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SHMOOZE NEWS
Parshas Vayeira, November 19, 2016
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
President Menno Ratzker

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One of the greatest weapons in the arsenal of the Yetzer Hora is to make people depressed and sad. Because when a person is not happy, it is difficult to follow a Torah way of life and fulfill your responsibilities to G-d and to man. Many times, this sadness is caused by reflecting and harping too much on past mistakes and misdeeds. These thoughts cause a person to feel worthless and drain him or her of the energy to act constructively. This does not mean that a person does not take responsibility for their actions – but there is a fine line between taking responsibility and obsessing over one’s mistakes. Stop ruminating about the past, just concentrate on starting a new page and move forward. A great Chasidic Rebbe used to say that there is only one day a year when G-d obligates us to think about the past, and that is Yom Kippur.

The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:
Jack and Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z”l and Nicholas Brecher z”l;
Stuart Harris in honor of Penny Harris; and
Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z”l and
Morris & Nellie Fischer z”l.
Otherwise one must always be focused on the today and tomorrow of life. This the hidden meaning of the angel’s statement to Lot. If you want to save your life, both physically and spiritually, then don’t look behind you, don’t look back, just concentrate on the future – dust yourself off from the mistakes of the past and start fresh and you will see that your efforts will be crowned with great success!

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Classes and Upcoming Events

- Ladies Tehillim Group – Mondays at 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Beis Midrash Night – Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Father and Child – Motzei Shabbos at 7:00PM. This week’s Father & Child is sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Citron in honor of their son Eli's birthday.
- Special series of 3 classes about Shabbat for Young Adult Women:
  1. Tuesday, December 6, 8-10PM at Tzippy Wigoda's home – “How to Make Shabbat Relevant for Your Children”, presented by Debbie Hamburg;
  2. Tuesday, December 20, 8-10PM at Batya Cosiol's home – “How to Create a Beautiful Shabbat Table” presented by Gloria Sterental;
  3. Tuesday, January 3, 8-10PM at Tammy Attias's home – “How to Prepare a Shabbat Menu with Tam (Flavor)” presented by Chef Shaike Korbansky. This class is open to all women. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Tammy Attias at 786-566-2102 or tammyattias@gmail.com.
- Monday, December 12 at 11:30AM – Lunch and Learn With Rabbi Gruenstein.
- Tuesday, December 13 – Shaare Zedek Luncheon at Young Israel, honoring Moj Khaghan, Abraham A. Galbut, and Marcos Lapciuc.
- Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00PM – Lecture by Dr. Hillel Abramson – “The Surprising History Behind Chanukah: More than Dreidels and Latkes.”
- Wednesday, December 21 at 8:00PM – Lecture by David Nissanov – “A Funny Thing Happened to Me at The White House.”
- Thursday December 22, 10:00AM-12:00PM – Rebbetzin Rucha Bauman.

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If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is in honor of the United States and the future of our country, sponsored by:
  
  Jonathan Gerszberg
  Jack and Susan Gluck
  Steve and Debbie Hamburg
  Stuart and Penny Harris
  Marty and Golda Jacobs
  David and Ann Kwiat
  Shelly and Miriam Lisbon
  
  Menno and Helen Ratzker
  David and Stephanie Schwartz
  Steve and Mali Schwartz
  The Sussman Family
  Aaron and Susan Weinberg
  Jeff and Cathy Weiss

- Seuda Shlishit this week is sponsored by Jack and Susan Gluck commemorating the Yahrzeit of Jack's father, Milton Gluck, Mordechai Ben Yaakov z"l.
- Mazel Tov to Edward & Phyllis Chernoff on the engagement of their grandson Yaakov Ze’ev to Yaffa Nulman. Mazel Tov to parents Geoffrey & Sabrina Landau.
- Mazal Tov to Asher & Nechama Lieber on the engagement of their granddaughter Yafi Abboudi to Amid Calen.

Building Fund

- Important! Please pay your building fund pledge commitments at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Youth Program

- Father and Child learning this week will move to Motzei Shabbos starting at 7pm with pizza and prizes!
- December 2-3 there will be an out of town Middle School Shabbaton. Flyer to be posted and emailed.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- We are looking forward to our annual YI/NCSY Partnership Shabbaton, which will take place on Friday & Saturday, December 23-24, 2016. This year we have the opportunity to enjoy a different and exciting facet of NCSY, hosting The Jerusalem Journey (TJJ) Shuval summer program participant alumni. Shuval TJJ is a specialized program open only to Community or Public High School students who spend their summer in Israel, connecting with their Jewish Heritage, the Land and learning how to advocate on its behalf. We look forward to learning about yet another exciting aspect of NCSY, and a Shabbos filled with ruach and inspiration.

In order to accommodate our NCSY guests, their advisors, staff and families, we are looking for homes that can each accommodate a few sleeping guests. Please specify how many males or females you can host for sleeping by contacting NCSY’s Board Chair Tammy Attias as soon as possible at 786-566-2102 or tammyattias@gmail.com.
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Shabbos/Holiday Schedule: To view the schedule, please go to our website, www.yicbh.org and click on Holidays/Shabbos Info.

Email Addresses: To contact Rabbi, Office, Youth Director or Gabbaim, please email Rabbi@yicbh.org; yakira@yicbh.org; Rabbifried@yicbh.org; gabbai@yicbh.org

We now have photo gallery available online. Please go to www.yicbh.org and click photo gallery on the left bar. Enjoy!

If you haven’t already responded to the request for information for our Aliyah card and yahrzeit databases, please send your response to Steve Schwartz as soon as possible. Copies of the form are available in the information rack in our lobby. Thanks in advance for your kind cooperation.

The Young Israel Congregation of Bal Harbour has an extensive Torah Library both in Hebrew and English. Our English Torah lending Library is located in the conference room and will be open Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-5:00PM. The Torah library has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Andrew and Basya Lowinger in memory of Maurice Lowinger z”l.

We can now accept on-line donations via our shul website directly through PayPal. Please use this link http://www.yicbh.org/payment.php, or first go the website, www.yicbh.org, and click on Membership & Donation and press Donate. Please note it is very important you indicate in the “Payment Notes” the specific donation that is being paid for (membership, kiddush, aliya, etc.).

We ask everyone's cooperation and understanding in not leaving personal handbags or knapsacks unattended anywhere in our synagogue building.

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to yakira@yicbh.org by noon on Thursday.