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פרשת תולדות · ג' כסלו תשפ"ז



A Gut Chodesh!

This greeting is always a whisper of renewal and hope for a better month ahead, for new *mazel*. Each month, with its own *mazel*, puts us in a different frame of mind.

Kislev brings thoughts of *Chanukah* candles, family and *Chanukah gelt*. It is the month of *lechtigkeit*: dispelling the darkness and bringing light to the world with our actions.

As a wise person once said: "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

A genuine smile, an encouraging nod, an extra minute of patience, a listening ear or a sincere compliment can be the ray of hope in a friend's dark day. Offering the person behind you in line to go ahead of you, or a warm greeting with a moment of eye contact, can be the radiance that penetrates a heavy heart. Small, private acts of kindness bring no credit or recognition, but giving another person a lift is the most powerful and enduring light we can kindle.





The Week

Parshas Toldos · 4 Kislev 5787 · November 14, 2026

הדלקת הנרות

Aventura	5:14 PM	Okeechobee	5:14 PM
Boca Raton	5:13 PM	Orlando	5:14 PM
Hollywood	5:14 PM	Tampa	5:20 PM
Miami Beach	5:14 PM	West Palm Beach	5:12 PM

Zmanim

City	עלות	נץ החמה	קרי״ש	חצות	שקיעה	ר״ת	מוצש״ק
Aventura	5:26 AM	6:38 AM	9:21 AM	12:04 PM	5:31 PM	6:43 PM	6:21 PM
Boca Raton	5:26 AM	6:38 AM	9:21 AM	12:04 PM	5:30 PM	6:42 PM	6:20 PM
Hollywood	5:26 AM	6:38 AM	9:21 AM	12:04 PM	5:31 PM	6:43 PM	6:21 PM
Miami Beach	5:25 AM	6:37 AM	9:21 AM	12:04 PM	5:31 PM	6:43 PM	6:21 PM
Okeechobee	5:30 AM	6:42 AM	9:25 AM	12:07 PM	5:32 PM	6:44 PM	6:22 PM
Orlando	5:35 AM	6:47 AM	9:28 AM	12:09 PM	5:32 PM	6:44 PM	6:22 PM
Tampa	5:38 AM	6:50 AM	9:32 AM	12:14 PM	5:37 PM	6:49 PM	6:27 PM
West Palm Beach	5:26 AM	6:38 AM	9:21 AM	12:04 PM	5:30 PM	6:42 PM	6:20 PM

Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
80°/ 64°	73°/ 64°	79°/ 73°	80°/ 75°

Miami Beach — Partly Sunny





Reb Elimelech Biederman shlit"a

A Word of Wisdom

Free Your Mind, and Find Your Freedom!

In Parshas Toldos, the Torah gives a powerful blueprint for overcoming hardship. Yitzchak Avinu dug wells, and twice the Pilishtim claimed them. When he dug the third well, everything changed. The *pasuk* states:

"*Vayatek misham vayachpor beer acheres velo ravu aleha, vayikra shemah Rechovos*—And he moved away from there, and he dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. He named it *Rechovos*, and he said, 'For now *Hashem* has made ample space for us.'"

What did Yitzchak Avinu do differently the third time?

The Mishmeres Issamar finds the key in the words *Vayatek misham* ("And he moved away from there"). Yitzchak did not only move his body; he moved his mind away from his *tzaros*. By removing the problem from his thoughts, he opened the channels to a swift *yeshuah*.

This is a fundamental rule: when a person dwells on his *tzaros*, his focus draws them closer. When he turns his attention to the positive, they lose their hold. If you want to remove *tzaros*, stop feeding them your attention.

The Mishmeres Issamar learned this from his Rebbe, the Chozeh of Lublin. At the *Yam Suf*, with the Mitzrim behind them, Moshe Rabbeinu cried out, and the *Eibirshter* answered:

"*Mah tizak elai, daber el bnei Yisrael veyisau*—Why do you cry out to Me? Speak to Bnei Yisrael and let them travel."

