Parshas Metzora – Shabbos HaGadol

When a person thinks they are afflicted with tzaraas it is the Kohanim who must diagnose the symptoms and render a verdict as to whether the person is tamei or not. The mishna states in Nega’im 2:5 that a Kohen is permitted to examine anyone’s affliction except his own. If he gets a nega he must go to another Kohen to be evaluated. This is predicated on the verse 14:2 “He shall be brought to the Kohen”, which infers that a Kohen cannot examine his own nega. This mishna is the source for the common expression that a person never sees his own shortcomings! We have sharp eyes when it comes to seeing the faults of others. Yet, many times we are blind to our own imperfections and mistakes. However, there is another side to the coin that sometimes can be even more damaging. And that is when a person doesn’t see their strengths and talents as well. Every person is endowed by G-D with certain abilities and skills. The yetzer hara will often downplay and negate the person’s true potential and only highlight his shortcomings and sins. This will lead a person to sadness, depression and G-D forbid a sense of worthlessness. Rabbeinu Yona writes that the 1st step in a process of teshuva (repentance) is that a person must recognize his self-worth and talents. This is not a contradiction to humility. It just means that a person recognizes his G-D given capabilities which will enable him
Young Israel of Bal Harbour
Shmooze News
Parshas Metzora, Shabbos HaGadol, April 16, 2016

Join us for Yom Haatzmaut, Thursday May 12, 2016 at 8:00PM. We will show the movie “ABOVE AND BEYOND” - PRODUCED BY NANCY SPIELBERG. We will have the honor to have one of the pilots, Giddy Lichtman, present to answer your questions. Dessert will be served!

This week we will be cleaning the Shul for Pesach, if you have any Chametz anywhere please remove it (including the lockers). The kitchen is going to be cleaned and closed for Pesach. The kitchen upstairs is going to be cleaned as well, there will be no coffee/tea served during the whole Pesach. Thank you for your corporation, have a Chag Kosher Ve’Sameach!

The Young Israel 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. This Torah library has been made possible through the generous sponsoring of Andrew and Basya Lowinger in memory of Maurice Lowinger z”l, מנוור משה בוב-בר זיון הלוי ז”ל

Minyanim
Until further notice there will be only one Shacharis weekday minyan starting at 7:00AM on Mon-Fri and 8:00AM on Sun. The Shabbos morning Hashkama Minyan is suspended until Pesach.

THERE WILL BE HASHKAMA MINYAN FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF PESACH.

to reach his full potential in using those skills on behalf of the Jewish people. May The Almighty bless us with the insight to realize the great treasure which resides in all of us.

Sefer- Shabbos with Rav Pam

Have a great and inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Citron, every day after Shacharis
- Parsha of the week shiur, every morning with Rabbi Gruenstein after Shacharis

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by John & Yael Delgado in honor of Yoram and Yleana Izhak from their grandchildren: John Izhak, Jonah, Suzan Leeat and Mia Chaya.
- Mazel Tov to Allan and Deena Roness on the engagement of their granddaughter Chana Roness of Flatbush, NY to Yisroel Kapeluschnik of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Mazel Tov to Stanley & Ellen Wasserman on the marriage of their granddaughter Jordyn Wasserman, daughter of Anne and Mark Wasserman, to Dovi Orlofsky, son of Melanie and Bruce Orlofsky.
- Mazal Tov and our best wishes to Susan and Jack Gluck on the occasion of the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Samuel Joshua Portnoy, Shmuel Yehoshua, which B'ezrat Hashem will take place in Jerusalem

Building Fund News

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to an anonymous donor for their donation of $100,000 to our new building fund.
- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Kive & Carol Strickoff for their generous donation of $1,000 to the building fund. Yasher Koach.

Youth Program News and Upcoming Events

- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location.
- Father and Child learning will take place during a special Seuda Shlishit upstairs with learning, ice cream, and prizes!!! There will be no Father and Child sessions during Pesach.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.
New Mailing Address: 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154
P.O. Box 545985, Surfside, FL 33154-5985

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

Our Siyum on the Tanach is being postponed till Shavuos, when we will have a community wide celebration. Although most of the Neviim and Kesuvim have been taken, the majority of the Chumash has not. Please click below to view what was taken and what is still available.


Please coordinate with the office prior to setting up a meeting at our shul. The office will coordinate and make sure the building is open at the appropriate time and that there is no conflict in scheduling.

Thank You

Please note when writing a check to our Young Israel, the check should be payable to “Young Israel of Bal Harbour” - (not Young Israel Congregation).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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, aliyah, etc.).

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