



Young Israel of Sunny Isles Beach

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elul 19 - 26, 5785 | September 12 - 19, 2025

Shabbat Ki Tavo

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, September 12		Weekly Davening Schedule	
Candle Lighting	7:09 PM	Selichot (Monday-Friday)	7:30 AM
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 PM	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Saturday, September 13		Rabbi Haber's Shiur	6:45 PM
Shacharit	8:45 AM	Mincha/Maariv	7:00 PM
Mincha	7:15 PM		
Rabbi Haber's Shiur: "A Country Without Rest: Reflecting on a Remarkable Year"			
Maariv/Shabbat Ends	8:01 PM		
Motzei Shabbat Selichot	11:30 PM	Candle lighting next Shabbat	7:01 PM

This week's kiddush is being sponsored by

- **Faina & Boris Rovt and Sara & Rabbi Saadia Lancry** in honor of Rajel & Jonathan, celebrating Jonathan's ufruf.

Parasha tidbits from the Rabbi

"...בְּרֹךְ אֶתְּהָ בְּבֹאֶךָ" (Devarim 28:6) *"Blessed shall you be upon coming in..."* The Midrash explains: "Your house should be adjacent to the synagogue." There are some Jews whose entire "Jewishness" is confined to the synagogue. In the sanctuary, they are completely pious and respectful, pleasant in their mannerisms, and show great honor to the rabbis. However, at home, they may behave quite differently. Behind closed doors, their conduct can be inconsistent with the values they display in shul. This is the deeper meaning behind the Midrash's advice that *"your house should be adjacent to the synagogue"*—you should conduct yourself at home just as you do in the synagogue. Appearances and actions that are not accompanied by genuine, heartfelt substance wear thin very quickly. We must strive to apply our prayers and Torah learning not only in the sanctuary, but also in our daily lives. This message is especially relevant now, in the month of **Elul**, as we focus on elevating our relationships with our fellow Jews to a higher level. Let us all strive to live up to this goal—particularly now, as Hashem weighs our interpersonal behavior (*bein adam le-chaveiro*) with great seriousness during this time of year.

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High Holidays Notes

- The High Holiday Reservation Form has been emailed. If you have not yet submitted your request, please do so at your earliest convenience. To reserve your seat, kindly contact the Shul office.

Parasha thought from Rabbi Arthur Kirsch

In this week's parsha, we have the great mitzvah of Bikkurim—the offering of the first fruits. The first fruits were brought up to the Beit HaMikdash with great pomp and majesty. It was like a parade, and everyone came out. A heavenly voice (Bas Kol) would proclaim: “Tishreh L'shanah Haba'ah” – You will live until next year. Now on Simchat Torah, people—especially the elderly—wish each other: “Zolst Delebin Nechste Yahr” that you should live until next year—but that is only a *berachah* from one person to another. However, this was a Bas Kol—a voice from Heaven! So the Sefas Emes asks: *How did someone die?* The answer is: The next year that Bas Kol did not come out for you because we have a concept in the Talmud called “L'fum tza'ara agra”—according to the effort is the reward. It depends how hard the mitzvah is for you; that determines your reward in Heaven. If you live near a shul, it is easy to hear shofar. But the guy who has to pack up his family and go to a hotel in a major town to fulfill the mitzvah—he gets more reward in Heaven for his tircha (effort), his service to Hashem. Let us all serve Hashem to the best of our abilities.

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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