



# ISLAND SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WILLIE & CELIA TRUMP SYNAGOGUE

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## SHABBAT TETZAVEH

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February 7 – February 8, 2014

Friday Night Candle Lighting	5:50 PM
Mincha/Evening Services	5:55 PM
Shacharit/Morning Services	9:00 AM
Women's Torah Study Group	4:30 PM
Rabbi's Torah Class	5:05 PM
Mincha/ Afternoon Services	5:50 PM
Maariv / Havdala	6:54 PM

Join Rabbi Horowitz at his home  
7000 Island Blvd (Apt BV4)  
Wednesday Feb 12, 11:00 AM  
for Coffee, Cake and Learn  
(Torah class on the weekly Parsha  
followed by light refreshments)  
All are invited

"And you shall make a breastplate of justice, a thoughtful work, like the work of the vestment shall you make it, of gold, blue wool, purple wool, red thread and twisted linen shall you make it." (28:15)

Our Sages (Zevachim 88b) tell us that the breastplate was called "The breastplate of justice" because it atoned for miscarriages of justice. What was the connection between the breastplate and miscarriages of justice?

The Akeidas Yitzchak explains that there are four fundamental causes for miscarriages of justice, and the breastplate relates directly to each of them.

The first cause is favoritism, against which the Torah (Devarim 1:17) warns, "Do not show favoritism in judgment." Favoritism usually surfaces when one of the litigants is a person of high station, a wealthy man or a scholar. The names of the tribes that appear on the breastplate were arranged according to the chronological order of their birth, before any differences in status among them could have developed. The breastplate, therefore, symbolized the opposite of favoritism.

The second cause of miscarriages of justice is the judge's disdain for the sums being litigated, feeling that such small amounts of money are unworthy of his adjudication. A judge who brings a cavalier attitude to a case involving a small sum is likely to err in his judgment. Therefore, the Torah (ibid.) expressly forbids such an attitude; "You shall consider the small matter just as the great matter," meaning, a dispute over a penny should be as important to you as a dispute over a fortune. The breastplate symbolized this concept. Among the stones of the breastplate, some were very precious and others not very precious at all. Nevertheless they all occupy places of equal importance on the breastplate.

A third scenario which can give rise to a miscarriage of justice is when the judge is intimidated by one of the litigants. The Torah (ibid.) warns, "Fear no man, for justice belongs to the Lord." Therefore, the

### Weekly Services Schedule

#### Morning Services

Monday-Friday 7:00 AM

Sunday and Holidays 8:00 A.M.

#### Evening Services

##### Sunday–Thursday

Week of Feb 9 5:50 PM

Week of Feb 16 5:55 PM

**Friday evening: Services for the duration of fall and winter will take place 5 minutes after the time posted for Friday's candle lighting.**

#### Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:00 A.M.

Shabbat: (Saturday) evening services will take place at the same time posted for Friday evening's candle lighting.

ineffable name of G-d, The Tetragrammaton, was etched into the breastplate, as a reminder that justice is His, and all who preserve it have no need to fear. Finally the most serious cause of miscarriages is error in judgment, about which Moses (ibid.) warns, "And the matter which is too difficult for you, bring it to me and I will consider it." The breastplate, containing as it did the *urim vetumim*, a conduit to heaven, represented the means of determining the just ruling with absolute certainty. In this light, when the sages said that the breastplate atoned for miscarriages of justice, they were not referring to ritual atonement. Rather, they meant that it served as an object lesson from which people could learn how to avoid such miscarriages.

Shabbat Shalom!

*Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz*

Kiddush

This Kiddush this week is sponsored by Mr & Mrs Jules Berrebi in honor of their son Frank's Aufruf

Everyone is invited

Synagogue Gala Planning Committee meeting

Everyone is invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday February 18 9 AM, at the synagogue, to help contact invitees of the Gala who have not responded.

A light Breakfast will be served

Men's Talmud Class

Join Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz Sunday mornings for breakfast followed by Talmud Study  
Beginners welcome!  
The Class takes place following morning services at 8:00 AM

Book Review

Join Rabbi Horowitz at the synagogue Wednesday March 26, 7:00 PM for a review of journalist Yossi Klein's Halevi's book

Like Dreamers:

The story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided A Nation

Yahrtzeits

THE FOLLOWING YAHRTZEITS WILL BE OBSERVED IN THE COMING WEEK (Feb 9 –Feb 15)

George Fisher (Father pf Diane Matus)  
12 Adar I (Feb 12)  
Shmuel (Father of Esther Berger)  
14 Adar I (Feb 14)

Synagogue Gala Journal

Dinner

This year's Synagogue Gala Dinner honoring two couples: Joan Ehrlich & Rabbi Abraham Mann and Ann & Dr. Joseph Singer will take place G-d willing Thursday March 20, 2014.

Don't Forget to get ads for our Journal.

Help make this year's event the best ever!!!

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