



YOUNG ISRAEL OF WEST HARTFORD
 2240 ALBANY AVENUE
 WEST HARTFORD, CT 06117
 860-233-3084
 Web Site: www.youngisraelwh.org

YOUNG ISRAEL OF WEST HARTFORD

Rabbi's Corner

Welcome back to all those who were away for Pesach. You were missed! Also, a *tzetchem leshalom*, a fond goodbye, to all those who were here for Pesach who are now headed back to various places of work and study. We wish you all the best.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable *chag*.

As Pesach leaves us the calendar always picks up with so many new activities and programs!

We are in the midst of planning for the Yahrzeit Lecture, for a Shul Dinner, for the Yom Ha'Atzmaut BBQ and for another wonderful Shavuot program for YIWH.

You will start to see in the coming weeks the return of the Take 15 series which will be delivered to you by email or via the website, as well as my Shabbat Afternoon class. We will also attempt to get in one series of weekday classes between now and Shavuot. More information to follow this week about all these new classes.

I strongly encourage all of you to attend this Sunday evening's *Yom Hashoah* commemoration at Beth El at 7pm. It is so important to show our support and show our concern for the memorialization of this horrific event of our recent past. It is crucial so that we don't forget what happened, so that we honor the memories of those who perished, and so that we show the proper respect for the Survivors amongst us. I hope to see each of you there.

As we transition from *Yom Hashoah* to *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*, I also encourage all of you to RSVP for the YIWH *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* BBQ which will be held again this year at our home. Last year was so much fun and we hope to see you there again this year. RSVP to elana6183@gmail.com. Payment at the door. See flyer for more details.

Shabbat Shalom!

**Shabbat Mevorchim
 Parshat Kedoshim
 April 30, 2011 ✪ 26 Nisan 5771
 Kiddush this Shabbat
 Is Sponsored by the Shul**

ANNUAL COMMUNITY WIDE
 YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Sunday, May 1st at 7:00 PM

At Beth El Temple

2626 Albany Avenue

Guest Speaker: Martin Schiller

Bread, Butter & Sugar:

A Boy's Journey Through the Holocaust

YOM HAZIKARON MEMORIAL CEREMONY
 FOR ISRAEL'S FALLEN

Sunday, May 8th at 7:30 PM

At the Mandell JCC's Herbert Gilman Theater

YOM HA'ATZMAUT BBQ

At the home of Rabbi Brahm & Elana Weinberg

Tuesday May 10th

5:00 to 7:00 PM

85 Iroquois Road (If rain at YIWH)

Cost \$8.00 per person

RSVP by May 6th to elana6183@gmail.com

Payment at the door.

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Rena Miller on her engagement to Michael Blechner of Oceanside, NY. **מזל טוב** to joyful parents, Laura & Stu, to Tova, Aviva & Adam Adler and the entire Miller and Blechner families.

URGENT ERUV ALERT- PLEASE BE ADVISED:

Due to complications the ERUV has been RE-ROUTED for a few weeks.

The Eruv **DOES NOT INCLUDE** (i.e. - do not carry in the following areas):

- The North Sidewalk of Mohawk from Norwood to Mohegan
- Both sides of Mohegan from Mohawk to Emanuel Synagogue
- Lyman Rd East of Mohegan and all of Seminole Circle

Editor: Judie Patel
 E-mail: bulletin@youngisraelwh.org
 Editors Emeritus: Sam Leichtberg & Moish Trencher

Rabbi Brahm Weinberg 860-233-3084 or rabbi@youngisraelwh.org
 Judith Hessing, Coordinator 860-233-6042 or jhessing@youngisraelwh.org

Affiliate of the National Council of Young Israel Synagogues, Member of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Sponsor of West Hartford NCSY, National Conference of Synagogue Youth, Kashrut Commission of Greater Hartford, Mikveh Bess Israel of Greater Hartford, Eruv of West Hartford

SAVE THE DATES**UPCOMING YIWH & COMMUNITY EVENTS****WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH TEHILLIM GROUP**