The *Zohar* explains: "*Be'atika talia milsa*"—the matter depends on *Atika*. The Chozeh explained that *Atika* shares a root with *Vayatek*, to move away: disconnect your minds from the threat and move forward with pure *bitachon*. The moment the *Yidden* did so, the sea split.

When facing an uphill battle, practice the *segulah* of *Vayatek misham*: move your thoughts away from your troubles, turn them to the goodness of the *Ribono Shel Olam*, and trust that He will swiftly make ample space for your own *Rechovos*.

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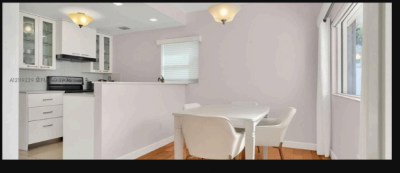
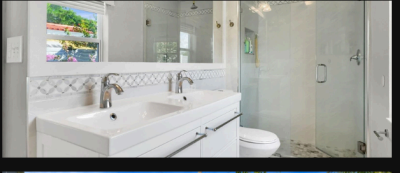



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New Bikur Cholim Room at Memorial Hospital West



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Miami, Fla. – Jewish patients and their families at Memorial Hospital West now have a kosher hospitality room, opened October 14 by Healing Hearts. It offers kosher food and drinks, seating, *sefarim* and *tefillin*, and *Shabbos* boxes are planned for families staying over *Shabbos*.

A First Mezuzah for the Mayor's Office

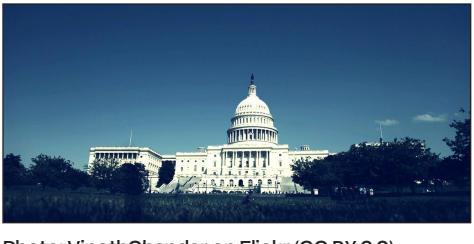


Photo: Shoshanah on Flickr (CC BY 2.0)

Key West, Fla. – Rabbi Yaakov Zucker placed a *mezuzah* on the office door of the city's new Jewish mayor, Sam Kaufman: the first *mezuzah* on the mayor's office in the island city's nearly 200-year history.

Florida Man Arrested for Threatening Rep. Moskowitz

By FJN Staff



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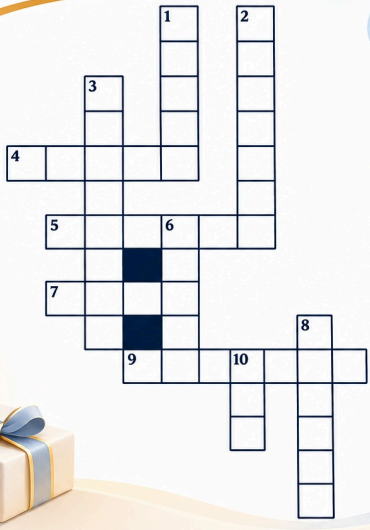
A Boca Raton man, Jerry Sneed, 31, was arrested last Thursday, accused of leaving a voicemail at the office of U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz threatening to kill him. By that afternoon he was in jail. Moskowitz says his work against antisemitism has made round-the-clock security a part of his life.

Puzzles



Chodesh Kislev

Use the Chodesh Kislev clues below to complete the puzzle.

Across

4. Look at me
5. Sing me
7. Donate me
9. Light me

Down

1. Fry me
2. Spin me
3. Emulate me
6. Flip me
8. Gather me
10. Pour me









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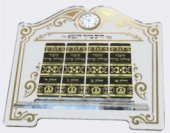



















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Our History

The History of Jewish Florida · Part IIV

Dark Clouds and Discrimination in Miami Beach

We previously traced the first Jewish seeds planted in northern Florida outposts like Pensacola and St. Augustine. With *Hashem*'s help, these small beginnings survived, setting the stage for the next chapter.

In the early 20th century, the sunny sands of South Florida were not always welcoming. By the 1930s, antisemitism cast a painful shadow over the shoreline. Advertisements for some of Miami Beach's oceanfront hotels proclaimed: "Always a view, never a Jew."

