



# ISLAND PERSPECTIVE

Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WILLIE & CELIA TRUMP SYNAGOGUE

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## SHABBAT PARASHAT SHELACH June 15– June 16, 2012

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Friday Night Candle Lighting	7:55 PM
Mincha/Evening Services	7:00 PM
Shacharit/Morning Services	9:00 AM
Woman's Torah Study Group given by Rabbi Horowitz	5:30 PM
Rabbi's Talmud Class	6:25 PM
Rabbi's Parsha Class	7:10 PM
Mincha/ Afternoon Services	7:55 PM
Maariv Havdala	8:59 PM

From the tribe of Reuven (13:4)

The Ramban (Nachmonides) notes that the listing of each tribe does not follow any normal criteria. It does not conform to the order of their encampment, or the relative size of each tribe, nor does it relate to sequence of the births of the sons of Jacob. The Ramban therefore suggests that the order must be attributed to the ranking of each tribe based on their greatness. The Torah is focusing not on the tribe but rather on each tribal leader and ranking each according to his spiritual stature.

Rabbi Yaacov Kaminetsky has difficulty with this explanation. If the order reflects greatness and achievement then Caleb and Joshua should've been mentioned first as they were the only ones not to speak negatively about the land of Israel.

Perhaps for this reason Ovadiah S'forno explains that the Torah lists the tribal leaders according to their ages starting with the oldest. This explanation however, poses difficulty as well because in Seder Hadorot (an authoritative source on Biblical chronology) there is clear indication that Joshua was older than Caleb and yet he is listed only after mention is made of Caleb.

It could be argued that perhaps the ordering of the tribal leaders can be understood in light of the verse in Devarim (1:22) where Moshe recaps the episode of the spies. He says, "And you approached me - all of you." Rashi's interpretation is "In confusion - children pushing ahead of elders, and elders pushing ahead of their leader." In other words, the people were in a state of panic, for they felt that their lives were in danger. They lacked faith in Hashem's promise that they would easily conquer the land. Though Hashem had reassured them "Do not fear" they infected the Jewish people with panic and terror."

## Weekly Services Schedule

### Morning Services

Monday-Friday 7:00 AM

Sunday and Holidays 8:00 A.M.

### Evening Services

Sunday–Thursday 7 PM

Friday evening services for the duration of spring and summer will be at 7PM.

### Shabbat

9:00 A.M.

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

### Flower Donations

Commemorate your special occasion (Anniversary, Yahrzeit, Etc.) by beautifying our synagogue & Aron Hakodesh with Flowers. Call office for more information  
305-931-4777

In a state of bedlam and confusion, they rushed to Moshe imploring him to send spies as if to "check up" and verify the credibility of G-d's promises.

So as to reflect that they came in such a chaotic and disorderly fashion, the Torah underscores this by listing the names of each tribal leader in a haphazard and confused way.

Shabbat Shalom,

*Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz*

WHOEVER TEACHES THEIR FRIEND'S CHILD TORAH, SCRIPTURE VIEWS IT, AS IF HE HAS FATHERED HIM (SANHEDRIN 19 B)

Join our Synagogue in facilitating an outstanding chesed project.

Help us create a Bar Mitzvah celebration for a disabled child (one of 11 disabled children) on Shabbat Parashat Balak July 7.

Please contribute generously so that this young man can celebrate his Bar Mitzvah together with his family at our synagogue. Send your checks to the synagogue office made out to the "WCT Synagogue" indicating that the monies are earmarked for the "Bar Mitzvah Chesed Project"

**KIDDUSH FUND**

The Willie & Celia Trump Synagogue gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the following individuals whose \$250 donation will help insure that our synagogue have a Shabbat Kiddush on those Shabatot where there is no sponsor. These individuals are:

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- Dr. Burt & Linda Goldstein
- Drs. Marty & Helene Greenberg
- Neil & Jacqueline Katz
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- Eva Fellner
- Elliot & Deborah Levy
- Alan & Diane Matus
- Dr. Abraham & Shelly Rotbart
- Jules & Stephanie Trump
- Bob & Florence Werner

If you wish to be included in this group, please contact Janice Horowitz 305 932 1388

**Yahrtzeits**

THE FOLLOWING YAHTZETS WILL BE OBSERVED IN THE COMING WEEK (June 17- June 23)

- Pearl Zweig (Mother of Florence Rosen & Marlene Wolf)  
29 Sivan (June 19)
- Jerry Levy (Father of Dr Eliot Levy)  
30 Sivan (June 20)
- Dr. Harvey Sloane (Brother of Dr. Helene Greenberg)  
30 Sivan (June 29)
- Abe Silverman (Beloved member and friend of our shul)  
1 Tamuz (June 21)
- Jack (Father of Caryn Montague)  
1 Tamuz (June 21)
- Sol Joseph (Father of Florence Werner)  
2 Tamuz (June 22)

**Kiddush**

The Kiddush this week is sponsored by Moosa and Sheila Ebrahimian to mark the Yahrtzeit of Moosa's father Benjamin ben Mordechai (27 Sivan—June 17)

Everyone is invited

**Board Meeting**

Next Board Meeting this coming Monday evening June 18, 7:30 PM

At the Synagogue

All members are invited



For Assistance from the Bikur Cholim Society Contact Menucha Meinstein (305) 788-6302

We gratefully acknowledge Joan Ehrlich for her donation to the Bikur Cholim Society

Get a Jump on the High Holidays Join Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz for the second class of the ongoing Introductory to Prayer Series.

ABSOLUTELY NO HEBREW BACKGROUND NECESSARY (Attendance at the first class is not a prerequisite )

Learn the origins, structure & meaning of the prayers so that you can begin to feel comfortable in the synagogue not only during the High Holidays but on Shabbat, Yom Tov, & 365 days of the year.

SECOND SESSION WEDNESDAY JULY 18, 7:30 PM

At the Synagogue (2000 Island Blvd)

**Mazal Tov**

Mazal tov to Avram Horowitz on his graduation from Yeshiva Toras Chaim High School.

Mazal Tov to Aaron Pludwinski on becoming the President of the incoming senior class at the Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School

**Flower Donation**

The flowers adorning the Aron Kodesh this week have been donated by Neil & Jacqueline Katz in honor of Jacqueline's father Mr. Arnold Singer who is visiting from Houston, Texas.

**High Holiday**

**"Prayer With Understanding Services"**

This year on the first day of Rosh Hashana (September 17) and on Yom Kippur Morning (September 26) the Synagogue will hold Instructional/ Explanatory Edited Services that will provide attendees, who are not familiar with the liturgy, greater understanding of the holiday prayer service and an opportunity to pray for a few hours with greater understanding and meaning. Rabbi Abraham Mann, a member of the synagogue assisted by a cantor, will be conducting the services at the Party Room in the 2000 Building. Service times to follow

**Non Members** living on Williams Island are invited to make reservations to attend.

Make your reservations ASAP as space is very limited Call (305)931-4777