



Young Israel of Sunny Isles Beach

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tammuz 29 - Av 7, 5785 | July 25 - August 1, 2025

Shabbat Matot-Masei/Rosh Chodesh

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, July 25		Weekly Davening Schedule	
Candle Lighting	7:52 PM	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 PM	Rabbi Haber's Shiur	6:45 PM
Saturday, July 26		Mincha/Maariv	7:00 PM
Shacharit	8:45 AM		
Mincha	7:45 PM		
Rabbi Haber's Shiur: "The Story of the Most Mysterious Yahrzeit in the Entire Torah"			
Maariv/Shabbat Ends	8:48 PM	Candle lighting next Shabbat	7:48 PM

This week's kiddush is being sponsored by

- **Alla and Boris Smertenko** in memory of Alla's beloved parents Feyga & Khaim Gerash Shteyn.

Parasha tidbits from the Rabbi

“וְהָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר תִּתֶּנּוּ שֵׁשׁ עָרֵי מְקִלַּת תְּהִיָּנָה לָכֶם” (Bamidbar 35:13) “And as to the cities which you shall give, there shall be for you six cities of refuge” The Rambam explains that these cities were not only places of physical safety, but also institutions meant to promote ethical and societal values. He emphasizes that the *Arei Miklat* (cities of refuge) allowed for justice to be served through the courts—ensuring due process prevailed over emotional retaliation or revenge. This system granted dignity and legal protection to all parties involved: the accidental killer, the victim's family, and society as a whole. In fact, the foundation of today's legal justice system in much of the free world reflects the Torah's structure and moral clarity. The Jewish model for moral justice—one that many modern systems have adopted (consciously or not)—remains a powerful and often unacknowledged contribution of the Jewish people to humanity. We can take great pride in the Torah's timeless wisdom, which continues to guide and illuminate the path forward.

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שַׁבָּת שְׁלוֹם וְחֶבְרָה/ Shabbat Shalom

Parasha thought from Rabbi Arthur Kirsch

In this week's *sedra*, the tribes of **Reuven**, **Gad**, and **half of the tribe of Menashe** requested to settle on the east side of the Jordan River. They wanted the land to raise their animals and to build cities for their children. Moshe Rabbeinu rebuked them and corrected their priorities: he instructed them to first build cities for their children, and only then tend to their livestock. Although they eventually complied, this episode left a lasting mark. According to our tradition, these tribes never fully recovered from this spiritual misstep. After joining the rest of Am Yisrael in the conquest of the land, they remained in the eastern territories for 14 years. When they returned home, they struggled to even recognize their own children. Later, in *Divrei HaYamim*, we are told that these were the first tribes to be exiled (*galus*). While Hashem forgave them, they were never fully absolved in the eyes of the other 9½ tribes. The pasuk teaches: **"וְהֵייתֶם נְקִיִּים מֵה' וּמִיִּשְׂרָאֵל"** *"And you shall be clean [innocent] before Hashem and before Yisrael."* It is often much more difficult to be forgiven by people than by Hashem. My rebbi, **Rav Avrohom HaKohen Pam, zt"l**, told us a story about a man who was accused of not repaying a loan. If he refused to swear and paid the loan, people would say: "He was afraid to swear falsely, so he paid." But if he swore that he didn't owe the money, they would say: "What a liar! He swore just to avoid paying." So what did the man do? He swore truthfully that he owed nothing, and then he paid back the loan anyway, just to be "nekiyim" (blameless) in the eyes of the people. May we all be zocheh to live in a way that not only finds favor with Hashem, but also avoids suspicion and scrutiny from our fellow Jews.

Have a great Shabbos!

Shul Notes

- Thank you to the volunteers who organized the Shabbat kiddush.
- **Shabbat Group for Children:** We are happy to announce that we are now offering a morning Shabbat group for our children. The group will start at 9:30 AM and will conclude after davening. It will be 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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