“You should love G-d with all your heart.”
Bamidbar 6:5

The great biblical commentator, Rashi, says an amazing insight on this verse that we have expounded upon in the past. Rashi says that the one who serves G-d out of love has no comparison to the one who serves G-d out of fear. For if you serve your master out of fear then once the burden gets to be too great, the servant will just get up and leave!

These words of Rashi should be photocopied and placed on every refrigerator of every home with young children. If parents are too strict with their children, if there is too much disapproval and too many no’s, then while the children are young they will listen to you but once they get older they will flee & rebel. Of course, in educating children there must be rules and consequences but it must be tempered with a lot of love, compliments, warmth and sensitivity, (no shouting or yelling). Then and only then will one be successful in raising children that they will have a long-lasting relationship with and hopefully be dedicated to the observance of Torah and Mitzvos.
To force children to do mitzvos, to force them to come to Shul will not work and will only further disenfranchise them from Judaism. Rashi is teaching us love is the key. It’s a simple, common sense, straightforward idea, but sometimes it’s the simple facts of life that we so often forget! We of course all love our children but they have to see it and feel it. By doing so we will, G-d willing, only see nachas from them.

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

The last statements for this fiscal year were mailed. If you have a balance due, please pay it as soon as possible. Membership renewal starts as of August 1, 2016. It is very important to clear the account. Should you have any question regarding your statement, please contact the Young Israel Office.

The Membership Renewal/High Holidays reservation letter was sent out – by both email and US mail. Please respond at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions please contact the Shul’s office.

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Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is Sponsored by Andrew and Marie Restler, in honor of their son, Moshe Emanuel, becoming a bar mitzvah.
- Seudah Shlishis is co-sponsored by Susan and Aaron Weinberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Susan's father, Morris Fischer, Moshe Ben Aryeh z"l and by Gloria Sterental, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Paul Sterental z"l.
- We wish Stuart Harris, Ethelyn Lieblich and Allan Roness a speedy recovery.

Building Fund

- Important! Please try and remit your building fund pledge commitments at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Youth Program

- All youth may turn in the tickets they received for their wonderful participation for great prizes.
- Any parents who would like their young sons to lead parts of davening in shul, please speak to Rabbi Fried.

Upcoming Classes & Events

- Ladies Tehillim group will meet on Monday at 10:30AM at the Young Israel.
- August 27, 2016 – The Bas Mitzvah of Rachel Attias
- September 3, 2016 – The Bas Mitzvah of Baily Spitz
- September 10, 2016 – Shabbos of gratitude and support for the police in our community.
- September 17, 2016 – The Bar Mitzvah of Liam Senker

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.
Please respond to the email sent out this week requesting help in updating our databases for Aliyah cards and for Yahrzeits.

Thank you.

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 מיצע בר ציון הלוי ז”ל

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