



# Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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**Parshas Lech-Lecha, October 31, 2020**

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



ואעשך לגוי גדול ואברכך ואגדלה שמך והיה ברכה

**“And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and I will make your name great and you will be a blessing.”**

**Bereishis 12:2**

Rashi quotes the Talmud in Pesachim 117B, that in our shemoneh esrei prayer, when it says “the G-d of Avraham,” that refers to the beginning of our verse, “I will make you a great nation.” When it says “the G-d of Yitzchak” in shemoneh esrei, it refers to the next part of our verse, “I will bless you.” And when it says “the G-d of Yaakov” in shemoneh esrei, it is referring to “I will make your name great.” But, says the Talmud, G-d tells Avraham בך חותמין it will end with only you, meaning the blessing in shemoneh esrei will end with מגן אברהם (the shield of Avraham) and it will not end with Yitzchak or Yaakov. The Kotzker Rebbe famously explained this as follows: our sages say Yitzchak stands for עבודה which means worship of G-d – prayer; Yaakov stands for Torah, and Avraham stands for chesed. בך חותמין, G-d says we will end with you, Avraham, means that in the end of days, in the time before moshiach, what’s going to bring about the redemption is your type of

## Shabbos

Candle Lighting	6:21PM
Mincha	6:25PM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Mincha	6:20PM
Havdalah	7:24PM

**DO NOT FORGET TO MOVE THE CLOCK  
BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT.**

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	5:25PM
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in The Young Israel.

**Next Fri candle lighting 5:17 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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personality, Avraham – it is acts of kindness. It's actually fascinating, if you think about it. The level of Torah scholarship we have today can't equal the level that we had two hundred years ago or even a hundred years ago. The same can be said about how we pray. However, the acts of chesed of the Jewish people today can still rival the acts of chesed that were done a thousand years ago, and this is what's going to bring us the redemption of our people and the arrival of Moshiach, may he come speedily in our days.

**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](http://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 2 - 7:30PM  
Shiur – Sefer Hachinuch. Exploring and delving into the Mitzvos of the Torah.
  - Wednesday, November 4 - 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

- A warm welcome to our new members, Chaya & Shimon Eckstein.
- Mazal Tov to Susan & Martin Packer on the marriage of their granddaughter Rebecca Packer to Yaakov Hawk.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Hannah Storch z"l, sister of our esteemed member Eli Hirmes and aunt of Linda & Steven Storch and Fran & Alan Hirmes.

#### Refuah Sheleimah

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



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**Yahrzeits October 31 – November 6, 2020**

- 13 CHESHVAN Lawrence Jaffe for his father, Morris Jaffe, on Shabbos, Oct. 31  
13 CHESHVAN Rachel Neuman for her mother-in-law, Gladys Neuman, on Shabbos, Oct. 31  
15 CHESHVAN Harvey Wolinetz for his grandfather, Rabbi Aharon Asher Wolinetz, on Mon, Nov. 2  
15 CHESHVAN Paul Bermanski for his sister, Chaya Chava Chena, on Monday, Nov. 2  
15 CHESHVAN Rochelle Senker for her father, Albert Barouh, on Monday, Nov. 2  
18 CHESHVAN Jerry Seligsohn for his mother, Selma Seligsohn, on Thursday, Nov. 5  
18 CHESHVAN Diane Cole for her father, Moshe ben Yitzhak, on Thursday, Nov. 5  
18 CHESHVAN Ellen Adelsberg for her father, on Thursday, Nov. 5  
19 CHESHVAN Andrew Lowinger for his mother, Minka bas Moshe Shmuel, on Friday, Nov. 6

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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](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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