Will be held on Wednesday, night, May 4th
at 7:30 PM

At the home of Betty Wizenfeld
366 North Quaker Lane

ELISHA ROSENSWEIG'S CLASS

TUESDAY, April 12th at 8:00 PM

We are studying the Book of Daniel
at the home of Judy Brenner, 103 Steele Road

HHNE COOKBOOK

On sale now at HHNE Office for \$20.00
Or from Karen Benjamin 860-232-1471
Proceeds benefit the new kitchen

**BUY SCRIP! BUY SCRIP!****BIG Y SCRIP & SHOP RITE SCRIP AVAILABLE NOW!**

Don't forget Crown & Stop & Shop too!
Let's support our Shul by buying scrip!
Every dollar counts!

Contact: Judith Hessing (860-233-6042)
at 18 Grenhart Street

AMAZON.COM

When ordering online, try to buy from Amazon
through the YIWH website. It is another painless
way for the Shul to make money!

SODA BOTTLE COLLECTION

Eliza Katz is collecting bottles, cans, and glass to
raise money for the Rabbi's Fund. Please bring
empties to her address: 24 Miamis Road;
860-680-9847

Vera Schwarcz & Jason Wolfe

In honor of Evelyn & Stan Rutstein's newest grand-
daughter

MANY THANKS

THANK YOU to David Goldfarb, Zvi Goldfischer, Tom
Freund, Steve Stein, Stan Rutstein for all their work
arranging the davening, the aliyot and the rolling of
the Sifrei torah over Pesach. Yasher Koach on a
job well done!

THANKS TO all those who read the Torah and led the
davening over Pesach!

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT**A YOM HAZIKARON COMMEMORATION
A MULTI SYNAGOGUE MAARIV**

Tefila Chagigit

Monday, May 9th

At Agudas Achim

Mincha at 6:45 p.m.

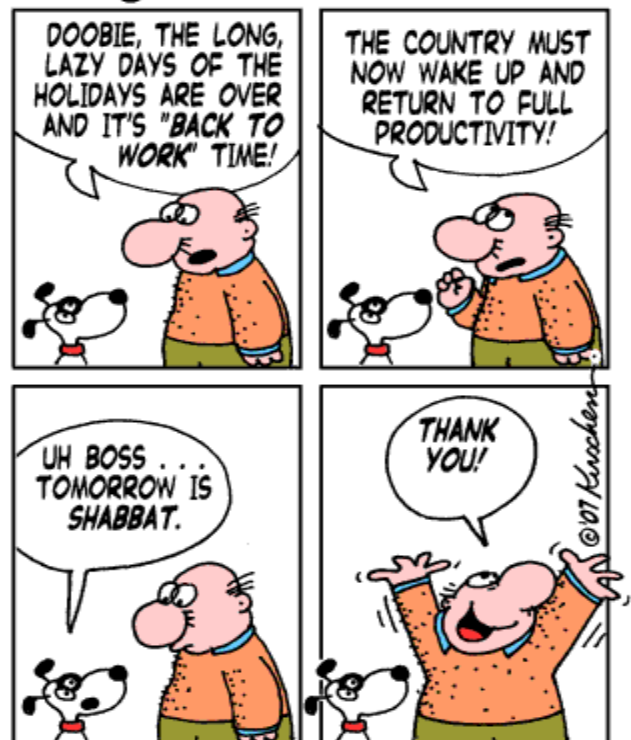
Program at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMEBERS

Welcome to our new members:

Michael Weinstein, and

Rebecca Newman

Dry Bones REPRIEVE

(Please note that this dvar torah is from a past year so the dates spoken about in this article are not accurate for 2011)

There is a widespread custom to study Pirkei Avos during the weeks between *Pesach* and *Shavuos*. The lessons in *Pirkei Avos*, known also as the Ethics of the Fathers, are contained for the most part in the tractate *Avos*, one of the books of the *Mishna*. What distinguishes *Avos* from other tractates is the topic and focus of the book. Instead of dealing with legal precepts, it deals with how one should lead his or her life. These lessons from our Sages, the ethics of our Fathers, are lessons for all time.

