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**Shabbat Parshat Ekev**

9:00 AM *Shacharit*  
 9:20 AM *Sof Zman Kriat Shma*  
 6:45 PM *Shabbat Afternoon Shiur by Rabbi Seth Kadish*  
 7:40 PM *Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & Maariv*  
 8:54 PM *Shabbat Ends*

**מזל טוב**

Mazel Tov to Capt. Jesse Rosenblit upon his graduation from Israel's National College of Defense with a Bachelor of Arts degree.  
 Mazel Tov to Mark and Harriet and the entire Rosenblit Family.

**KOL HANEARIM TALLIS PROJECT**

The Yom Tovim are almost here! Now is your chance to include your family in a part of YIWH history. Add your child/children's names on our Kol Hanearim Tallis in time for this Simchat Torah. You can start with one child at a time or add them all at once, the choice is yours! In addition, the names on the Tallis will all be added to the tree of life downstairs, check out the newest additions!  
**Contact Aviva Braunschweiger for further information 860-231-1808**

**ROSH CHODESH TEHILLIM GROUP**

Tuesday, August 10th, at 7:30 PM  
 At the home of Evelyn Rutstein, 16 Miamis Road

**NEXT BOOK CLUB GET-TOGETHER**

Monday Evening August 23, 2010  
 At the home of Anita Cohen  
 198 Brewster Rd  
"City of Thieves"

*Shabbat Parshat Eikev*  
 July 31st, 2010 ✨ 20 Av 5770  
 Kiddush This *Shabbat*  
 Sponsored by  
 The Shul

**Rabbi's Corner**

I would like to say *Yasher Koach* to the Nominating Committee for putting together such a fine slate of officers to run our shul. It takes a lot of vision and confidence to look a little outside the box and work under less than ideal conditions to find the appropriate leadership. They did a really great job and I know we will be very happy with their selection. They really spent a ton of time and emotional energy on this project and in my opinion they were very successful. To all of you who agreed to be part of this new "YIWH Republic" – *Yasher Koach* to you as well. It is great that you stepped up to the plate to fulfill these duties and even greater that you embraced this new idea of a "president-less shul" with such confidence and openness trying your hardest to make it work.

I think that this new "YIWH Republic" has great potential to work well and allow us to get a lot of important things done in the shul. We have such a great group of people leading us and planning for the coming year. I know that many of the committees have already started to generate ideas of where we want to go and what we want to accomplish. There is a genuine enthusiasm in the air and I believe that we will all see this new model bear its fruits in the coming months. They have my full support and vote of confidence.

It was great to see such a large crowd of people turn up to the membership meeting last Sunday. It means that people really care what is going on in our shul and that is so important to us.

Shabbat Shalom – Rabbi Weinberg

**RABBI'S VACATION**

**Elana and I will be taking the last vacation week allotted to me for this year and going to visit my family up in Montreal. I will be away from Aug 3—Aug 10.**  
**In cases of emergency please contact our Coordinator Judith Hessing or for *halachic* questions Rabbi Yitzchok Adler.**

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## THANK YOU'S

On behalf of the new board I would like to thank the Nominating Committee:

**Barry Gordon, Steve Luger, Andrew Ganeles, Zvi Goldfischer, and Elie Wolfe**

For all of the hard work and countless hours that they put in to create a new structure called "The Republic." This wonderful nominating committee has set us on a great path for the future. We look forward working with the membership to create new programs, new ideas, and a new energy for our shul.

We will build on the work of the previous board and bring YIWH to new heights along with the help of our rabbi.



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On behalf of the new board I would like to thank Laura Miller and the previous Board of Directors of YIWH:

**Laura Miller, David Cohen, David Hessing, Judith Hessing, Zvi Goldfischer, Debbie Luger, Donna Gordon, Stu Kesler, Ilana Bernstein, Sam Leichtberg, and Michael Snyder.**

For their two years of service to our shul. They have paved the way for us and have handed us over a shul that is in great shape. Our efforts and successes will be in large part due to the tremendous job they have already done for us and the insights that they share with us in the time of transition.

