



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Vayeira, November 7, 2020

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



ויאמר ה' "זעקת סדום ועמורה כי רבה והטאתם כי כבדה מאד

So Hashem said, "Because the outcry of Sodom and Gemorah has become great, and because their sin has been very grave..."

Bereishis 18:20

Referring to the evil city of Sodom, the question is asked why they were not given many years of advance warning that a calamity will come upon them unless they repent. By contrast, the generation of the flood was warned for 120 years that an apocalyptic event would take place unless they did teshuva. The answer is very telling and unfortunately very applicable to our time today. The דור המבול (the generation of the flood) committed many terrible transgressions because of their yetzer hora, for they had a powerful evil inclination for every vice you can imagine, but they didn't justify them. Therefore, there was a chance they would see the error of their ways. The problem with Sodom, however, was that their corrupt and evil deeds were a way of life. They legitimized their negative behavior; it was part of their charter and mission statement to withhold charity and be sadistically cruel to those who dared ask for hospitality and charity. Somehow, in their perverted

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:17PM
Mincha	5:25PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Mincha	5:15PM
Havdalah	6:20PM

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
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in The Young Israel.

Next Fri candle lighting 5:14 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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minds, they formed a philosophy that they were doing society a favor. Once you legitimize and put a hechsher on immoral and decadent behavior, then there is no more hope that you will change, and that is why Sodom was not given any advance warning, because warnings would not have helped. A good example is today's western culture of morality in 2020, where all types of immoral, deviant behavior have been accepted and legitimized as normal with an attitude of "live and let live." The takeaway lesson from here is that the only way a person can change course in life is if they are open to the truth. Once a person is willing to hear the truth, even though it may be painful at first, the opportunities for personal growth and fulfillment can not only begin, but flourish. Unfortunately, the philosophy of Sodom is still alive and well. May G-d enlighten us by shining the light of truth upon us through the observance of Mitzvos and the study of Torah that we may have the strength to stand up and do what is right.

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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
- The Daf Yomi shiur is now being given live via Zoom. 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 9 - 7:30PM
Shiur – Sefer Hachinuch. Exploring and delving into the Mitzvos of the Torah.
 - Wednesday, November 11 - 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

- Mazal Tov to Laura & Robert Herschman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin, on November 21.
- Mazel Tov to Nick Wigoda on the Bar Mitzvah of his son, Jacob.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Mr. Andrew Burian z"l (Moshe ben Mordecai z"l), father of our esteemed member Matilda Anhalt.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Rochelle & Charles Moche.
- Eli Hirmes thanks the Rabbi and Young Israel for their thoughtfulness during his Shiva week. He extends his appreciation for the refuah committee for their help and culinary treats.

Refuah Sheleimah

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



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Yahrzeits November 7 – November 13, 2020

- 20 CHESHVAN Shelley Rindner for her mother, Raizel Berger, on Shabbos, Nov. 7
21 CHESHVAN Stephen Jacobson for his sister, Bat Zion Chad, on Sunday, Nov. 8
21 CHESHVAN Talia Berner for her grandmother, Sara Schauer de Ellenbogen, on Sunday, Nov. 8
21 CHESHVAN Howard Sipzner for his grandfather, Avrohom Zechariah Menachem ben Yosef, on Sunday, Nov. 8
22 CHESHVAN Jack Gluck for his father, Milton Gluck, on Monday, Nov. 9
25 CHESHVAN Allan Krieger for his mother, Miryam Toba bas Dovid, on Thursday, Nov. 12
25 CHESHVAN Jeffrey Koppel for his father, Alfred Koppel, on Thursday, Nov. 12
25 CHESHVAN Mali Schwartz for her brother, Dovid ben Tzvi, on Thursday, Nov. 12
26 CHESHVAN Jonathan Carp for his mother, Chana Rochel, on Friday, Nov. 13

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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 Refua 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 Eefua fund!

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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