



Young Israel of Sunny Isles Beach

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elul 5 - 12, 5785 | August 29 - September 5, 2025

Shabbat Shoftim

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, August 29		Weekly Davening Schedule	
Candle Lighting	7:24 PM	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 PM	Rabbi Haber's Shiur	6:45 PM
Saturday, August 30		Mincha/Maariv	7:00 PM
Shacharit	8:45 AM		
Mincha	7:30 PM		
Rabbi Haber's Shiur: "Stopping the Falls, Once and for All"			
Maariv/Shabbat Ends (Kiddush Levana)	8:17 PM	Candle lighting next Shabbat	7:17 PM

This week's kiddush is being sponsored by

- **Seigi & Yitzchak Sadetsky** in honor of the engagement of their daughter Bracha Hersh to Danny Lewis.

Mazal Tov

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Parasha tidbits from the Rabbi

"...שָׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶתֶם קְרָבִים הַיּוֹם לְמַלְחָמָה עַל-אִיְבֹכֶם..." (Devarim 20:3) *"Hear, O Israel: You are drawing near today to battle against your enemies..."* (Devarim 20:3) The great classical work on the Torah, Mei'eynah Shel Torah ("From the Wellsprings of Torah"), compiled by the great scholar Rabbi Alexander Zusia Friedman, HY"D—who perished in the Holocaust—offers a powerful insight: The word "Shema" comes from the root ש.מ.ע, which can also be connected to the concept of gathering (אסיפה). In this context, there is no true "shema"—no genuine listening or response—without unity. The first condition for the possibility of victory in a war against our enemies is shema—gathering together, standing united. When Am Yisrael is united, no enemy can stand against us. At this very moment in Jewish history, this ingredient—unity—is needed more than ever. Only through our achdut—our solidarity and oneness—can we sincerely call upon Hashem to assist us in overcoming our enemies. Our achdut must not be theoretical; it must be real, expressed in how we treat one another—with respect, compassion, and love. As Chazal teach: "Chaveirim kol Yisrael" will lead us on the path to victory!

שַׁבָּת שְׁלוֹם וְהַבְרָךְ/ Shabbat Shalom

High Holidays Notes

- The High Holiday Reservation Form has been emailed. Please contact the Shul office to reserve your seat.

Parasha thought from Rabbi Arthur Kirsch

In this week's parsha, we see the importance of how a judge should conduct himself toward litigants. The Talmud in *Kesubos* 105b provides several examples where a judge was required to recuse himself from a case due to even minor acts of kindness shown to him. For instance, Shmuel was once crossing a bridge when someone extended a hand to help him. When he realized that this person was a litigant in a case before him, he immediately recused himself. In another case, Ameimar had someone remove a feather from his head; Mar Ukva had someone cover a spit that was on the ground in front of him; and Rav Yishmael received his usual share of crops a day early from someone involved in a case. In each situation, the judge stepped aside. At first glance, this may seem excessive. Are judges so fickle that even the smallest gestures can sway them? The answer lies in understanding the depth of *Hakaras HaTov*—recognizing and appreciating the good others do for us. These great sages exemplified how seriously one must take gratitude. Even the most seemingly insignificant act was enough to stir a sense of appreciation—and therefore, a potential bias. Today, we often feel entitled to what we receive, believing we deserve everything we get. But the great leaders of our past understood that there is no limit to the obligation of gratitude. They deeply valued even the smallest kindnesses shown to them and responded with sincerity and humility. This is the vital importance of *Hakaras HaTov*—the cornerstone of good character and moral integrity.

Have a great Shabbos!

Shul Notes

- Thank you to the volunteers who organized the Shabbat kiddush.
- **Shabbat Group for Children:** We are offering a morning Shabbat group for our children. The group starts at 9:30 AM and concludes after davening. It is fully supervised, and we hope you will bring your children for a fun and learning experience. Please bring the children to the Social Hall.
- **New Payment Option Available!** We are excited to inform you that our shul now accepts payments via Zelle! This convenient option allows you to make contributions, pay dues, and support our shul with ease. To make a payment, simply use the following email address: youngisraelofsib@bellsouth.net.
- **To Sponsor a Kiddush:** Anyone wishing to sponsor a Kiddush should notify the office (the earlier, the better). Do you have a family simcha or any special occasion you'd like to include in the bulletin? Please notify the office by Thursday.
- For any questions regarding kashrut, the eruv and other halachic issues contact Rabbi Haber.

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