



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Toldos, November 21, 2020

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

ויגש יעקב אל יצחק אביו וימשהו ויאמר הקל קול יעקב והידיים ידי עשו

**So Yaakov drew close to Yitzchak his father who felt him and said,
“The voice is Yaakov’s voice but the hands are Esav’s hands.”**

Bereishis 27:22

This seminal event of the brachos being given to Yaakov who impersonated his brother Esav has had ramifications till this very day. Yaakov was very reluctant to fool his father, but as the Ramban explains, Rivkah told him that if Esav received the blessings, they would belong to him and his progeny forever and Yaakov will never be able to defeat him. Yaakov agreed and therefore disguised himself as Esav and even imitated his voice. However, the question presents itself: why did Yaakov mention G-d’s name which is something Esav would never do? Why didn’t Yaakov imitate Esav’s gruff manner of speaking? Since he did not speak like Esav, this aroused Yitzchak’s suspicion and made him wonder out loud “why the voice is the voice of Yaakov.” The commentaries explain that while Yaakov was able to go along with all the other steps of deception, this was something he could not do. Speech is the window of one’s soul. To speak in the coarse rude manner of Esav was impossible for him to do, for that would destroy his essence and he would have rather given up the brachos than to speak like an Esav. The trait of proper respectful speech was so ingrained within Yaakov that he could not change it. Esav, on the other hand, although he did excel in the mitzvah of honoring his father, he could not stop speaking to him in a crude and disrespectful fashion because that was, unfortunately, Esav’s essence. How one talks says a great deal about who they are. Speaking with derech eretz to everyone Jew or non-Jew, in

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:12PM
Mincha	5:15PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Mincha	5:10PM
Havdalah	6:15PM

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

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon-Fri	7:30AM
Mincha	
Sun - Thu	5:20PM

in The Young Israel.

Next Fri candle lighting 5:11 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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the home or out of the home, is a crucial aspect in being a religious Jew. It is not just about manners. It is a core Jewish value to speak nicely. It is what made Yaakov who he was, and this trait has been passed down to us, that a defining sign of being a grandchild of Yaakov is the manner in which we express ourselves. Remember, words can build, and words can destroy. The choice is ours.

Sefer Imrei Cohen

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

YOUNG ISRAEL 2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

We want to ensure that all of your contact information is up to date and correct.

Please review your listing in the 2020 Young Israel Membership Directory and send any corrections to Steve Schwartz at stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com by Nov 23, 2020. Thank you for your cooperation.

This pandemic has gone on longer than anyone anticipated and has no end in sight. Our shul needs to operate on the assumption that the situation will remain the same for the foreseeable future. There are shuls that have been stricter than we have been, and shuls that have been less strict. Our goal moving forward is to maintain the key policies that minimize the risk of a COVID infection spreading within our shul, while still allowing for resumption of the “new normal” level of community services where possible.

Below are the restrictions that are remaining:

- **Mask wearing – Important for everyone, and doubly important when congregants are audibly davening, singing, or talking. This is the single most important thing that allows for a close to normal resumption of day-to-day activities in a responsible manner.**
- **Distancing – Congregants absolutely must respect other people’s personal space. Other than receiving an aliyah or reciting kaddish, congregants should remain by their seats throughout davening. That means no unnecessary walking around the shul!**
- **Kissing communal items – There are many safe & respectful ways to express a love for the Torah during a pandemic. Please do so without physically pressing one’s facemask or kissed hand against it.**

Restrictions that have changed:

- **Davening need not be abbreviated. We have a hashkama minyan with less singing, for those who prefer, and a regular length minyan with more singing, for those who prefer.**
- **Communal items can be shared. A supply of siddurim, chumashim, and taleisim will be kept on a table in the lobby, to minimize the number of people intruding into the personal space of anyone sitting on the aisle next to the bookcase.**
- **A person receiving an aliyah may approach the stairs behind the bimah, instead of remaining at their seat.**
- **33154 residents and non-member “regulars” may register for davening.**
- **Resumption of a limited youth program start date and details to follow.**
- **Policies are in development to allow for a “new normal”, small-scale, limited, shalosh seudot or kiddush in the future.**

All of this information and the [minyan registration link](#) can be found in the F.A.Q. about YICBH COVID-19 policies posted on the www.yicbh.org home page.

