



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Toldot, November 26, 2022

Rabbi Gidon Moskovitz - President Israel Kopel

This week's kiddush is sponsored by the Neiss/Leventhal families in celebration of Josh Neiss's Bar Mitzvah. Early minyan kiddush this week is sponsored by Menachem Senderowicz in memory of his father Isaac ben Menachem Senderowicz z"l. Kiddush last week was sponsored by Chana & Avi Hershberg in honor of our Young Israel President, Israel Kopel. Thank you for all your countless hours invested in making our community a warm and welcoming home.

Timeless Wells

It is axiomatic that there is not a single extra letter in the Torah, and it goes without saying that the Torah would not devote an entire section to something inconsequential. How then are we to understand the great lengths that the Torah goes through in this week's parashah to discuss the wells dug (or dug again) by Yitzchak? The Torah even goes so far as to tell us the names of three of those wells, *Esek*, *Sitnah*, and *Rechovot*. The first well was called "*Esek*" (*contention*) because the local shepherds of Gerar "contended" with Yitzchak's shepherds over it. The next well was called "*Sitnah*" (*hatred*) because they quarreled over that one, as well. And finally, the last one – over which they did not fight – was called "*Rechovot*" (*expanses*), because *now Hashem has granted us "expanses," and we can be fruitful in the land (Bereishis 26:20-22)*. Why does the Torah speak about these wells in such detail?

There is an important lens through which we must view all the Torah's stories regarding the Avos (our forefathers). This lens is based on the fundamental principle of מעשה אבות סימן לבנים, *the stories of [our] forefathers are a portent for [what will happen to] the children (Tanchuma 9; see Ramban, Bereishis 12:6)*. In a sense, their lives laid the DNA for the larger story of Jewish History, and by studying the details of their story, we can find foreshadowing of what would develop into *our* story centuries later.

The "wells of following water" of Yitzchak are no exception. The commentators note that they foretell the story of the great source of spiritual "flowing water" (see *Yirmiyahu 17:13*), namely the three *batei mikdash* (Temples) of the Jewish people. The first two temples were destroyed through contention (*Esek*) and hatred (*Sitnah*), while the third will be built without conflict or dispute, in a time when Hashem will expand (*Rechovot*) our borders, in fulfillment of the verse (*Devarim 19:18*): *Hashem will expand your boundary as He swore... (Ramban, Bereishis 26:20)*.

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:11PM
Mincha	5:15PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Rabbi's Shiur	8:20AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Teen minyan	9:45PM
Rabbi's Shiur	4:15PM
Mincha	5:00PM
Havdalah	6:14PM
Parent child learning	7:00PM

Weekday

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

Mincha

Sun - Thu	5:15PM
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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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When we dig a little deeper (pun intended!), and examine the terminology used by the Torah regarding these ancient wells we find further symmetry to the future story of the individual Temples that they represented. While there was infighting among the Jewish people leading up to the destruction of both the first and second *batei mikdash*, they were not of the same caliber. Our Sages note that during the First Temple period the fighting was mainly among the leaders – or shepherds – of the Jewish people. The kings of the north and those of the south would regularly feud, but the populace as a whole did not bear animosity toward one another (*Yoma* 9b). Hence, the *pasuk* that discusses “*Esek*,” the well that corresponds to this era, notes that *the shepherds of Gerar quarreled with Yitzchak’s shepherds* – specifically mentioning the shepherds (see *Yirmiyahu* 23:4 which refers to leaders as “shepherds”). Furthermore, regarding this well the Torah notes that the discord only rose to the level of “contention” – a term used for arguments over rights, boundaries and the like, but not to outright hatred. However, when the Torah describes the second well, corresponding to the second *Beis HaMikdash* it does not mention “shepherds,” for the animosity during that era was sadly not limited to the leadership. Rather, as we know all too well, the animosity that brought down the Second Temple was rampant and in fact rose to the level of “hatred” – hence the name “*Sitnah*” (hatred) for the second of the wells.