In Miami Beach, Jews were permitted to live only south of Fifth Street; deeds to the north forbade selling lots to Jewish buyers. But a *Yid* does not give up so easily! Our brothers and sisters bought modest hotels and apartments south of Fifth Street. Even with their resilience, the atmosphere of exclusion and prejudice was felt throughout the town.

Barriers Ease Up, Walls Crumble

The barriers eased through the 1930s, until the walls crumbled in 1949, clearing the path for the post-war boom.

Miami's Jewish Foundation: From One Soul to a Thriving Kehillah

The first Jew to arrive in the pioneer town of Miami was Samuel Singer, who came down from northern Palm Beach in 1895. By 1896, Jewish settlers owned 12 of the town's 16 businesses, and that year they held the first Jewish services in Miami. Then a fire ravaged the town, a yellow fever epidemic followed, and by 1903 the entire Jewish population of Miami was one person: Isidor Cohen.

From that one person, a tree grew. In 1904, Isidor Cohen married Ida Schneidman, and in 1907 the first documented *bris* on Miami soil was celebrated. By 1913, the community of 35 souls had established Miami's first congregation and a Jewish cemetery.

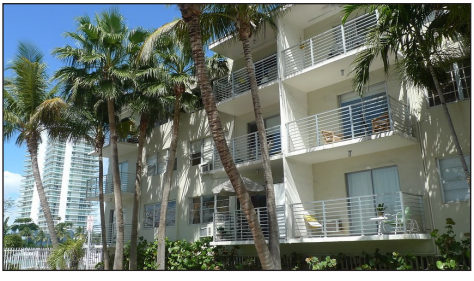
The Roaring Twenties

In the 1920s, "real estate fever" struck. Land, paved roads, the automobile and the dawn of air travel set off a boom, and 100 Jewish families grew into a community of 3,500.

Read in next week's issue of The Palm Voice, how the wheel of fortune turned for the Jewish population in South Florida.

Community News

Massive Growth and Rising Costs



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The wave of Orthodox families moving to Miami Beach, North Miami, Hollywood and Boca Raton has driven home prices and rents to record highs, and community organizations are looking for other neighborhoods where young couples can afford to live.

Schools Expand

Boys' schools (*Cheder*/*Talmud Torah*) and girls' schools in Hollywood and Boca are adding classrooms or building new campuses to keep up.

Jewish Voters Focus on School Vouchers

In the recent local elections, community activists worked hard to get out the vote. The Orthodox community's main goal is to secure and expand the state's school voucher programs, which help many parents cover the high cost of tuition at local schools and *yeshivas*.

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Hatzalah Dedicates a New Ambulance



Photo: Hatzalah South Florida

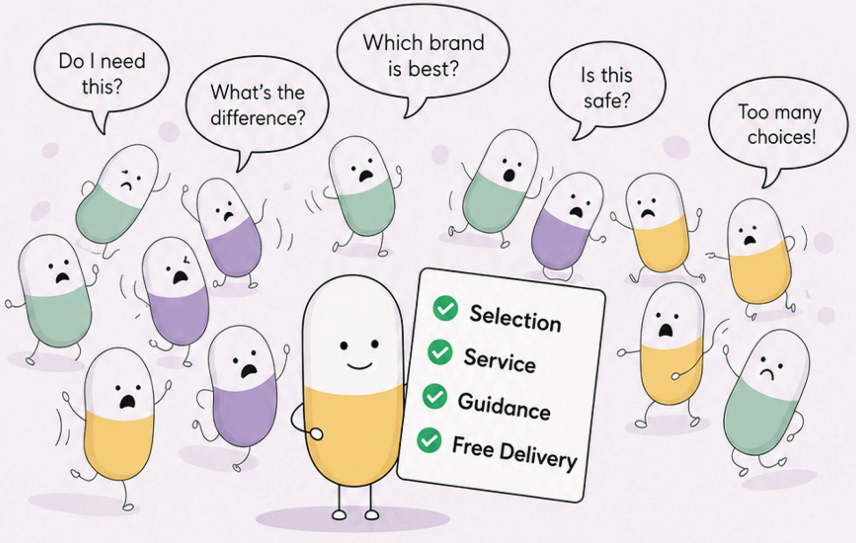
On Sunday, November 8, Hatzalah South Florida celebrated a "*Chanukas HaAmbulance*" for a new ambulance donated by the Sutterman family of Hallandale.