Sincerely,

**Judith Hessing (Coordinator) on Behalf of the New Board**

### **The New Board of Directors** **Also known as "The Republic"**

Coordinator: Judith Hessing

Treasurer: David Cohen

Secretary: David Hessing

Youth/Ritual: Zvi Goldfischer

Programming: Steve Bernstein

Chesed: Debbie Luger

Fundraising: Fran Wittenberg

PR/Recruitment: Helen Loew

By-Laws: Andrew Ganeles

House: TBA

Past Presidents: Laura Miller and Tom Freund

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!**

### **Some Background:**

This new board will be a "round table" model of governance rather than a hierarchical one. Ten people and the two past presidents have been chosen to govern the shul.

This tight-knit and strong board will make decisions for the shul. Each member of the board will have one vote in all decisions, and no one will have any authority or power over another.

Each of the members of the board has been given a portfolio to oversee, such as fundraising or chesed, for example. In effect, each of these people will be the chairperson of their committee and have others working under them. It will be their job to make sure the tasks under their portfolio are accomplished and it will be their job to report back to the other members of the board.

Judith Hessing will be the "Coordinator." Her task will be to ensure that everyone is doing what they are supposed to be doing, to call meetings and run them, and to be the go-to person for all other members of the board as well as people outside the shul.

## RABBI JAY KELMAN – TORAH IN MOTION

Effort vs. Result. The relative value of these two concepts is a fundamental dispute between our western world view and Jewish teachings. The secular world is, as it must be, bottom line oriented. From a Jewish perspective it is effort not result that ultimately counts. G-d blessed us all with different and varying degrees of talent, thus it would be unfair to expect similar results from all. Rather it is the effort we expend on moral improvement, understanding a Torah text or performing mitzvot that is crucial. Of course one must try to expend efforts where one will be most successful. Thus it is crucial to make an honest self appraisal of our talents and expend our efforts in those areas.

"And now, Israel, what does G-d want of you? Only that you remain in awe of G-d your Lord, to go in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve G-d with all your heart and all your soul" (10:12). While for Moshe fear of G-d, Love of G-d and observing the commandments may be easy surely these are lifelong challenges even for those who are totally committed to these goals. The Netziv - towering rabbinic leader of 19th century Lithuanian Jewry (and beyond) - explains that in fact Moshe was addressing three different groups of people, exhorting each one to focus on one of the above goals.

It is the leaders - political and religious - of the Jewish people who must have an extra dose of fear of the Almighty. All too often people in positions of power - and religious leaders are no different - think they are somehow above the norms applicable to their followers. The obligations of leadership to make painful decisions, decisions that will by definition hurt some people highlight this need for pure motives. Hurting somebody to further a personal agenda is inexcusable. Thus Maimonides writes that those leaders who instil fear in others not for the sake of heaven lose their share in the world to come (Teshuva 3:6). It is not by chance that the Torah commands that a King must have a Sefer Torah with him at all times. Even with the best of motives leaders are often powerless to effect positive change; G-d then surely judges them on effort not result. Leaders in making difficult decisions must ask themselves not what people want but rather what G-d demands. Blessed is the generation where these coincide.

The second demand of Moshe, to Love G-d, is addressed primarily to the teachers of Torah. A teacher who lacks passion and love for their subject can not effectively inspire students. In order to love a person one must get to know them (that's why true love grows throughout a good marriage) and loving G-d is no different. By studying G-d i.e. His Torah we can get to know and Love Him. Learning and teaching Torah - and those who learn must teach - can only be meaningful if it is combined with love of G-d

Most of us however are neither leaders nor even primarily teachers of the Jewish people. Rather we are the crucial backbone of the community, those who must practice Torah in the "real" world - a world which is often at odds with our values. It is to this general populace that the third exhortation, to serve G-d, is crucial. It is easy to serve G-d in the Beit Midrash. The true mark of religiosity however, is expressed by having our day to day life imbued with the mitzvot and values of Torah. At 120, before G-d queries us regarding our devotion to Torah learning he asks us if our monetary dealings were conducted faithfully. The Kiddush Hashem created by an honest businessmen, a dedicated health care worker or caring bureaucrat is the way we "go in all His ways .., and serve G-d with all your heart and all your soul." May we merit to have the leaders who fear G-d, the teachers who Love G-d, and the community that serves G-d.

