



# ISLAND SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WILLIE & CELIA TRUMP SYNAGOGUE

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## SHABBAT SHMOT

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January 4 – January 5, 2013

Friday Night Candle Lighting	5:25 PM
Mincha/Evening Services	5:25 PM
Shacharit/Morning Services	9:00 AM
Woman's Torah Study Group	4:30 PM
Rabbi Horowitz's class on the Weekly Parsha	4:40 PM
Mincha/ Afternoon Services	5:25 PM
Maariv / Havdala	6:29 PM

### 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

And a man from the house of Levi went, and he took the daughter of Levi. (2:1)

Rashi comments that this "daughter of Levi" was none other than Yocheved, who had been born to Levi one hundred and thirty years earlier, on the way to Egypt. The Ibn Ezra wonders why the Torah doesn't tell us this detail more explicitly; certainly, Yocheved's giving birth to Moses when she was already one hundred and thirty years old was every bit as miraculous as Sarah's giving birth to Isaac at age one hundred, which the Torah (Bereishis 21:1-7) chronicles at length?

The Ramban explains with a general guideline applying to the entire Torah: only a miracle foretold by a prophet or an angel is recorded, but never one occurring in the ordinary course of events, for the purpose of helping a righteous person or punishing a wicked one.

Rabbi Shlomo Ganzfried takes a different approach, suggesting that once Sarah had previously given birth at age one hundred, the possibility of such a thing happening had already been established. Thereafter, the edge had worn off, and any similar occurrence (even one technically more remarkable, like Yocheved's, who was even older than Sarah when she gave birth), no longer warranted specific mention.

The Maggid of Dubno approaches this issue by way of a parable:

Two beggars met on the road.

"So, where are you coming from?" asks the first beggar.

"From such and such a town," replied the second beggar. "You know, those people are really wonderful! They dispense charity with such an open hand! Would you believe that almost every single one of them gave me two kopecks and more?"

"Two Kopecks!" cried the first beggar.

### Weekly Services Schedule

#### Morning Services

Monday-Friday 7:00 AM

Sunday and Holidays 8:00 A.M.

#### Evening Services

Sunday–Thursday

Week of Jan 6 5:25 PM

Week Of Jan 13 5:25 PM

**Friday evening: Friday evening services for the duration of fall and winter will take place the same time as candle lighting.**

#### Shabbat

9:00 A.M.

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

"You were shortchanged! When I was there, I received a minimum of four kopecks from each person." "And when were you there, my good friend?" asked the second beggar.

"On Purim."

"Nu! People always give a lot of charity on Purim, and so, four kopecks is not such a remarkable sum. But I got two Kopecks per head during an ordinary time of year. Now, that shows you something about these fine people!"

The same holds true concerning the miracles of Sarah and Yocheved. Yocheved gave birth at a time of extraordinarily blessed fertility, when Jewish women were having six children at one time. Under those circumstances, motherhood at such an elderly age was simply an extension of the generally heightened fertility, and not a separate miracle in its own right. Sarah, on the other hand, lived during a period of ordinary fertility, and giving birth at her advanced age was a spectacular miracle indeed.

Shabbat Shalom

*Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz*

**Flower Donation**

The flowers adorning the Aron Kodesh were donated by Neil & Jacqueline Katz in loving memory of Neil's father Aryeh Zeev (Leon) Katz Z"L whose yahrtzeit will be observed this coming week.

The Willie and Celia Trump Syna-

**Adult Education**

**Book Review**

Join Rabbi Horowitz on Wednesday January 16, 7:30 PM at the synagogue for a book review of

Out of the Depths

by Rabbi Israel Meir Lau

A harrowing, miraculous and inspiring account of the story of Israel Meir Lau, one of the youngest survivors of Buchenwald, how he managed to survive, emigrate to Israel and become chief Rabbi and a world revered figure.

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**Kiddush**

The Kiddush this week is sponsored by Feige & Sander Hirth in honor of the recent birth of their great - grandson Chaim.

Everyone is Invited

**Yahrtzeits**

THE FOLLOWING  
YAHRTZEITS WILL BE  
OBSERVED IN THE COMING  
WEEK (January 6 - January 12)

Jerry Gosler (Father of Joel  
Gosler)

26 Teves (Jan 8)

Ingrid Chana Leah (Wife of Tibor  
Silber)

27 Teves (Jan 9)

Aryeh Zeev Katz (Father of Neil  
Katz)

29Teves (Jan 11)

**Mazal Tov**

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Abraham Mann and his wife Joan Ehrlich on the recent Bat-Mitzvah of their granddaughter.

Mazal Tov to Millie and Larry Magid on the birth of a grandson.



For Assistance  
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**Synagogue Gala Journal**

**Dinner**

This year's Synagogue Gala Dinner honoring two couples: Paul and Anita Friedman & Larry and Susan Metsch will take place G-d willing Thursday March 7, 2013.

The Gala Dinner Planning Committee chaired by Beverly Litsky will have its next meeting Monday January 7, 8:30 AM at the Synagogue. We need your help to mail out invitations.

A light Breakfast will be served.

**Board Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will take place Monday January 7,

7:30 PM

At the Synagogue

All members are invited

The Willie and Celia Trump Synagogue invites you to a special evening with Rabbi Simeon Schreiber (Senior staff chaplain at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach) Author of

**A Caring Presence**

Guidelines for visiting hospital patients, the homebound & the elderly. Tuesday, January 29, 7:30 PM at the synagogue

**GALA 2013**

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