



Young Israel of Bal Harbour

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SHMOOZE NEWS – Parshas Vayetzei November 21, 2015

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AIPAC Shabbos, Welcome Ed Miller, AIPAC National Deputy Director

ויצא יעקב מבאר שבע וילך חרנה

“And Yaakov went out from Be'er Sheva and he went toward Charan”. Bereishis 28:10

Rashi notes the Torah's emphasis upon Yaakov's departure. He explains that a Tzaddik's departure from a community creates a noticeable impact, for he is the glory, splendor and crown of a community. The question is why do we emphasize the Tzaddik's positive influence upon a community only after he has left? Doesn't his stay within the community also create glory and splendor? The answer is the Torah is telling us an unfortunate truth in life. When the righteous person is in our midst we don't really appreciate him, and that's true of all the important things in life. When our fathers, mothers, spouse, children are with us we don't necessarily appreciate them and their wonderful qualities. It's only, G-d forbid, if they leave do we begin to appreciate what they meant to us.

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	5:12PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	5:15PM
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
No Talmud Sotah this week	
Shacharis	9:00AM

No Shiur this week

Mincha followed by expanded Seudah Shlishis	4:45PM
Havdalah	6:15PM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sun	8:00AM
Mon-Wed	7:00AM
Thurs-Fri	8:00AM

Mincha

Sun-Thur	5:20 PM
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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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This is true of all the blessings of life; while they are with us we take them for granted, but when they are gone we realize how fortunate we truly were. By recognizing and appreciating all the good people who are in our life now, by reveling in the blessings that we have now and not waiting till they disappear, only then will a person find real contentment and satisfaction.

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Brachos

Wine is the premier liquid drink; all other liquids are secondary. In fact, if you washed and said Hamotzi on bread that will exempt all foods during the meal from a Bracha with the exception of wine, where you would be obligated to recite the Bracha of Hagefen.

Since the wine is such a distinguished liquid, it will exempt all other liquids from a Bracha of Shehakol. So if you sat down to have a drink of wine, recited Hagefen and drank at least 2 ounces of wine, and then someone brought you a soda to drink, you would not have to recite any blessing.

Shabbos Prayers

The Talmud Shabbos 119:A teaches us that as Shabbos drew near, the sages would wear their finest clothing and say to one another, “let us go out to greet the Shabbos Queen”. A thousand years later the Kabbalists of Tzfas would actually walk out to the fields to welcome the Shabbos. It was in Tzfas that the Kabbalas Shabbos service was formulated and from Tzfas it spread throughout the Jewish world. Since the prayer of Kabbalas Shabbos was a “new” innovation, many congregations wished to signify that it was not part of the established prayer service. They did so by having the Chazan stand at the Bimah in the middle of the synagogue and sing the six psalms and the Lecha Dodi till Maariv. Then he moves to his customary place to the lectern in front of the Synagogue. The Kabbalas Shabbos prayers start with the recitation of six psalms which symbolize the six workdays of the week that just passed. The beautiful Lecha Dodi prayer was composed by the 16th century Kabbalist Rav Shlomo Halevi Alkebetz. He was a leading figure in Tzfas together with the Arizal and Rav Yosef Karo, the author of the Shulchan Aruch.

(Sefer: Aura of Shabbos)

Torah Riddles

- 1) What Mitzvah can a person only fulfill when he is sitting down?
- 2) How could it be that a Jew is only obligated in the 7 laws of Noach?
- 3) How is it possible that a Jewish male is obligated in Mitzvos at the age of 12 like a female?

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Classes and Events

- Table Talk is on hiatus this Shabbos. *In its place, round table discussion with Ed Miller, AIPAC National Deputy Director, at front of Sanctuary.*
- Ladies Tehilim group will meet Monday 10:30 AM at the New Building on the second floor.
- **Father and Child Learning Saturday night at 7:00PM in the social hall. Weekly sponsors are encouraged and welcome.**
- Beis Midrash Night every Thursday 7:30PM-8:30PM, and take advantage of the opportunity to study one on one with a Young Talmudic Scholar from Talmudic university.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Susan & Aaron Weinberg in honor of several family birthdays in November, including daughter Rena, grandson Saadyah, brother Bernie, and nephew Noam.
- Seudah Shlishis is sponsored by David & Rachel Herman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of David's father Chanoch Henoch ben Yechiel Dovid z"l.
- There will be no hashkama minyan this week; it will resume next week at 7:15 AM.
- Our thanks to Judy and Fred Farbman for donating 25 talaisim to our shul, in honor of their children and grandchildren.
- We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Malka Friedman z"l, mother of our esteemed members, Mordechai Friedman and Leah Karfunkel. May the family only look forward to simchas in the future.

Building Fund News

Our deep thanks and gratitude to the following families for their generous donations to our new building fund:

- Aaron and Tammy Attias for increasing their donation by \$18,000, bringing their total donation to \$108,000.
- Alan and Debbie Kestenbaum for increasing their donation by an additional \$50,000, bringing their total donation to \$100,000.
- David & Adrienne Greenblatt for their donation of \$11,150.

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 details.
- Please note that there will be no Chanukah youth program on December 7th. Instead, on Sunday December 6th (during our new Shul dedication) starting at 4pm, parents can drop off their children upstairs in the youth rooms where they will find a special Chanukah program for each age group!

The official New Building dedication (Chanukat Habayit) will take place Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 PM. Please make every effort to attend this major milestone in the history of our Shul, which will include festivities in our Social Hall, a short program in our Sanctuary, and the lighting of the first Chanukah candle. Please RSVP to the office.

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

Our Siyum on the Tanach is being postponed till Shavuot., 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.

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/images.shulcloud.com/689/uploads/Classes/Tanach%20chapters.pdf>

Upcoming Shabbos Events at our YI

Dec. 18-19 -- Scholar-in- Residence Shabbaton, Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz

Jan. 8 –9 -- NCSY Shabbaton

Jan. 22-23 -- Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton; Rabbi Elazar Muskin, Rav of YI Century City

We honor the memories of the following victims of terror in Israel this past week:

Yisayev Aharon z'I (32) from Holon and **Aviram Reuven z'I** (51) from Ramle were stabbed to death while davening Mincha in shul in Tel Aviv.

Ezra Schwartz z'I (18) a graduate from Maimonides School in Boston, who was studying for the year at Ashreinu in Beit Shemesh; and **Rav Yaakov Don z'I** (49) from Alon Shvut, a former Bnei Akiva Shaliach to Toronto. Both were murdered in Gush Etzion when a terrorist opened fire with an Uzi at a crowded junction near Alon Shvut. **Ezra Schwartz** had spent the day doing chesed (handing out food packets to soldiers among other things) and was heading back to Yeshiva when he was murdered.

May Hashem comfort the families of these victims and may Hashem speedily wipe out all of our enemies.

End of Year Tax Planning

Our Young Israel now offers the opportunity for families to directly donate appreciated stock, which may offer tax benefits. Please check with your tax adviser, and if your situation warrants, please contact the office.

Community Announcement: Chanukah Fire Safety Presentation

Miami Dade Fire Rescue, in Partnership with Hatzalah, is providing an important Chanukah Fire Safety Presentation at the Shul of Bal Harbour on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 8 – 9 PM. For more information, please contact Miami Hatzalah Office, 305-490-5274

Important Note: Please use the following e-mail addresses to contact the Rabbi, Office, Youth Director, and Gabbaim, respectively:

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