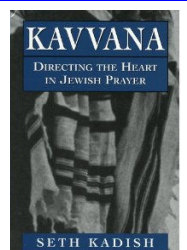
### **DON'T MISS IT....**

[This Shabbat Afternoon July 31st at 6:45pm at YIWH](#)

**Shiur By Rabbi Dr Seth Kadish**

*"Who is a Jew?"*

*(Sources and Reflections on the Conversion Crisis in Israel)*



☆ YIWH Schedule of Services ☆  
July 30th - August 6th, 2010  
Parshat Eikev

It is easy to sponsor a Kiddush  
Or Seudah Shlishit!

Friday, July 30th

Shacharit

Mincha/Maariv

Candle Lighting

Shabbat, July 31st

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class

Shacharit

Sof Zman Kriat Shma

Shabbat Afternoon Shiur by Rabbi Seth Kadish  
"Who is a Jew?"

Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv

Shabbat Ends

Sunday, August 1st - Thursday, August 5th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin

Shacharit... Sunday

Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Gemara Shiur on  
Masechet Chulin Perek 8

Shacharit... Monday - Thursday

Mincha/Maariv @ YIWH

Friday, August 6th

Shacharit

Mincha/Maariv

Candle Lighting

6:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:55 p.m.

8:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:20 a.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:40 p.m.

8:54 p.m.

4:45 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

6:45 a.m.

7:55 p.m.

6:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:47 p.m.

Shul handles set up & Clean up!  
Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178  
or [judiep@gmail.com](mailto:judiep@gmail.com) to  
check the availability of the date  
you need & to make the  
arrangements for the type of  
Kiddush you want to sponsor.  
Checks need to be received  
the Sunday prior to your  
Kiddush date. Send to David  
Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue.  
There are three types  
of Kiddushim:  
Standard for \$150,  
Semi-Deluxe for \$250  
& Deluxe for \$350  
With supplements available.  
For Seudah Shlishit contact  
Stan Rutstein at 232-3369

Kiddush Schedule

Check out the Weekly Schedule on the Shul Website: <http://www.youngisraelwh.org/>  
Times from: <http://www.ou.org/holidays/calendar>

Ner La'Maor

Lights

Evelyn & David Hessing

In Memory of their Grandmothers

Sarah Schwimmer

שרה רבקה בת חנוך היינר ודבורה

And

Chava Bat Bahiya

חוה בת בהיה

Yayin I' Kiddush Ve'Havdalah

Wine for Kiddush & Havdallah

Judy Leichtberg & Batsheva

Goldfischer in memory of their

father and grandfather,

Israel Weiss

ישראל בן דוד

and their mother & grandmother

Frida Weiss

טויבא פרידה בת עזרא

Pat La'Orchim

Challah rolls for Seudah Shlishit

Betty & Irving Wizenfeld

Betty Wizenfeld in memory of her

Parents Tobias & Esther Spira

טוביה בן צבי אלימלך

אסתר בת דוד הכהן

Irv Wizenfeld in memory of his father

Sam Wizenfeld

שמואל מאיר בן יצחק הכהן

5770 Candy Man:

Bernard Kesler

in memory of his father

Sender ben Avraham Zelig

סנדר בן אברהם זליג

Kiddush Supplement

Rabbi Brahm & Elana Weinberg

In honor of their parents

Morrie & Lynn Weinberg

Dr. Howard & Miriam Rosenblum

Seudah Shlishit Supplement

קהלת 12:14

"סוף דבר הכל נשמע

את האלקים ירא

ואת מצותיו שמור

כי זה כל האדם"

Anonymous

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