This vehicle marks the fifth ambulance the Sutterman family has donated to Hatzalah South Florida, and their previous four donations are already active in the fleet.

The new state-of-the-art emergency response vehicle is designated to serve Aventura and surrounding communities.

Community leaders, elected officials, local first responders and Hatzalah volunteers gathered for the official commissioning and dedication event.

Too Many Bottles.
Not Enough Answers.



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· Shachris, 2nd minyan: Brachos 9:00 · Hoidu 9:10 · Borchu 9:20
· Mincha: 10 minutes before shkia, followed by Maariv
Shabbos:
· Friday night Mincha: 5 minutes after candle lighting, followed by Kabbalas Shabbos
· Shachris: Brachos 9:00 · Hoidu 9:10, Kiddush after Mussaf
· Mincha: 30 minutes before Erev Shabbos candle lighting, followed by Seudas Shlishis and Maariv

HARBORSIDE KOLLEL
1108 Kane Concourse, 3rd floor, Suite 308-B, Bay Harbor Islands (above Bank of America)
· Late Maariv: 9:50 pm

THE SHUL OF BAL HARBOUR – CHABAD
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· Late Maariv: 10:00 pm
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• מנין ד': ברכות 10:15 · הודו 10:20

מנחה
• מנין א': קרבנות 2:00 · אשרי 2:05
• מנין ב': קרבנות 6:10 · אשרי 6:15
• שיעור משניות: 6:25

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• מנין א': 6:45
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• מנחה וקבלת שבת: 5:30
• סוף זמן קריאת שמע: מ"א 8:45 · גר"א 9:21
• שחרית: 9:30
• מנחה ושל"ס: 5:30
• ברכת המזון ומעריב: 6:31
• הבדלה בזמן ר"ת: 6:44

זמנים לחול פרשת ויצא
• שחרית: יום א' 9:00 · יום ב'–ו' 8:00
• מנחה: 5:25 (אשרי)
• שיעור חק לישראל בכל ערב תיכף אחר מעריב

Yahrtzeits of Tzadikim



Friday, November 13 · ג' כסלו
Begins Thursday evening at sunset
Rabbi Shalom Hedayah ben R' Moshe Chaim (Av Beit Din of Syria)
רבי שלום בן רבי משה חיים הדאיה זצ"ל

Rabbi Eliezer Sofino (Teacher of the Chida)
רבי אליעזר סופינו זצ"ל

Shabbos, November 14 · ד' כסלו
Parshas Toldos
Rabbi Yaakov Dovid Kalish ben R' Yisrael Yitzchak (First Amshinover Rebbe)
רבי יעקב דוד בן רבי ישראל יצחק קאליש זצוק"ל (הרבי הראשון מאמשינאוו)

Sunday, November 15 · ה' כסלו
Begins Motzei Shabbos
Rabbi Dovid Luria ben R' Yehudah Yudel (The Radal)
רבי דוד בן רבי יהודה יודל לוריא זצ"ל (הרד"ל)

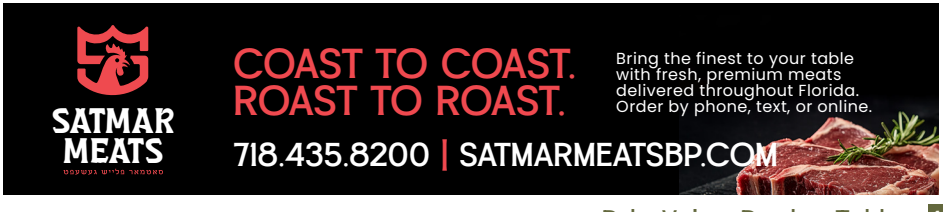
Monday, November 16 · ו' כסלו
Begins Sunday evening at sunset
Rabbi Boruch Ber Leibovitz ben R' Shmuel Dovid (Birkas Shmuel)
רבי ברוך בער בן רבי שמואל דוד לייבאוויץ זצ"ל (בעל ברכת שמואל)

