Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Elul
[Rosh Chodesh is next Shabbos and Sunday]
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Attias

"You shall not bring an abomination into your home..."
Devarim 7:26

The Torah is telling us not to bring an idol into our home but rather destroy all the idols they find in the Land of Canaan.

The Sforno, one of the great commentators on the Torah, tells us that having these objects of idolatry in your domain will ultimately bring ruin to your own possessions. Although today we don’t have the idols that the Torah is talking about, but we have different idols. The Torah teaches us that when one gets angry, it is akin to idolatry. So anger is also an abomination, don’t bring it into your home! When Rav Zeira’s students asked him to what do you attribute your longevity? (Talmud Megillah 28A) He said all my life I did not express anger in my home! According to the Rambam, the reason Moshe Rabbeinu was punished and could not enter into the Land of Israel is because he got angry at the Jewish people! King Solomon tells us (Koheles 9:17) that the words of the wise are heard because they are said with calm.
One may think that the gold and silver items of idolatry will enrich you. No, says the Sforno, they will ruin you. So to one may think that with anger and shouting will come obedience, people will listen to me. Just the opposite. Yes, it will produce short term compliance, but in the end, the listener will turn against the angry person. Idolatry never die, it just takes on different forms. By working on removing the idolatry of anger from our homes, we will only bring blessings and success into our lives.

(Sefer – Twerski on Chumash)
Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Reminder! Rules regarding seat owners
• Men’s Section: Until 9:30AM, the seats with names are reserved; if the seat remains vacant by 9:30AM, it is then open to anyone.
• Women’s Section: Until 10:30AM, the seats with names are reserved; if the seat remains vacant by 10:30AM, it is then open to anyone.

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. If you own a seat in the new building please let us know ASAP if you are going to use it. If you are not here, we will sell the seat.
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Shmooze News
Parshas Eikev, August 27, 2016

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Aaron and Tammy Attias, in honor of their daughter, Rachel Attias, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- **Sukkot:** We are going to have meals in our Sukkah for the first 2 nights of Sukkot. Reservations required. Look for more information coming soon...

- 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

- Save the date: On Sunday September 4th at 9pm there will be a special High School program and on Sunday September 18th from 5-7pm there will be a special Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th graders) program. Flyer & details to be emailed.
- Any Parents of youth who would like for their children to lead in shul parts of davening please speak to Rabbi Fried.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details
- Next Shabbos, all Youth can once again turn in their tickets they received for their wonderful participation for great prizes!

Upcoming Events

- Ladies Tehillim group will meet on Monday at 10:30AM at the Young Israel.
- September 3, 2016 – Bas Mitzvah of Bailey Spitz
- September 10, 2016 – Shabbos of gratitude and support for the police in our community.
- September 17, 2016 – 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, מאריסław פִּישָׁה בן-ציון הלוי ז”ל

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