Mevarchim Chodesh Shevat – Monday

NCSY Shabbaton

Pharaoh hastened to summon Moshe and Aharon and he said, “I have sinned to Hashem, your G-d, and to you. And now, please forgive my sin just this time, and entreat Hashem, your G-d, that He remove from me only this death.” Shmos (10:16-17)

Pharaoh’s repentance seems to be so sincere, so powerful, yet in the end he behaves no differently than by any of the other makos and does not allow the Jewish people to leave. How foolish can one person be to deny the obvious and keep on receiving these painful plagues. Certainly, we would think none of us could identify with Pharaoh’s behavior. However, anyone who has any experience with alcoholics and drug addicts understand this behavior very well. The truth is this behavior can apply to anyone even if one is not an addict, because being in denial is a universal problem, which can lead to very destructive behavior patterns. The only way to overcome it is to be open to the truth and consider the possibility that we are wrong. We should share our feelings with someone who has wisdom and experience and be willing to be guided by competent counsel.
When a person opens themselves up to the truth, only then can the healing and rehabilitation process begin.

(Sefer-Living Each Week)

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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

Invitations have been sent out, and please respond at your earliest convenience -- this is our most important fund raiser of the year.
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 10:30 AM in the Beis Medrash.
- Parsha of the week short class, every morning with Rabbi Gruenstein after Shacharis.
- Father and Child Learning Saturday night at 7:15PM in the social hall.
- Women's Rosh Chodesh Luncheon, Jan 11, 11:30AM. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact the Shul’s office.
- Lunch & Learn will resume Monday January 18, 2016.
- Beis Midrash Night every Thursday 7:30PM-8:30PM; with Talmudic Scholars from Talmudic University. Cholent and kugel are served; sponsorships are welcome.
- Classes for women by Rebbetzin Baumann each Thursday, 10:00AM-12:00PM.
- Jan. 13 -- Rabbi Dr. Aaron Rakeffet, Wed. evening, 8:00 PM.
- Jan. 16 -- Rabbi Elchanan Zohn, Guest Speaker Shabbos afternoon.
- Jan. 20 -- Rabbi Zecharia Wallerstein, Wed. evening, 8:00PM.
- Jan. 27 -- Rabbi Eli Mansour, Wed. evening, 8:00PM.
- Feb. 10 & 24 – Rabbi Elias Ovadia, Wed evening, 8:00PM
- Feb. 17 -- Rabbi Tuvia Lieff, Wed. evening, 8:00PM
- Feb. 8,15,22,29 – Lectures on Modern Orthodoxy; Maxine Jacobson (Mondays), 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 George & Joni White and Aaron Tammy Attias in honor of Rabbi Fried for his efforts in providing teens and adults a better way to achieve a fulfilling life.
- Mazel Tov to Carol and Kive Strickoff on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Michelle and Jason Herbst.
- Please note: all ladies seating will continue to be OPEN SEATING in the ladies balcony until the mechitza downstairs is completed.

Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to the following families for their generous donations to our New Building Fund:

- Dr. Walter Molofsky and Dr. Brenda Kohn - $36,000
- Anonymous - $25,000
- Al and Brenda Kalter for increasing their donation to $25,000

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


**Young Israel 2016 Membership Directory Update**

We want to ensure that all of your contact information is up to date and correct. Please review your listing in the 2015 Young Israel Membership Directory and send any corrections to Steve Schwartz at stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com or call 973-493-1209 by Jan 15, 2016. Thank you to all those who have already responded.

**Upcoming Shabbos Events at our Young Israel**

- Jan. 22-23 -- Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton; Rabbi Elazar Muskin, Rav of YI Century City
- Feb. 19-20 -- Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton; Rabbi J.J. Schachter

**Screening of Jerusalem U’s New Film** – Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 PM at our Young Israel

“Crossing The Line 2—The New Face of Anti-Semitism on Campus”;

A new documentary that reveals the rise of anti-Israel activity and anti-Semitic rhetoric on campus, and demonstrates when reasonable criticism of Israel ‘crosses the line’ into anti-Semitism. Film followed by a post-screening dessert reception. Graciously sponsored by Tammy & Aaron Attias, Michelle & Bob Diener, and Evelyn & Shmuel Katz. RSVP at http://ctl.stepupforIsrael.com/miami/

**Emunah Dinner**

Emunah of South Florida invites you to attend its Annual Dinner on Wednesday evening, February 3rd, 2016 at 6:30PM, to be held at Young Israel of Bal Harbour. Please contact Emunah of South Florida for detailed information.

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.).