Tuesday, November 17 · ז' כסלו
Begins Monday evening at sunset
Rabbi Yaakov Moshe Charlop ben R' Zevulun (Mei Marom)
רבי יעקב משה בן רבי זבולון חרל"פ זצ"ל (בעל מי מרום)

Wednesday, November 18 · ח' כסלו
Begins Tuesday evening at sunset
Rabbi Aharon Twersky ben R' Mordechai (The Chernobyler Rebbe)
רבי אהרן בן רבי מרדכי טווערסקי זצוק"ל (הרה"ק מטשערנאביל)

Thursday, November 19 · ט' כסלו
Begins Wednesday evening at sunset
Rabbi DovBer Schneuri ben R' Shneur Zalman (The Mitteler Rebbe of Lubavitch)
רבי דובער בן רבי שניאור זלמן שניאורי זצוק"ל (האדמו"ר האמצעי מליובאוויטש)

Lighting the yahrtzeit candle · הערות להדלקת נר נשמה
Every yahrtzeit begins at sunset the evening before. For Shabbos (4 Kislev), light the 24-hour candle on Friday afternoon, before Shabbos candle lighting.



The Mitteler Rebbe, Rabbi Dovber Schneuri

1773–1827 · Yahrtzeit 9 Kislev

Rabbi Dov Ber Schneuri zt"l was born in Liozna, in modern-day Belarus, on 9 Kislev 5534. His father, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi zt"l, was Rebbe of the community there, and of many Chassidim in White Russia, Lithuania and other parts of Russia. His father named him after his own teacher, Rabbi Dov Ber of Mezeritch, a disciple and successor of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of the Chassidic movement.

Rabbi Shneur Zalman became the founder of Chabad. Rabbi Dov Ber later settled in Lubavitch, a small town in White Russia, and it remained the center of Chabad for over 100 years.

Rabbi Dov Ber took the name "Schneuri," after his father, and later generations changed it to "Schneersohn."



The Mitteler Rebbe's sefarim. Art by Rivka Korf Studio, Chabad.org

He is remembered for his many Chassidic discourses and for his rare powers of concentration and contemplation.

When news of Rabbi Shneur Zalman's passing reached St. Petersburg, the War Minister called a special session of the Cabinet to send condolences. Representatives of the Governors of Poltava, Tchernigow and Odessa brought the message to Rabbi DovBer in Krementchug, asking how Russia could repay his father's support for the Czar in the Napoleonic war.

He asked nothing for himself. He asked only for a kinder attitude toward the Jews and help for their livelihood, and in particular for the government's help in settling Jews on the land. So the famous Jewish settlements of Kherson came into being.

His *Petirah*, on the 9th of Kislev 5588 (1827), exactly fifty-four years after his birth, marked the end of an important chapter in the history of Chabad.

He continued his father's work, teaching the doctrines of Chabad and leading its communal work, and he was a fluent and sparkling speaker. Though the war had badly disrupted Jewish life, in his days Chassidism revived, and many young students came to know it.

Jewish Florida in Pictures



The Satmar Rebbe in North Miami
The Satmar Rebbe from Williamsburg receives a chassid for a bracha in North Miami's Khal Chasidim shul.



Gur in Tampa
HaGaon Reb Shaul Alter of Pnei Menachem Gur takes part in a philanthropic gathering in Tampa.



Checking the Eiruv
Rabbonim and dayanim of the new Lakefront community inspect the eiruv on Erev Shabbos.



Bingo Comes to Hollywood
The famous Bingo supermarket is on its way to opening a mega store in Hollywood.



Avos U'Banim in Lakefront
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