



# Young Israel of Sunny Isles Beach

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nissan 28 - Iyar 4, 5785 | April 25 - May 2, 2025

Shabbat Shemini/Mevarchim HaChodesh

### Shabbat Schedule

Friday, April 25		Weekly Davening Schedule	
Candle Lighting	7:31 PM	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 PM	Shimshon Deutscher's Shiur	6:45 PM
Saturday, April 26		Mincha/Maariv	7:00 PM
Shacharit	8:45 AM		
Mincha	7:30 PM	Monday - Tuesday, April 28 - 29 - Rosh Chodesh Iyar	
Shiur			
Maariv/Shabbat Ends	8:26 PM	Candle lighting next Shabbat	7:34 PM

**This week's kiddush is being sponsored by**

- **Ruth & Marc Moyal** in memory of their beloved mother Alice bat Shlomo and Freida.

### Condolences

- **Ruth & Marc Moyal** on the loss of their beloved mother Alice Moyal.

### Parasha tidbits from the Rabbi

**"וַיִּשָּׂא אֶהָרֶן אֶת־יָדָיו אֶל־הָעָם וַיְבָרֶכֶם"** (Vayikra 9:22) *"And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them"*

We read the word *yadav* (יָדָיו) — "his hands" — but it is written *yado* (יָדוֹ) — "his hand." This teaches us that although Aaron raised both hands to deliver *Birkat Kohanim*, the Priestly Blessing, he held them together, side by side, so they appeared as one hand. That is why the Torah uses the singular form *yado* — to emphasize unity. We receive the blessing as one people. This reminds us that we must always strive to see ourselves as one nation — unified, indivisible, and blessed by G-d as a single entity. May we continue our spiritual ascent from Pesach to Shavuot, as we prepare to commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai — *k'ish echad b'lev echad*, as one people with one heart.

Shabbat Shalom/שבת שלום ומבורך



**Tuesday, April 30 - Yom Hazikaron**  
**Wednesday, May 1 - Yom Ha'atzmaut**

Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut follow very closely after Yom Hashoah which was this past week. We remember those killed in battle and those killed by terrorists. It is a day where we recite Kal Molah Rachamim for them. The death of each and every Jew is a tragedy for us here in the USA. We as Jews have to feel in our gut and our neshama the loss. The celebration of Yom Haatzmaut which goes back to 1948 is so important to us here. We must realize that our existence is dependent on a strong Israel. Our lives in the USA depend upon Eretz Yisroel. Let us hope and pray that we will be Zoche to be as the Torah teaches us "a light to the umos Haolam" and we will all be soon in artzeinu hakedosha and see all those neshamot that were lost.

**Parasha thought from Rabbi Arthur Kirsch**

When Aharon raised his hands and blessed the people with *Birkat Kohanim*, he recited the three powerful verses that make up this unique and sacred blessing. These three verses are connected to the **Shalosh Regalim** — the three pilgrimage festivals: Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot. Each verse corresponds to one of these *chagim*, which together span **15 days** in Eretz Yisrael. 15 days × 24 hours = **360 hours**. This number is **60 times** the **6 hours** associated with the sin of the *Chet Ha'Egel* (the Golden Calf). The *mekubalim* (Kabbalists) suggest that this numerical connection implies that the sin of the Golden Calf is "**batel b'shishim**" — nullified in a 60-to-1 ratio, just as a forbidden food becomes halachically nullified in a larger quantity. This idea is beautifully hinted at within the *Birkat Kohanim* itself, which contains **15 words** and **60 letters** — reinforcing the themes of forgiveness, nullification of past sins. When the Kohanim recite this blessing, we should listen with deep *kavanah*, because the words are filled with mystical meaning and tremendous spiritual power. In that moment, the Kohanim act as conduits of divine blessing, giving to *Klal Yisrael* in a way that transcends natural human capacity — "**l'ma'alah min hateva**".

Wishing you a fruitful, uplifting, and wonderful Shabbos!

**Shul Notes**

- Thank you to the volunteers who organized the Shabbat kiddush.
- **Shabbat Group for Children:** We are happy to announce that we are now offering a morning Shabbat group for our children. The group will start at 9:30 AM and will conclude after davening. It will be fully supervised, and we hope you will bring your children for a fun and learning experience. Please bring the children to the Social Hall.
- **New Payment Option Available!** We are excited to inform you that our shul now accepts payments via Zelle! This convenient option allows you to make contributions, pay dues, and support our shul with ease. To make a payment, simply use the following email address: [youngisraelofsib@bellsouth.net](mailto:youngisraelofsib@bellsouth.net).
- **Reflective Belts Available for Pick-Up:** For your safety, reflective belts are now available for pick-up at the Shul's office. We encourage all members to take one and use it during early morning or evening walks to increase visibility and ensure your safety. Please stop by the office during regular hours to collect your belt. Stay safe and stay visible!
- **To Sponsor a Kiddush:** Anyone wishing to sponsor a Kiddush should notify the office (the earlier, the better). Do you have a family simcha or any special occasion you'd like to include in the bulletin? Please notify the office by Thursday.
- For any questions regarding kashrut, the eruv and other halachic issues contact Rabbi Haber.

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