

# Young Israel of Sunny Isles Beach

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tammuz 8 - 15, 5785 I July 4 - 11, 2025

## Shabbat Chukat Shabbat Schedule

Friday, July 4		Weekly Davening Schedule	
Candle Lighting	7:58 PM	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 PM	Rabbi Haber's Shiur	6:45 PM
Saturday, July 5		Mincha/Maariv	7:00 PM
Shacharit	8:45 AM		
Mincha	8:00 PM		
Rabbi Haber's Shiur: "Exploring the reason and tragedy behind Moshe Rabbeinu's not entering Eretz Yisrael."			
Maariv/Shabbat Ends (Kiddush Levana)	8:55 PM	Candle lighting next Shabbat	7:57 PM

## Parasha tidbits from the Rabbi

"דָּאָת הַתּוֹרָה אָדָם" (Bamidbar 19:14) "This is the Torah, man" In Likutei Torah, we learn that the Torah is structured in the form of the human body. The 248 positive commandments correspond to the 248 limbs of the body, and the 365 negative commandments parallel the 365 sinews or ligaments. This teaches us that the Jewish people are not only connected to the Torah intellectually, but physically as well. Our very bodies reflect the structure of the Torah. It's no wonder, then, that when we live according to the Torah's path, we refer to it as a Living Torah—vibrant and alive, both on the outside and within. As we enter the summer months, we draw upon the spiritual vitality the Torah offers, praying that it brings us strength, good health, and true joy.

אבת שלום ומבורך/Shabbat Shalom

## Reminder: Please Redeem Your Pledges Before Summer Travel

As summer approaches and many of our members prepare for time away, we kindly ask that you take a moment to redeem any outstanding pledges. Your generous support helps ensure that our shul continues to operate smoothly throughout the year — even during the quieter summer months. Every contribution makes a difference in sustaining our programs and minyanim.

### Parasha thought from Rabbi Arthur Kirsch

The quintessential chok—a mitzvah whose reason cannot be fathomed by human intellect—in the Torah is the parah adumah, the red heifer. The wisest man who ever lived, King Shlomo (Solomon), admitted that its meaning was beyond his comprehension. The only person who ever fully understood it was Moshe Rabbeinu. The Targum Onkelos refers to it as a gezerah de'oraita—a divine decree. Typically, the word gezerah carries a connotation of severity or restriction. So how could this mitzvah be viewed as something negative? As Rabbi Moshe Sofer, the famed Chatam Sofer, explains: for Moshe Rabbeinu, this was indeed like a gezerah. As the Rabban shel kol Yisrael—the greatest teacher of the Jewish people — Moshe longed to share the deeper meaning of the parah adumah. Yet he was commanded not to reveal its secret. This restriction was, for him, a personal gezerah—a decree of silence where he longed to teach. How fitting that this insight comes from the Chatam Sofer, who himself was a master educator and authored nearly eighty seforim. A true teacher understands the weight of withholding knowledge for a higher purpose.

Have a lichtiger 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: <u>youngisraelofsib@bellsouth.net</u>.
- **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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