In the first chapter (*Mishna 17*) we find that *Shimon*, the son of *Rabban Gamliel* used to say: All my days I grew up among the sages, and I have found nothing better for a person than silence.

The virtues of silence are mentioned in other places as well. The *Talmud (Megillah 18a)* states that A word (is valued) for a *sela* (a monetary unit), but silence (is valued) for two *sela's*. Why is silence worth more than speech? Why is there nothing better for a person than silence?

The *Shelah* explains we find that the above lesson from the tractate of *Megillah* is applied even to the words of *Torah*. Why is this the case? When a person is engaged in the study of *Torah* or prayer, the person is in essence standing before G-d. When standing before G-d, we have to be composed. We have to carefully contemplate what we are about to say. Our expressions should be clear and focused. Silence allows us the time to pause and reflect on what we are about to do. It provides us with an opportunity to prepare ourselves so that our words are the most effective they can be. Rather than speaking off the cuff and engaging in discourse that may be less than substantial, we need to be silent for a bit. After we have engaged in some contemplative silence, we are ready to speak effectually.

It is customary, throughout the world and in many cultures, to remember those who are no longer with us with a moment of silence. Silence, in Jewish law, is associated with mourning as well. The *Aruch HaShulchan (Yoreh De'ah 376:1)* writes that those who come to comfort a mourner should not speak to the mourner until the mourner first speaks to him. The reason for the silence, the *Aruch HaShulchan* writes, is that our comfort of the mourner is to aid him in understanding the passing of his loved was was an act of G-d, and a just action. We must comfort him in his moments of depression. Before we can comfort, the mourner must indicate that he recognizes what happened was G-d's will. In days of old, a mourner used to begin his conversation with the words "*Dayan HaEmes*," "G-d is the true judge." He indicated that he accepted the judgment of G-d, and then he allowed others to comfort and strengthen him.

The silence that comes before any conversation with a mourner gives both the mourner and the comforter time to reflect on the situation. The mourner has suffered a loss, and perhaps his faith has been shaken. The comforter is visiting a mourner to provide him with support and strength in a moment of weakness. By not immediately engaging in pointless chatter, both mourner and comforter have an opportunity to prepare themselves for the dialogue. The mourner does not have to stifle emotions. The mourner does not have to be social. The mourner need not even talk if he does not feel like it. The comforter has to be prepared for his visit with the mourner. He is there not to distract the mourner from what happened. He is not there to provide entertainment. He is there to help the mourner deal with the issues that the mourner wants to discuss. Silence allows both mourner and comforter to collect their thoughts, and then have meaningful, purposeful conversation.

We are now in the midst of the *Sefira* period. Traditionally, this time period is one in which we observe customs associated with mourning. Tragedies befell the Jewish people at this time of the year, and we commemorate the losses appropriately. Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day was April 23. Yom HaZikaron, the Memorial Day for those that gave their lives in the defense of the State of Israel, was on April 29. While memorial services and speeches help us focus on the losses we have suffered, we can use another tool the Sages have indicated is useful: silence. We can take time out to remember what happened to us, whether we understand it or not. We can take the time to focus our thoughts on how we can strengthen our faith in G-d in the wake of tragedy. We can take the time to contemplate what needs to be said about the tragedies, and how to say it. Silence affords us these opportunities. Silence is truly good for the person. And to rephrase the words of the Talmud quoted above, silence is golden.

☆ YIWH Schedule of Services ☆
 April 29th - May 6th, 2011
 Shabbat Mevorchim Parashat Kedoshim

It is easy to sponsor a Kiddush
Or Seudah Shlishit!

