Mevarchim Chodesh Adar II
Rosh Chodesh, Thursday-Friday
לָא תְבוּרִא אֶשׁ בְּכָל מַשְׁבָּתוֹתיכֶם בֵּי הָשָּׁבָט
“You shall not kindle a fire in all your dwellings on the Shabbos Day” (35:3)

The Shelah Hakadosh, in a departure from the plain meaning of the verse says that “fire” here refers to the fire of (machlokes- heated strife) while machlokes is always destructive. It is especially true on Shabbos, since it is such a holy and sanctified day. On this note let me share with you some advice on how to avoid strife and acrimony. Rav Moshe Solovetchik of Zurich, Switzerland, was one of the giants of Torah in the 20th century. One day a couple approached him who were having difficulties with Shalom Bayis. They were at odds over a certain issue and neither party wanted to give in. Said, Rav Solovetchik, the Torah tells us that the name Yisroel, which was given to Yaakov following his struggle with the angel of Esau, indicates his triumph over the divine, (i.e. the angel), and man, Rashi says man is referring to Lavan & Esav. Asks Rav Solovetchik -- true Yaakov did triumph over Lavan, but could Yaakov’s encounter with Esav be called a triumph? He was forced to give many gifts and bow seven times in
apparent submission to Esav. How is that a triumph? The answer is, said the great Rav we have a misconception of the true meaning of nitzachon, “victory”. To be victorious, one does not have to win. The definition of victorious is to accomplish one’s goals. Yaakov, our patriarch, had one clear goal; he wanted to devote his life to G-d, far away from evil influences, thereby insuring that his offspring be worthy of producing generations who would become G-d’s chosen people and receive the Torah. To accomplish this goal, it was necessary to placate and appease Esav and if giving him an enormous gift and bowing down to him will help Yaakov to achieve his goal, then so be it. For in the end by giving in he was able to achieve victory.

*Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!*

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**Wine Tasting Event**

Motzei Shabbos March 12th at 8:30PM at Young Israel.
Price per couple $54, Price per Individual $27.
Please RSVP to the shul’s office yakira@yicbh.org

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Purim is approaching. Please respond to the Mishloach Manot/ Happy Purim e-mail and order your Mishloach Manot. Should you need help please contact the Shul’s office.

Postcards for the Purim Seuda were sent; please RSVP as soon as possible to yakira@yicbh.org or (305) 866-0203.

Thank you for your support.

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**Youth Program News and Upcoming Events**

- This Sunday from 5 to 7 pm there will be a special Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th grade) program at Ninja Lounge. Any parents who for some reason did not receive the flyer via email may still email RabbiFried@YICBH.org to RSVP or for more info.
- Any parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Purim preparations 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.
- 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
### 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.
- Last Father and Child Learning Saturday night at 7:30PM in the social hall; This week’s father & child is sponsored by Nick & Tzipi Wigoda.
- Lunch & Learn Mondays 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.
- Mar. 17 -- Rabbi Y Y Jacobson, Thur evening, 8:00PM.
- Save the Date: Purim and Purim Seuda, Thursday March 24, 2016.

###Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Murray & Linda Laulicht.
- Thank you to Fred & Judy Farbman, and Max & Ginette Dekelbaum for their help with the liquid refreshments for this Shabbos Kiddush.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Simeon & Alice Truzman on the wedding of their granddaughter Leah Esther Furst to Danny Lapa.

### Building Fund News

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

- George and Joanie White for increasing their donation to $111,000.
- Irwin and Ruth Schapiro for their donation of $10,000.
- Ira and Shirley Marder for their donation of $2,000.

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!

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

Embodied Young Israel caps are available, Cost: $20. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Max Dekelbaum (240) 832-5054

Please note that 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 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.).

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