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Schedule

- Talmud Shiur: Mon-Fri 6:55 AM
- This Sunday the daf yomi shiur will complete masechet Eiruvim. Beezrat Hashem we will begin masechet Pesachim on Monday morning. This is a perfect time to join either in person or online. Use the same Zoom info as for the minyanim. 9:00 AM Sundays - 8:20 AM Monday to Friday.
- The following shiurim this week, via Zoom:
 - Monday, November 23 - 7:30PM
Shiur – Sefer Hachinuch. Exploring and delving into the Mitzvos of the Torah.
 - Wednesday, November 25 - 7:30PM
Shiur in Navi - Shmuel II – The life and times of King David
- To join the classes on Zoom: Meeting ID: 734 192 4764 - Password: 68825

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazel Tov to Harvey Wolinetz on the publication of his newest book titled “SYNAGOGUE STAMPS,” “an international postage tour of synagogues”.
- Mazel Tov to Laura & Robert Herschman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our esteemed member Shlomo Yaakov ben Yitzchok z"l, Shelly Lisbon z"l, husband of Miriam Lisbon.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Chaim ben Menachem z"l, brother of our esteemed member Rabbi Simeon Truzman.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Rabbi Naftali Hertz Chaim Schechter z"l (naftali Hertz Chaim ben Ben Zion z"l), father of our esteemed member Debra Klein.
- A warm welcome to our new members: Ariana & Josh Strum and Karsie & Richard Benedikt.

Refuah Sheleimah

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

No one is happy that the pandemic is going on endlessly. No one likes wearing masks. It is true that cloth masks are not a magical barrier that prevent all infection spread. It is true that on any controversial topic one may be able to find a small number of studies to support a different point of view.

HOWEVER, there is an overwhelming body of evidence that masks worn properly, over your nose and mouth, generally reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread. Their only downside is personal discomfort.

There are many interventions that can be made to reduce COVID-19 spread, but NONE of them are perfect. They all have holes in their effectiveness. When you stack multiple layers of protection, the holes hopefully overlap.

The obvious problem is that all of these interventions come with a financial, physical, or emotional cost, and their effectiveness needs to be weighed against those costs. It is a constant balancing act, trying to find effective ways to mitigate risk without being unduly burdensome.

Each shul, school, business, organization, and local / state government may choose a different balancing point.

For our shul, for now, proper mask wearing is an absolute necessity.

VIRTUAL KIDDUSH:

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR SHABBOS KIDDUSH AND SEUDAH AT HOME WHILE SHARING THE COMMEMORATION OF A SPECIAL OCCASION

While we all await and anticipate the restart of our weekly kiddush, our Virtual Kiddush enables us to jointly commemorate, on a weekly basis, special occasions of our members (anniversaries, yahrzeits, birthdays, etc.). The cost is much less than a sponsored kiddush and also provides our shul with much needed funds to cover our ongoing operating costs. Please contact the office to sponsor a Virtual Kiddush. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Yahrzeits November 21 – November 27, 2020

6 KISLEV	Rose Schreiber for her father, Levi Yitzchak Shapiro, on Sunday, Nov. 22
7 KISLEV	Caryn Borger for her mother, Susan Borger, on Monday, Nov. 23
8 KISLEV	Eleazer Hirmes for his father, Rabbi Abraham P. Hirmes, on Tuesday, Nov. 24
8 KISLEV	Harvey Wolinetz for his father, Leonard Wolinetz, on Tuesday, Nov. 24
8 KISLEV	Reine Fiss for her nephew, Steven Adelman, on Tuesday, Nov. 24
9 KISLEV	Lazer & Ziporah Milstein for their son, Betzalel Binyamin Milstein, on Wednesday, Nov. 25
9 KISLEV	Charlotte Roth for her mother, Doris Amster, on Wednesday, Nov. 25
9 KISLEV	Greta Hirmes for her sister, Meris Rindner, on Wednesday, Nov. 25
10 KISLEV	Gerald Wolf for his father, Samuel Wolf, on Thursday, Nov. 26
10 KISLEV	Charlotte Roth for her father, Arthur Amster, on Thursday, Nov. 26
11 KISLEV	Sam Eltes for his son, Moshe Nissan Eltes, on Friday, Nov. 27

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5 Tickets + 3 Bonus Tickets = \$500
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Sponsorship Opportunities Available

For Tickets: YoungIsrael.org/raffle

For more info: Raffle@youngisrael.org - 516.707.2638

Drawing: CHANUKAH 5781

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!

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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