The third well, *Rechovot*, though, refers to the messianic era; the time of the Third and final Temple. A time when we “will be fruitful in the land,” i.e., when we will increase exponentially. In less peaceful environments, an expanding population can lead to disagreements over space and limited resources. Not so in that time yet to come which the prophet describes as one of “boundless peace” (*Yishayah* 9:6). Rather, there will be a feeling of “expansiveness” (*Rechovot*), engendered by that very outpouring of brotherly love from one to the other (*Kli Yakar, Bereishis* 26:19).

There’s another kind of hatred that will be done away with in that era; the evil hatred of those who seek to destroy us. That evil was on full display earlier this week, with the terrorist attacks in Yerushalayim that claimed a precious soul and caused great suffering to so many others. We keep the injured in our tefillos and hope that the perpetrators are quickly found and brought to justice. More broadly, we continue to daven for the end of such evil. We look forward to the day when we will merit to enter that third “Well,” and exclaim, “Now Hashem has granted us expanse, and we can be [even more] fruitful in the land! Please Gd, speedily in our days.

Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom / Good Shabbos
Rabbi Moskowitz

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Nov 30 - 11:30AM - **Rosh Chodesh Kisle Women's Event** – The Music of Torah - Guest speaker: Mrs Carol Krintzman - Carol Krintzman is a Juilliard trained pianist who created a unique and easy note reading method that works for the right hand, left hand and both hands together. She has developed a novel method for teaching Autistic students and her technique is effective in strengthening the memory of students of all ages - Lunch will be served - Members \$10 - Nonmembers \$20
Thank you to our Rosh Chodesh Women’s Society co-sponsors: Debbie Hartman, Linda Laulicht, Judy Levine, Judy Milstein, Debbie Popper, Linda Storch, Lillian Tabacinic, Susan Weinberg.
- Dec. 9-10 - **Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton** - Guest Speaker: Rabbi Zev Goldberg - Rabbi Goldberg leads the Young Israel of Ft. Lee and is the current Vice President of the Rabbinical Council of Bergen County, where he also serves as a Dayan on its Beit Din for Conversion. He served on the Executive Committee of the RCA from 2016-2019. He spends his afternoons teaching at Bruria High School for Girls, where he chairs the Torah Sh’bal Peh Department. On Fridays Rabbi Goldberg teaches Semicha students at Yeshiva University. To RSVP for the Friday night dinner: yicbh.org - \$95 members/\$115 nonmembers.

Rosh Chodesh announcement

We are planning a Rosh Chodesh program focusing on the daughters (and daughters-in-law) of Holocaust Survivors. If you are willing/interested in sharing your unique experiences of having parents/in laws who went through the Shoah, please contact Leah Cohen at: L.F.Cohen@comcast.net or Debbie Popper at: Debbiepopper4@gmail.com

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Schedule for classes

- The Daf Yomi shiur begins after the first minyan, Sunday-Friday.
- Rabbi will be giving a brief Sefer ha'Chinuch shiur (on a mitzvah related to the parashah) at 8:20AM on Shabbos morning.
- 4:15PM - Rabbi Moskovitz's Shabbos afternoon shiur. A Practical Class on the Laws of Shabbos with Modern-day Applications. A Practical Class on the Laws of Shabbos with Modern-day Applications. This week focusing on the mitzvah of Shabbat Candles (Part II).
- The Women's Circle, Shabbos afternoon, with Malka Moskovitz. **NO CLASS THIS WEEK.**
- Mondays - 10:30AM - Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beit Midrash.
- Mondays - 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: Practical Halacha, Tefillah tools, Parsha Perspectives - Refreshments served.
- Tuesdays - 7:00PM - An exciting new season of "Dinner with the Nevi'im" by Rabbi Moskovitz. Now learning Sefer Shmuel I (I Samuel). Light dinner provided. Please consider sponsoring a month for \$1,200. Thank you to this month's sponsors Joni & George White!

