



# Young Israel Congregation

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## SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Shoftim, September 10, 2016

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein  
President Menno Ratzker

**This Shabbos is dedicated as a Shabbos of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women that keep us safe in our community, “Our Police”.**

**“You shall be wholehearted with Hashem your G-d”**

Rashi explains this verse to mean that one should follow G-d no matter what life brings, in other words, go with the flow. Of course this is much easier said than done, but it is the only way that one can go through life with a modicum of peace of mind. Human nature is such that we would rather ruminate and romanticize about the past or fantasize about what the future may bring. Both are exercises in futility. The past will not come back and the future is totally out of our hands. The only thing we have some control over is the present. As King Solomon so wisely said in Koheles (7:10), “Do not say, how was it that former times were better than these, since this is not a question prompted by wisdom!” One should focus all his or her efforts towards investing in the present. Our sages tell us that G-d judges us based upon our present situation (Talmud – Rosh Hashana 16B). So don’t worry about the future and don’t live in the past. Live in the here and now and make the most out of each and every day.

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

### Shabbos

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| Candle Lighting | 7:13PM |
| Mincha/Kabbalas | 7:00PM |
| Shabbos         |        |
| Daf Yomi        | 8:00AM |
| Talmud Sotah    | 8:15AM |
| Shacharis       | 9:00AM |
| Shiur           | 6:10PM |
| Mincha          | 7:00PM |
| Havdalah        | 8:15PM |

### Weekday

#### Shacharis

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| Sunday  | 8:00AM |
| Mon-Fri | 7:00AM |

#### Mincha

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| Sunday-Thur | 7:20PM |
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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.

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#### Sukkot Club

As many of you know, we have a long-standing, beautiful Young Israel tradition of having a kiddush each Yom Tov day of Sukkot -- through Shmini Atzeret and including Shabbos Chol Hamoed -- in our shul succah. This year is extra special, since this will be our first year of having our new succah on our new shul premises. What has always made this such a wonderful tradition is that many members and friends each contribute \$100 towards these kiddushim, thereby making this a truly community-level collaboration. As such, we are once again asking all those interested to contribute \$100 per family to sustaining this beautiful tradition, with the additional excitement of this being our first year in our new building's succah. Over Sukkot, the names of all contributors will be included in our Shmooze News and announced in shul.

Ohr Naava – Women's Torah Center presents

"אבינו מלכנו" - a night of inspiration

Rabbi **Lazer Brody**

Rabbi **Zechariah Wallerstein**

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30PM at Young Israel of Bal Harbour

Sponsored by Estie Kopel in loving memory of Clara bat Mordechai Z'L

#### We are now in the process of assigning High Holiday seats.

We kindly ask everyone to notify the shul office, as soon as possible, whether you will be with us for the High Holidays. This is especially important if you already have permanent seats, *and will not be with us*, so that these seats can be made available for purchase.

If you will be with us, and do not already have a permanent seat, please submit your purchase and seating request as soon as possible, so we can accommodate requests to the greatest extent possible.

We thank you all for your support and cooperation.

#### 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.



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#### Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is promoted and sponsored by the Rabbi and the Executive Committee in respect and honor of all Law Enforcement in our community. We are especially thankful to the Police Departments of Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor who protect all of us 24/7. May they all stay safe and continue to operate efficiently as heretofore. We take this opportunity to wish a very speedy recovery to Bal Harbour's chief of police Mark Overton.
- Mazal Tov to Hal & Anita Beretz on the engagement of their granddaughter Dyana Beretz to Haim Engelman.
- **Sukkot:** We are going to have meals in our Sukkah for the first 2 nights of Sukkot and for Friday night Chol Hamoed Shabbos. Reservations required. Look for more information coming soon...

#### Building Fund

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

#### Youth Program

- Father and Child learning during a special seuda shlishis upstairs. There will be learning, ice cream, and prizes!!!
- On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm there will be a special Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) program. Please see Rabbi Fried for more details.
- All youth can once again turn in their tickets they received for their wonderful participation for great prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

#### Upcoming Events

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

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**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](http://www.yicbh.org)  
and click on Holidays/Shabbos Info.

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**Please respond to the email sent out recently requesting help in updating our databases for Aliyah cards and for Yahrzeits.**

**Thank you.**

**We now have photo gallery available online. Please go to [www.yicbh.org](http://www.yicbh.org) and click photo gallery on the left bar. Enjoy!**

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 ז"ל, מאיר משה בן בן-ציון הלוי ז"ל

**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](http://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.).**

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