



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei, Shabbos Hachodesh, March 21, 2020

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

Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Nissan Rosh Chodesh will be Thursday.

This will be the first Shabbos since 1948 that Israel will have no sporting events, no open malls or restaurants, and no nightclubs in Tel Aviv. Everyone will be home for Shabbos with their families because the King of Kings has so decreed. Normally at this time, there would be the tremendous hustle and bustle of families getting ready for Pesach, shopping for new clothes, and Pesach programs preparing to greet thousands upon thousands of guests. But alas, this year, much of this is simply not to be. In the last two weeks, the world as we once knew it has temporarily ceased to exist and this new reality in which we find ourselves is surreal. When my son, Nechemia, came back from Israel, we said hello from ten feet apart and he couldn't come into our house. It was the same with my younger son Avi. They are now both staying at another empty house. This is the new normal. Yesterday, my daughter Gittie gave birth to a girl and neither she nor her husband were allowed to hold their new baby. Instead, the baby was whisked away to the NICU because my daughter and her husband had come into contact with us. As I mentioned yesterday in my audio clip, all that's transpiring now is bringing us to the exalted state called humility. The Prince of Torah, the great Rav Chaim Kanievsky, stated that this is one of the chief character traits a person needs to work on during these challenging times. Therefore, I present to you the

Shabbos

Candle Lighting 7:14PM

Shabbos Afternoon

Mincha By 7:15PM

Havdalah 8:16PM

Weekday Mincha

Sun-Thu By 7:20PM

Next Fri candle lighting 7:17PM



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following D'var Torah, which underscores the importance of being a mevater – a person who gives in – to bow sometimes even when we are right, which is the ultimate expression of humility. In this week's parsha, it says "You shall not kindle a fire in all your dwellings on the Shabbos day" (35:3). The Shelah Hakadosh, in a departure from the plain meaning of the verse, says that here, "fire" refers to the fire of machlokes – heated strife. While machlokes is always destructive, it is even more so on Shabbos, since it is such a holy and sanctified day. On this note, let me share with you some advice on how to avoid strife and acrimony. Rav Moshe Soloveichik of Zurich, Switzerland was one of the 20th century's giants of Torah. One day he was approached by a couple who were having difficulties with shalom bayis. They were at odds over a certain issue and neither party wanted to give in. Rav Soloveichik responded, "The Torah tells us that the name "Yisroel," which was given to Yaakov following his struggle with the angel of Eisav, indicated Yaakov's triumph over the divine (the angel), and man. Rashi says that here, man is referring to Lavan and Eisav. Rav Soloveichik asks "True, Yaakov did triumph over Lavan, but could Yaakov's encounter with Eisav also be called a triumph? He was forced to give many gifts and bow seven times in submission to Eisav. How is that a triumph?" The answer, said the great Rav, is that we have a misconception of the true meaning of nitzachon (victory). To be victorious in Judaism is not about winning. Rather, the definition of victory is to accomplish one's goals. Yaakov, our patriarch, had one clear goal. He wanted to devote his life to G-d, far away from evil influences, and thereby ensure that his offspring would be worthy of producing generations who would become G-d's chosen people and receive the Torah. To accomplish this goal, Yaakov needed to placate and appease Eisav. If achieving his goal meant giving Eisav an enormous gift and bowing down to him, then so be it. For in the end, giving in made him victorious. As we continue to live in this new reality, being together with our families in close quarters 24/7 can lead to moments of anger and frustration. Therefore, It is so important to be very self-aware concerning our emotions and to constantly work on this king of all traits, humility. A person who is mevater (willing to give in) is the real victor. That person is the true gibbor, because whoever fosters peace and tranquility in his or her own home, especially on the holy day of Shabbos, is ultimately the true winner. Wishing all of you good health. Stay safe and have an inspiring Shabbos!

**With love and admiration,
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein**

Maos Chitim: *Unfortunately, the Coronavirus has wreaked havoc on the livelihood of many individuals. While some of these people have never before needed any financial assistance for Pesach, this year they may find themselves in a different position. Therefore, this Pesach we are anticipating a greater need than ever before, and whatever our generous congregation can do to help is much appreciated. Please make checks payable to YIBH and write "tzedakah" in the memo or go online and pay. To pay online please click [here](#) .*

Sale of Chametz

Due to the circumstances, this year we all must submit our sale of chametz forms online instead of in person. The sale of Chametz form will be posted on the website and e-mailed to everyone.

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In a world turned on its head, there's only one thing that always has and always will remain strong and stable.

Our Torah.

*It's what we turn to in times of need and times of rejoicing,
in times of health and times of illness,
in times of security and times of danger.*

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Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazal Tov to Robbye & Michael Henesch on the engagement of their dear grandson Dov Henesch to Mariam Kohn. Mazel Tov to the parents Zev & Gila Henesch and Steven & Yuyu Kohn.
- Mazal Tov to our Rabbi & Rebbetzin Gruenstein on the birth of their granddaughter. Mazal Tov to parents Gittie and Aryeh Mandel.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allan Krieger and Allen Packer.



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Yahrzeits March 21 – March 27, 2020

25 ADAR	Marjorie Blenden for her mother, Beatrice Diener, on Shabbos, Mar. 21
25 ADAR	Heshie Greenblatt for his father, Yekusiel Zev Greenblatt, on Shabbos, Mar. 21
26 ADAR	Samuel Newborn for his mother, Joyce Newborn, on Sunday, Mar. 22
26 ADAR	Victor Pinter for his mother, Sally Pinter, on Sunday, Mar. 22
27 ADAR	Eleazer Hirmes for his brother, Menachem Hirmes, on Monday, Mar. 23
27 ADAR	George White for his father, Jerry White, on Monday, Mar. 23
27 ADAR	Rena Gruenstein for her mother, Baila, on Monday, Mar. 23
27 ADAR	Etella Marcovici for her father, Elias Lebovits, on Monday, Mar. 23
27 ADAR	Andrew Lowinger for his father, Meir Moshe ben Benzion Halevi, on Mon, Mar. 23
29 ADAR	Sidney Gordon for his mother, Frieda Gordon, on Wednesday, Mar. 25
30 ADAR	Helen Ratzker for her nephew, Avraham Dovid Moses, on Thursday, Mar. 26
1 NISSAN	Lawrence Jaffe for his mother, Anne Jaffe, on Thursday, Mar. 26
1 NISSAN	Morris Tuchman for his father, Tzvi Tuchman, on Thursday, Mar. 26
1 NISSAN	Ziporah Milstein for her father, Elazar Ben Uri Meyer Kahanow, on Thur, Mar. 26
2 NISSAN	Cathy Weiss for her father, Leon Selwyn, on Friday, Mar. 27

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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

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