to him to appoint him as your agent.

You can meet Rabbi Moskovitz at the conclusion of shacharis and maariv services each weekday to appoint him as your messenger.

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#### Schedule for classes

- Rabbi will be giving a brief Sefer ha'Chinuch shiur (on a mitzvah related to the parashah) at 8:20AM on Shabbos morning.
- 5:10PM - Rabbi Moskowitz's **Shabbos afternoon shiur**. A Practical Series on the Laws of Shabbos with Modern-day Applications. This week's Class: The Melachah of Cooking and the Modern Kitchen Part II.
- 6:05PM - **The Women's Circle**, Shabbos afternoon, with Malka Moskowitz.
- Mondays - 10:30AM - **Ladies Tehillim Group** in the Beis Midrash.
- Mondays - Until March 13 - 8:00PM to 9:00PM - **Beis Medrash men's learning program** - Join us for a limited time program in conjunction with Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes - Three small classes from which to choose: Parsha Perspectives, The six constant mitzvos, The Laws of Pesach - Refreshments served.
- Tuesdays - 7:00PM - "**Dinner with the Nevi'im**" by Rabbi Moskowitz. Now learning Sefer Shmuel I (I Samuel). Light dinner provided.
- Thursdays - 8:00PM - **Mishmar: Chavrusa Learning Program**. To sign up for a chavrusah please contact Rabbi Moskowitz, [rabbi@yicbh.org](mailto:rabbi@yicbh.org). Cholent served! Please consider sponsoring a night of learning (\$180) or a month (\$720). Last week was sponsored by Rivki & Lindsay Rosenwald. Next week is sponsored by Chana & Avi Hershberg l'ilui nishmas Miriam Alexandra bas Fega.

#### Congregational Family and Shul News

- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Richard Lorie z"l (Reuven ben Herschel z"l) beloved father of our esteemed member Carol Ratner.

#### Refuah Sheleimah

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

#### Youth Department

- 9:30AM-11:15AM - **Shabbos morning groups**:
  - Ages 0-3 - Tot Shabbat with sing along circle/Davening time and snack (Circle time starts at 10:45) with Devorah and Morah Mielcah.
  - Ages 4-10 - Games, snacks, story with Morah Debbie, Davening, raffle, and more with Shaila, Riley and Shoshana.
  - Ages 9-11 (girls) - Davening, snacks, games, story and parsha thoughts with Tziona.
  - Ages 12-13 (girls) Davening, parsha, games, and more with Ella.
- Shabbos - 4:00PM to 5:00PM - **Parent child learning**.
- 4:00 PM to 5:00PM - Boys ages 9-12 - **Shabbos Chess Club for Boys** - Come learn and play chess with Jon Delgado, an expert chess player, and enjoy snacks and words of Torah from Rabbi Moskowitz.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday Mar. 16 - Shabbat Mar. 18 - **Family Shabbaton** - "Make Judaism Your Superpower" - With DC comics Batman Franchise editor & author of the bestselling Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel Jordan B. Gorfinkel. Sponsorships needed - Email the office for more info.
  - Thursday, Mar. 16 - 6:00 PM - The 4 children: An Exciting & Interactive Pre-Pesach Multimedia Presentation - From veteran Batman editor & Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel creator Jordan B. Gorfinkel. "The Hero, The Villain, The Mentor, & The Sidekick" is a super one-hour discussion using the Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel, "Marvel-ous" clips and art, and pop culture for penetrating multiple layers of the classic parable. It's fun, insightful, unique, and engaging.
  - **Friday, Mar. 17 - Dinner 7:45PM - RSVP required at [yicbh.org](http://yicbh.org).**
    - \$50 adult member \$25 per a child ages 3-15
    - \$75 adult nonmember \$30 per a child ages 3-15
  - Shabbat Mar. 18 - 6PM - Free & Open to the community.
- Wednesday Mar. 22 - 11:30AM - **Rosh Chodesh Nisan** – Speaker: Shelley Benveniste - Shelley Benveniste is a Jewish wife, mother and devoted “baba” to her grandchildren. She is an activist, artist, educator, columnist and long-time Florida Editor of The Jewish Press. Her lecture, “You can make a difference,” should provide inspiration for those attending the YICBH’s Rosh Chodesh luncheon. A question and answer period will follow. \$10 members - \$20 non-members - RSVP online at [yicbh.org](http://yicbh.org)

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**Yahrzeits March 11 – March 17, 2023**

- 18 ADAR Walter Molofsky for his mother Esther Molofsky, Esther bas Noson on Shabbos Mar 11  
19 ADAR Jacob Shafran for his stepfather Roman Kaufer on Sun Mar 12  
19 ADAR Linda Salzhauer for her father Binyamin ben Chaim Yitzchak on Sun Mar 12  
19 ADAR Saul Spitz for his father Naftali Tzvi Hertz Spitz on Sun Mar 12  
19 ADAR Sherry Eidelman for her father Hyman, Chaim Dov ben Shmuel on Sun Mar 12  
20 ADAR Menno Ratzker for his father Shimon Zev Ratzker on Mon Mar 13  
20 ADAR Reesa Strasser for her father Stanley, Shmuel Hersh on Mon Mar 13  
22 ADAR David Popper for his brother Shmuel ben Gershon haKohen on Wed Mar 15  
22 ADAR Linda Salzhauer for her husband Tzvika Salzhauer, Yehoshua Hersh ben Yaakov on Wed Mar 15  
22 ADAR Miriam Kriger for her father-in-law William Kriger on Wed Mar 15  
23 ADAR Gali Rubin for her mother Rochel Glick on Thu Mar 16  
23 ADAR Harry Mamane for his son Solly Mamane on Thu Mar 16  
23 ADAR Steven Grill for his father Moshe Meir ben Zev on Thu Mar 16

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Please report any errors or omissions to Steve Schwartz at [stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:stevenbarryschwartz@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!

**THE REFUAH FUND IS CURRENTLY LOW ON FUNDS, PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.**

**REMINDER**

**Hatzalah in our neighborhood has ambulances paramedics and EMT'S all here to help us  
(305) 919-4900 –**

**If there is a medical emergency, pickup any of the radios and let security know. Additionally, there is a red phone in the lobby that calls Hatzalah directly.**

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

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by noon on Thursday.