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazal Tov to Menno Ratzker on the official publication of his autobiography titled "I'm Glad I Got This Far". Menno's story starts with his surviving the Holocaust in Holland and follows him to Washington Heights, NY; to the Catskills; to married life; to his service in the US Army; to flying around the world trading metals while becoming philanthropically active. The book is filled with many amusing anecdotes.
- Mazal Tov to Linda & Steven Rothschild on the engagement of their granddaughter, Jordanna Rothschild to Abraham Goldman of Great Neck, NY. Mazal Tov to the parents, Shani & Doug Rothschild.
- Mazal Tov to Neiss/Leventhal families upon the celebration of Josh Neiss's Bar Mitzvah.
- Mazal Tov to Judy & Fred Farbman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ethan Stern. Mazal Tov to the parents Dr Josh & Stephanie Stern.

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 Department

- Every Shabbat: **Teen minyan** - For teens by teens (Ages 13 through 25) - Starting at middle school all boys and girls welcome to join, followed by Teen Kiddush led by Tzali and Rabbi Josh - At 9:45AM in the Beit Midrash, upstairs.
- 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.
- Tuesday, Nov 29 - 7:00PM to 8:00PM - **Dinner and Learn** - At Foozo Artisan Pizza Bay Harbor Islands - Grades 9-12 - Join Rabbi Munk and NCSY for free pizza, chill friends, & hot Jewish topics! RSVP requested: youth@yicbh.org
- Sunday, Dec. 4 - 9:00AM - 3:00PM - **Extreme Range Paintball** - Hollywood - Bus leaves and returns from YICBH \$45 p/pers - Price includes activity, lunch, and transportation to/from YICBH - Please note: Low caliber paintballs will be used for a more "kid friendly" paintball experience - Sign up at yicbh.org

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Yahrzeits November 26 – December 2, 2022

2 KISLEV	Alexander Berkovitch for his mother Edith Berkovitch, Aydl bas Chaim Shlomo on Shabbos Nov 26
2 KISLEV	Eleazer Hirmes for his sister Deborah Oppenheim, Devorah bas Harav Avraham Pesach on Shabbos Nov 26
2 KISLEV	Robert Friedman and Leah Karfunkel for their mother Malka Friedman on Shabbos Nov 26
2 KISLEV	Steven Rothschild for his father Eugene Rothschild, Yitzchak ben Eliezer on Shabbos Nov 26
2 KISLEV	Yoram Izhak for his father Chezkel ben Chaim on Shabbos Nov 26
3 KISLEV	Bianca Senker for her grandfather Sam Solnik, Shmuel ben Yitzchak on Sun Nov 27
4 KISLEV	Carol Krintzman for her mother Perel Leah on Mon Nov 28
4 KISLEV	Miriam Lisbon for her husband Shelly Lisbon, Shlomo Yaakov ben Yitzchok on Mon Nov 28
4 KISLEV	Simon Truzman for his brother Chaim ben Menachem on Mon Nov 28
6 KISLEV	Rose Schreiber for her father Levi Yitzchak Shapiro on Wed Nov 30
7 KISLEV	Caryn Borger for her mother Susan Borger on Thu Dec 1
7 KISLEV	Mindy Ehrenfeld for her sister Chaya Bistnitzky on Thu Dec 1
8 KISLEV	Eleazer Hirmes for his father Rabbi Abraham P. Hirmes, Harav Avraham Pesach ben Yisrael on Fri Dec 2
8 KISLEV	Harvey Wolinetz for his father Leonard Wolinetz, Eliezer ben Harav Aharon Asher on Fri Dec 2
8 KISLEV	Reine Fiss for her nephew Steven Adelman on Fri Dec 2

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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!

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

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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by noon on Thursday.**