



# Young Israel of Bal Harbour

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## SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Shmini - Parah, April 2, 2016

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### **Mevarchim Chodesh Nissan – Parshas Parah**

וכל כלי חרש אשר יפול מהם אל תוכו כל אשר בתוכו יטמא ואתו תשברו  
“All Earthen Vessels into which something contaminated falls, all that is within it shall be unclean, and it must be destroyed.” Vayikra (11:33)

The Halacha is that vessels made of wood and metal can become unclean if some contaminated item touches them externally, but an earthen vessel is considered unclean only if the contaminated item is inside the vessel but not by external contact. The Kotzker Rebbe explained this philosophically as follows: only something of value can become contaminated. Since wood and metal have an intrinsic value, any contact with tumah (impurity) can contaminate them. However, earthenware has no intrinsic value, its value is solely the fact that it can be a receptacle to hold something from within. Therefore, the state of contamination can only come from within the vessel which is its point of value. This law contains within it a moral lesson as well. G-d created man from the dust of the earth and as with any earthen item, man's worth is within himself and not his externals. The common expression of how much is he worth is antithetical to the Torah's viewpoint of

### Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:20PM
Mincha/Kabbalas	
Shabbos	7:00PM
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:15PM
Mincha	7:05PM
Havdalah	8:23PM

### Weekday

#### Shacharis

Monday- Friday 7:00AM

#### Mincha

Sunday-Thursday 7:25PM



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.

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what the true value of a person is. Our society unfortunately values more what a person has than what he is. A person's true worth is dependent on his character traits and on what he achieves spiritually in life rather than on his external acquisitions, be it fame or fortune. When the external acquisitions are used for the right purposes to enhance the values that we have developed internally, if it's used to further the Torah's definition of moral decency and integrity, to enhance true Jewish ideals, then you have the best of both worlds. Then the inside and the outside of a person are truly holy and worthy of G-d's manifold blessings.

*Sefer. Living Each Week*  
*Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski*

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!  
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

**Minyanim**

Until further notice there will be only one Shacharis weekday minyan M-F, starting at 7:00AM. The Shabbos morning Hashkama Minyan is suspended until Pesach. **If you are planning to attend the Pesach Hashkama minyan please notify the Shul's office.**

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

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**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- Lunch & Learn- the ins and outs of making Pesach, Monday April 11, 11:30AM
- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Citron, every day after Shacharis
- Ladies Tehilim Group - Mondays 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Parsha of the week shiur, every morning with Rabbi Gruenstein after Shacharis

**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Linda Salzhauer and Family in memory of Jehoshua Hersh (Tzvika) Salzhauer z"l ben Yacov Kopel and Sprinza, beloved husband, father and grandfather. His spirit and humor enriched our lives.
- Last week's Seudah Shlishis was sponsored by Menno & Helen Ratzker.
- We need Kiddush sponsors for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. Summer rates will go into effect in May.

**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.

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

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**Shabbos/Holiday Schedule:** To view the schedule, please go to our website, [www.yicbh.org](http://www.yicbh.org)  
and click on  
Holidays/Shabbos Info.

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**Our Siyum on the Tanach is being postponed till Shavuot, 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.**

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/images.shulcloud.com/689/uploads/Classes/Tanach%20chapters.pdf>

**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](http://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.).**

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**[yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org) by Noon on Thursday.**