Mevarchim Chodesh Adar I [Tuesday-Wednesday]

The Ramban writes that the laws of this Parshah, which deal with monetary and social matters, were taught immediately following the giving of the Torah on Har Sinai. Why was this so? Explains Rav Moshe Feinstein z”l, the Torah is teaching us that following the Torah's laws on money matters is a declaration of Emunah-faith in G-d, and transgressing them is a form of kefirah, a denial of G-d’s existence. For if a Jew truly believes that all his money and possessions come from the Almighty and that same G-d who gave all this to him can take it back, he will never be tempted to take even a penny that’s not rightfully his. The Talmud teaches us (Shabbos 31A) that after 120 years when a person will stand in front of the heavenly court he is asked six questions. The first question is did you conduct your business dealings with Emunah, which in this context means faithfully and with integrity. However, the word Emunah also means faith in G-d. Meaning did your behavior with money reflect the notion that you believe in a G-d who has decreed how much money you are supposed to earn and that you will not gain a penny more than whatever G-d decreed. When a Jew lives life with this
philosophy, it turns their business into a holy endeavor which will not only reap great reward in this world, but one which will shine in the world to come as well. In a generation where thievery, chicanery and shtikary (made up word) are so rampant, those who stand strong and conduct themselves with honesty and integrity create a massive Kiddush hashem, which, we hope and pray, will be the merit we need to bring the redemption and moshiach tzidkenu – speedily in our days! *(Sefer: Living the Parsha)*

*Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!*

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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This Shabbos we welcome the Biale Rebbe from Bnei Brak, Israel to our community. There will be a Rebbe’s Tisch in the home of Rabbi Gruenstein this evening at 8:30PM (9457 Byron Ave).

Everyone from the community is invited.

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**Announcing This Year's Distinguished Dinner Honorees**

**Susan & Aaron Weinberg**

**Co-Chairs**

Meir Cosiol Penny Harris

**Please save the Date:**

Annual Dinner February 14, 2016

6:00PM HORS D’OEUVRES 7:00PM Dinner

This is our most important fundraiser of the year

Final Deadline for Reservations is February 8, 2016
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Talmud Shiur by Rabbi Gruenstein, 6:30AM Mon-Fri 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.
- Father and Child Learning Saturday night at 7:15PM in the social hall; sponsorships are welcome.
- Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Gruenstein, Monday 11:30AM; sponsorships are welcome.
- Beis Midrash Night every Thursday 7:30PM-8:30PM.
- Classes for women by Rebbetzin Baumann each Thursday, 10:00AM-12:00PM.
- Feb. 10 & 24 – Rabbi Elias Ovadia, Wed evening, 8:00PM.
- Feb. 17 -- Rabbi Tuvia Lieff, Wed evening, 8:00PM.
- Feb. 8,15,22,29 (Mondays) – Lectures on Modern Orthodoxy; Maxine Jacobson, 8:00PM at Young Israel.
- Save the Date: Purim and Purim Seuda, Thursday March 24, 2016.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by Rabbi Simeon and Rose Schreiber in honor of Rabbi Schreiber's “6 cycles of Bar Mitzvah" Birthday; and by Aaron & Sherry Eidelman in memory of Sherry's father Chaim Dov z”l and mother Leah z”l.
- Thank you to Miriam Greenblatt, Penny Harris, Yakira Navarro and Steve Schwartz for all their efforts in compiling, editing and publishing our 2016 Membership Directory.

Youth Program News and Upcoming Events

- Any parents of youth who would like their children to lead parts of davening in shul 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. Those that can't make it shouldn't worry as they can turn in their tickets in future weeks as well!
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Skype session and or attend a Shabbaton and the AIPAC conference in Washington DC please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org. Save the date: February 28th there will be a special Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th graders) program. Flyer & details to come.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203
Shmooze News
Parshas Mishpatim February 6, 2016

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

Shul and Community Interest Announcements

New Mailing Address: 9580 Abbott Ave, Surfside FL 33154.
    PO 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 the Rabbi, Office, Youth Director, and 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 2016 Membership Directory for our Young Israel is 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 email you an electronic version.

Upcoming Shabbos Events at our Young Israel

• Feb. 19-20 -- Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton: Rabbi J.J. Schachter

Dear Members and Friends:

Please note that when writing a check to our Young Israel, the check should be written 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 to the website (www.yicbh.org), click on Membership & Donation, and press Donate. Please note, it is very important that you indicate in the "payment notes" the specific donation that is being paid for (membership, kiddush, aliyah, etc.).