If he shall offer it for a thanksgiving offering

Vayikra 7:12

Today, since our holy temple is not here, instead of an offering of gratitude, the person recites a special bracha of thanksgiving to G-d in the presence of a minyan which is called brachos hagomel. Expressing thank you to G-d is a central theme in Judaism. The first words we say in the morning are Modeh Ani – I thank you, G-d – in which we express our gratitude for living another day. Our prayers and brachos abound with expressions of gratitude to show our awareness of how all the blessings of life come from Him. Some people have difficulty expressing gratitude towards other people who are their benefactors. This is because acknowledging one’s gratitude is often perceived as indicating one’s dependence on others. The hesitancy toward expressing gratitude because of its relationship to dependency is based on low self-esteem. A person with a healthy sense of self-esteem is not threatened by feelings of dependence, and does not see dependence as demeaning. If anything, his ability to expressively thank people and of course G-d is a sign of humility and the realization that we are dependent on others for much of our needs.
By cultivating this trait of hakoras hatov to recognize and acknowledge the acts of kindness that G-d Almighty does for us each and every day, by being effusive in our praise and thanks for what family and friends do for us. This will in the end only help to make us much happier and more beloved human beings to our family friends and community

*Sefer: Twerski on Chumash*

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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**Minyanim**

Until further notice there will be only one weekday Schachris weekday minyan, starting at 7:00AM Mon-Fri and 8:00AM Sun. The Shabbos morning Hashkama Minyan is suspended until Pesach.

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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

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**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.
Classes

- Talmud Shiur by Rabbi Gruenstein, 6:30AM
  Monday- Friday in Classroom upstairs.
- 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

- Marjorie Blenden is co-sponsoring the Kiddush in heartfelt appreciation to the extraordinary people who built this beautiful home for the Young Israel of Bal Harbour. Penny and Stuart Harris are co-sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of the birthdays of Stuart and Joey Senker and in gratitude to Shelly Lisbon and Meir Cosiol for their tireless contributions to our shul.
- Thanks to our Brian Perry who has spent an enormous time on the security assessment with the SW4 team, the Surfside police and writing much of the grant application for the $75,000 award to be announced in June.
- A huge Yasher Koach to Bianca Senker and the entire committee and volunteers for arranging the entire Purim celebration, including the Mishloach Manot packages and the Purim Seuda. It was a wonderful, inspirational and festive evening.

Building Fund News

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Paul and Cynthia Rosenberg for increasing their donation to our new building fund by $7,000 to a total of $25,000.
- Our thanks and gratitude to Reuven Herssein for all of his great effort in helping us achieve significant savings with the concrete privacy fence project alongside our neighbor. Yasher Koach for all his heartfelt effort.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.
New Mailing Address: 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154
P.O. Box 545985, Surfside, FL 33154-5985

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

Email Addresses: To contact Rabbi, Office, Youth Director or Gabbaim, please email Rabbi@yicbh.org; yakira@yicbh.org; Rabbifried@yicbh.org; gabbai@yicbh.org

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.


The membership directories are now available for pick up at the Shul’s office. For those members that are not in Florida, please contact the Shul’s office and we can either mail it to you or e-mail you an electronic version.

Embroidered Young Israel caps are available. Cost: $20.00
If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Max Dekelbaum (240) 832 5054.

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, 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.).

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to yakira@yicbh.org by Noon on Thursday.