Friday, April 29th

Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv
Candle Lighting

Shabbat, April 30th

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class
Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv
Shabbat Ends

Sunday, May 1st - Thursday, May 5th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Shacharit... Sunday followed by Rabbi Weinberg's
Gemara Shiur on Masechet Chulin Perek 8
Shacharit... Monday & Tuesday
Shacharit... Wednesday & Thursday Rosh Chodesh Iyar
Mincha/Maariv

Friday, May 6th

Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv
Candle Lighting

6:45 a.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:28 p.m.
 8:15 a.m.
 9:00 a.m.
 9:19 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 7:15 p.m.
 8:29 p.m.

5:27 a.m.
 8:15 a.m.
 6:45 a.m.
 6:30 a.m.
 7:35 p.m.

6:45 a.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:35 p.m.

Shul handles set up & Clean up!
Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178
or judiepatel@gmail.com to
check the availability of the date
you need & call Fran Wittenberg
860-232-2320 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

5/7 Rutstein
 5/14 Trencher

Check out the weekly Schedule on the YIWH Website <http://go.youngisraelwh.org/times> Times from: www.ou.org/holidays/calendar
 For Eruv Information: twitter.com/WHartfordEruv or go.youngisraelwh.org/eruv (Hotline - 860-232-6417)

Ner La'Maor

Lights

Evelyn & David Hessing
In Memory of their Grandmothers
Sarah Schwimmer
שרה רבקה בת חנוך היינך ודבורה
And
Chava Bat Bahiya
חוה בת בהיה

Yayin I' Kiddush Ve'Havdallah

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

Seudah Shlishit Supplement

קהלת 12:14
"סוף דבר הכל נשמע
את האלקים ירא
ואת מצותיו שמור
כי זה כל האדם"
Anonymous

Want to join the Listserve?

If you are interested in subscribing to the yiwhevents listserve, send an e-mail to webmaster@youngisraelwh.org and he will add your name. If you are a member of the group, you can send an e-mail to the entire group by addressing your e-mail to yiwhevents@yahoogroups.com.

☆ YIWH Schedule of Services ☆

May 6th - 13th, 2011
Shabbat Parshat Emor

It is easy to sponsor a Kiddush

Or Seudah Shlishit!

Friday, May 6th

Shacharit

Mincha/Maariv

Candle Lighting

Shabbat, May 7th

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class

Shacharit

Sof Zman Kriat Shma

Shabbat Morning Youth Groups

Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv

Shabbat Ends

Sunday, May 8th - Thursday, May 12th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin

Shacharit... Sunday followed by Rabbi Weinberg's

Gemara Shiur on Masechet Chulin Perek 8

Shacharit... Monday & Tuesday

Mincha/Maariv

Friday, May 6th

Shacharit

Mincha/Maariv

Candle Lighting

6:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:35 p.m.

8:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:14 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:20 p.m.

8:36 p.m.

4:42 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

6:45 a.m.

7:40 p.m.

6:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:43 p.m.

Shul handles set up & Clean up!

Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178

or judiepatel@gmail.com to check the availability of the date you need & call Fran Wittenberg

860-232-2320 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

5/7 Rutstein
5/14 Trencher

Check out the weekly Schedule on the YIWH Website <http://go.youngisraelwh.org/times> Times from: www.ou.org/holidays/calendar

For Eruv Information: twitter.com/WHartfordEruv or go.youngisraelwh.org/eruv (Hotline - 860-232-6417)

Ner La'Maor

Lights

Evelyn & David Hessing

In Memory of their Grandmothers

Sarah Schwimmer

שרה רבקה בת חנוך היינך ודבורה

And

Chava Bat Bahiya

חווה 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

Seudah Shlishit Supplement

קהלת 12:14

"סוף דבר הכל נשמע

את האלקים ירא

ואת מצותיו שמור

כי זה כל האדם"

Anonymous

Want to join the Listserve?

If you are interested in subscribing to the yiwhevents listserve, send an e-mail to webmaster@youngisraelwh.org and he will add your name. If you are a member of the group, you can send an e-mail to the entire group by addressing your e-mail to yiwhevents@yahoogroups.com.