If one lights a candle for oneself, the room becomes brighter for everyone else. Creating light for another person symbolizes that when we do anything for others, we are actually doing for ourselves as well. The Egyptians were people who had no light. They did not see one another nor did anyone get up from his place. If one sees only oneself and doesn’t see the light and pain of anyone else, then one does not rise oneself. This is how the Torah describes the darkness of Egypt, which represented a lack of concern for one another. However, the Jewish people had light, they saw the pain and suffering of their brethren and did whatever they could to alleviate their anguish. The Talmud tells us that the Torah begins and ends with chesed (kindness), which indicates that the essence of Torah and Mitzvos is consideration for others.
Seeing the Jewish people extend themselves for one another, even under such dire circumstances, created a boomerang effect where G-d in turn saw their affliction and redeemed them from bondage. May the Al-mighty do today what he did for our people over 3000 years ago, and bring us the redemption we so long for, speedily in our days.

Sefer – Living each week

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- **Ladies Tehillim Group** - Mondays at 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- **Rosh Chodesh luncheon for women** - Monday, February 6th at 11:30AM, guest speaker: Jessica Courtney.
- **Wednesday, February 8th** at 8:00PM lecture by Rabbi Daniel Feldman at YI. Topic: Judaism Meets the Internet Culture.
- **Thursdays** - 10:00AM-12:00Noon - Rebbetzin Rucha Baumann at YI – women only.
- **Beis Midrash Night** - Thursdays at 7:30PM.
- **Saturday Night, February 11th** at 8:00pm - an evening of films and discussion from The MAALEH Film School in Jerusalem at YI. Sponsored by Tammy & Aaron Attias and Mali & Steve Schwartz.
- **Sunday, February 12th** - 12:00-3:00PM (including lunch) – Amit Southeast Region invites you to “Create” with a famous Judaica artist. Beth Torah Congregation, 880 W. 40th Street, Miami Beach.
- **Monday, February 13th** - 8:00PM lecture by Rebbetzin Chana Hankin at YI. Topic: Premature Disillusionment in Zionism.
- **Wednesday, February 15th** - 7:30PM - Stress Management Workshop by Mielcah Munk at YI – women only.
- **Monday, February 20th** - Sunset Dinner Cruise - American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. For more information, please contact Debbie Gold 305-799-5619.
- **Wednesday February 22nd** - 8:00PM - the Shul and Young Israel present Unity Lecture by Rabbi YY Jacobson at YI social hall.

**Save the Date:** Purim Seudah - March 12, 2017.
**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the Stock family in honor of Todd and Tina’s upcoming Marriage.
- This week’s Hashkama minyan kiddush is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Matis Cohen in loving memory of Matis’s father, HaRav Yaakov Simcha Cohen z”l.
- Mazal tov to the Daf Yomi class on their completion of Masechet Bava Metziah and their beginning of Masechet Bava Basra.

**Building Fund**

- Our deep thanks and gratitude to Felix and Miriam Glaubach for their generous donation of $25,000 to our new building fund.

**Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org**

Please note: Due to an event in the Social Hall and upstairs lobby, Father and Child learning this Motzei Shabbos will begin at 7:30pm in the back-youth lounge.

- A reminder that this Sunday, February 5th, from 1:00-3:00pm, we will be having a Pre-Tu B'Shevat & "Tailgate" Chopped & Top Chef Event. RSVP is required by emailing RabbiFried@yicbh.org
- Purim preparations have begun! Any Parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Purim program, please speak to Rabbi Fried.
- Any 8th grader or High School teen who would still like to attend an out of town Shabbaton on February 17-18 and Ski Trip on Sunday, February 19th, (President's Weekend), please contact Rabbi Fried.
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Skype session and or attend a Shabbaton and the AIPAC conference in Washington DC please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

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**YOUNG ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER – SUNDAY, FEB 26, 2017**

Our 2017 Annual Dinner honoring Batya & Meir Cosiol and Iris & Reuven Herssein is only 3 weeks away! Thanks to all of you who have already pledged support for this dinner. Everyone else: there’s still time to support the dinner – please be generous and become a sponsor or benefactor and support our most important fund raising event of the year. If you haven’t already done so, please submit your ad copy for the Dinner Journal ASAP (we’ve extended the deadline to Feb 12), and let us know how many will be attending the dinner. If you want us to repeat your ad from last year, or want us to compose an ad for you, no problem – just tell us and we’ll handle everything!
Upcoming Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton

Rabbi Yitzchak Shochet ~ February 17-18, 2017.
Flier has been mailed. It includes the schedule and Friday night dinner reservation information.
Please reserve early.

Sisterhood Luncheon and Fashion Show

We would like to thank the people who organized and supported the successful execution of this wonderful event. Yasher Koach to:

Susan Gluck ~ Susan Packer ~ Penny Harris
Susan Weinberg ~ Shelly Senker ~ Lillian Glick ~ Yleana Izhak

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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