Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Av
Rosh Chodesh is Friday Aug 5, beginning the 9 Days

After the tragic plague that wiped out 24,000 Jews because of sin of idolatry and their relationship with the non-Jewish women of Moav and Midyan, G-d commanded Moshe and Elazar, son of Aharon, to take a new census of the Jewish people. The Torah counts the tribe of Benjamin next to the tribe of Dan. Benjamin has 45,600 men, the fifth smallest tribe. Dan had 64,400 men making it the 2nd largest tribe after Judah which had 76,500. The Chofetz Chaim explains that there is a great lesson to be learned here. Yaakov Avinu came down to Egypt with 70 descendants. His youngest son Benjamin had 10 sons. On the other hand – Yaakov’s son Dan had only one son whose name was Chushim, who also happened to be deaf. If I were to ask you which son do you think you will see more success and nachas from, you would undoubtedly say Benjamin. One can only imagine what a family gathering in the house of Yaakov looked like.
Gad and Asher each brought their seven sons. Shimon had six and so on. The sons and grandchildren would sit with Yaakov Avinu, discuss Torah, and be inspired by his wisdom and holiness. Tragically, Chushim would sit there, oblivious to what was taking place. Dan probably wondered to himself what will be with my son Chushim and with the future of my tribe in Israel. This is the significance of the contrast between the census of the tribe of Benjamin and that of Dan. From Benjamin’s ten sons came forth a below-average total of 45,600 male descendants. Yet from the tribe of Dan, who had one deaf son, came 64,400 male descendants. What we see from here is that G-d runs the world, and in life one can never predict how things will eventually work out. One can’t give up on a person no matter what the handicap or disability. Many times in life we see that the one who was considered least likely to succeed is the one who produces the greatest achievements, for when there is a G-d in the world, all things are possible.

Sefer: Darchei Noam  
Rav Avroham Pam Z’L

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 by then. 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. Also note that if you have one or more permanent seats, please notify the office as soon as possible whether you will be with us for High Holidays. Should you have any questions please contact the Shul’s office.

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

Classes and Upcoming Events

- Table Talk is on hiatus.
- Ladies Tehillim group will meet on Monday at 10:30AM at the Young Israel.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is Co-Sponsored by Jeffrey Glick in honor of Lillian Glick’s special birthday and by David & Stephanie Schwartz in honor of Stuart Harris and his commitment to making sure that there is always a Kiddush.

Building Fund News

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to new members Tammy and David Friedman for their generous donation of $10,000 to our new building fund. Yasher Koach!

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.
New Mailing Address: 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154
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Shabbos/Holiday Schedule: To view the schedule, please go to our website, www.yicbh.org and click on Holidays/Shabbos Info.

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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

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, מאייר משה בן-ציון הלוי ז”ל

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