Shvii and Acharon
Pesach 2016

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.
"היום אתם יוצאים בחדש האביב"
"TODAY YOU ARE GOING FORTH IN THE MONTH OF AVIV (SPRING) (Shmos 13:4)"

The Jewish people suffered unimaginable horrors in Egypt. When the Almighty freed them from bondage, the Jewish people must have felt an overwhelming sense of ecstasy. Do you think it would make a difference to them if they left in bad weather? Imagine concentration camp inmates being liberated by Allied Forces. Would it make an iota of difference to them if the weather was less than favorable? Would they have minded walking through a snowfall to their freedom? To our Father in heaven it did make a difference. G-d wanted to show how much he loved the Jewish people and that even though he performed so many miracles for them, he wanted the Jewish people to leave when the weather was beautiful. As Rashi says, “See the kindness He has done for you, that He brought you forth in a month when it is not too hot or too cold or too rainy.” Could the Jewish people, inundated by this enormous deluge of kindness from G-d, focus on and appreciate this extra "bonus" the Almighty bestowed upon them? From Rashi, we see the amazing capacity that man has to recognize and feel gratitude. Even in the midst of the most glorious redemption in history, every Jew possessed a measuring apparatus so delicately calibrated that it registered every detail of G-d's kindness. This amazing ability and the resultant responsibility to show gratitude is shared by every person in every generation. If we simply spend a few moments every day contemplating the unending flow of goodness bestowed upon us by G-d, our lives would be transformed. Pesach is a time of Hakoras Hatov, of recognizing the good G-d does not only for our nation as a whole, but for all of us as individuals as well.

(Sefer - Majesty of Man, Hagaon Rav Henach Lebowitz Z"L (My Rebbe) )

Have a sweet and Inspiring Pesach!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
Classes and Upcoming Events

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. The Torah library has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Andrew and Basya Lowinger in memory of Maurice Lowinger z"l.

Pesach leftover

Pesach leftover food items can be dropped at the Shul’s office after Pesach. The food items will be donated to the food bank. Please make sure that all boxes are sealed.

Thank you!

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!

Pesach, April 29-30, 2016

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

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