



# ISLAND SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WILLIE & CELIA TRUMP SYNAGOGUE

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## SHABBAT PARASHAT VA'ETCHANAN

August 3– August 4, 2012

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Friday Night Candle Lighting	7:47 PM
Mincha/Evening Services	7:00 PM
Shacharit/Morning Services	9:00 AM
Woman's Torah Study Group	5:30 PM
Rabbi's Talmud Class	6:15 PM
Rabbi's Torah Class	7:00 PM
Mincha/ Afternoon Services	7:47 PM
Maariv / Havdala	8:49 PM

The Aleinu Prayer, recited at the conclusion of every prayer service contains the following verse from this weeks Torah portion:

“Know it today and ponder it in your heart: G-d is the Supreme Being in heaven above and on earth below - there is no other.” (Deuteronomy 4:39)

What is the difference between “knowing it” and “pondering it in your heart”?

Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook Z”L explains that sometimes, people admit that there is a gap between what they know to be true intellectually and what they are ready to accept emotionally. They will say, “Yes this makes sense. This is a better way, a healthier way, a truer way. Still, it is not for me. It's too hard; I cannot do it.”

Therefore the Torah emphasizes the importance of two steps. First, we need to recognize the truth. This is the intellectual stage of “know it today”. This stage is critical but it is still only on a theoretical level. It must be followed by the second step: to internalize that which the mind comprehends. We need to accept emotionally the ramifications of this understanding, and be willing to act upon it. This is the second stage, to “ponder it in your heart.”

The second stage of practical acceptance should nevertheless be rooted in the initial step of intellectual comprehension. As the sages taught (Berachot 13A) “First accept the Kingdom of Heaven and then the yoke of practical mitzvot.”

The verse continues by stating that G-d is supreme in both “the heaven above and on the earth below.” What does this mean?

## 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.

Rav Kook interprets this not to refer to G-d's unity in the universe, but rather to our inner unity when we accept His Sovereignty. “Heaven” and “earth” are metaphors for our two major faculties, the mind and the heart. We need to be consistent so that how we act is not detached from what we believe.

In summary, we must accept G-d's Kingship on both levels. We must understand intellectually (“in the heaven above”)- using our minds, in cognitive thought and belief. But we must also act upon that in a practical level (“on the earth below”) -with our hearts and will, by implementing our understanding in the realm of deed and action.

Shabbat Shalom,

*Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz*

**Kiddush**

The Kiddush this week is sponsored by Harvey and Jane Kogan in loving memory of Harvey's Mother Mildred Kogan Z"L .

Everyone is Invited

**Yahrzeits**

THE FOLLOWING YAHRTZEITS WILL BE OBSERVED IN THE COMING WEEK (August 5- August 11)

Benjamin Naidus (Father of Marilyn Cohen)

17 Av (August 5)

Zoltan Hochteil (Brother of Eva Fellner)

17 Av (August 5)

Bernard Leventhal (Father of Ed Leventhal)

20 Av (August 8)

Sophia (Mother of Daniel & Claudia Tawil)

23 Av (August 11)

**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

Visit our website :

[www.wctsynagogue.com](http://www.wctsynagogue.com)



For Assistance from the Bikur Cholim Society Contact Menucha Meinstein (305) 788-6302 [menucha@meinstein.net](mailto:menucha@meinstein.net)

**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 Shabbatot where there is no sponsor. These individuals are:

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

Our New Memorial Tablet has arrived.

Please call Stanley Cohen to order Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques to honor deceased family members and friends.

Call Stanley Cohen (305)466-5524

Synagogue and Rabbinical services are open to all residents of Williams Island.

Please call Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz (305) 932-1388.

**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

**Willie and Celia Trump Synagogue Calendar**

This year The Willie & Celia Trump Synagogue will be publishing the 5773 calendar as a fundraising project for The Bikur Cholim Society. The calendar will include member's birthdays, anniversaries, Yahrzeits, Shabbat and Holiday candle lighting times. Please submit to the synagogue office all the information with the exact dates and names that you wish to have printed.

Please include a check for the appropriate amount made out to the Willie and Celia Trump Synagogue. All information and checks should be directed to Fanny F. Singer's attention at the Synagogue office.

Address: 3000 Island Blvd. S329, Aventura, FL 33160.

The email address for Fanny F. Singer is : [ffenic@gmail.com](mailto:ffenic@gmail.com)

Phone: (786)282-6681.

The cost for each listing is as follows:

Birthday: \$25.00 each

Children and Grandchildren's Birthdays: \$10.00 each

Anniversary: \$25.00 each

Yahrzeits: \$10.00 each

The Deadline for submitting your names and information with a chec