A Warm Welcome to our Scholar-in-Residence, 
Rabbi Shmuel Goldin

A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Yosef. 
Shemos 1:8

The question is how is it possible not to know who Yosef was – the man who saved all of Egypt and the world from starvation and certain death? The answer is simple – they made a conscious decision to forget the good that this noble Jew did for them. This is a classic example of a watershed event that repeats itself throughout Jewish history. Jews should not place their trust in the good will of other nations no matter how benevolent they seem to be. Pharaoh, in the beginning, was also very gracious and generous to the Jewish people, but then in the end turned against them. In the period before the destruction of the first Temple, the Jewish nation put their trust with its friend and neighbor, Egypt. The prophet Jeremiah warned his people (2:37) that this would lead to disaster, but the people didn’t listen and this eventually led to the destruction of the Temple. In the beginning of the 20th century, many years before the rise of Hitler, Rav Meir Simcha of Dvinsk, one of the greatest Rabbis of his generation, wrote about the Jews who say that “Berlin is their Jerusalem.” They were enamored with the culture, science and poetry of their fellow Germans. They were
confident that the warm reception and generous hospitality towards the Jews would last forever. Rav Meir Simcha warned that this was dangerous thinking and, unfortunately, some 20 years later his words of prophecy came true. History constantly repeats itself with only changes in the cast of characters. Although we are very thankful that we live in a country of great benevolence, we should not lose sight of this important lesson in Jewish history. For at the end of the day, it’s in G-d we trust and no one else. Today, Friday, January 20th will be a fulfillment of the verse “a new king arose…” Let us hope and pray that this “king” will have a much more favorable view of Israel and its people. May G-d give wisdom and understanding to our new President to lead with strength, compassion and a moral compass. May the Al-mighty help us that he be a king who will know Yosef.

Sefer Emrei Cohen

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

YOUNG ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER – SUNDAY, FEB 26, 2017

Honorees
Batya & Meir Cosiol and Reuven & Iris Herssein

Invitations have been mailed. Please become a sponsor or benefactor and support our most important fund raising event of the year. Please send in your response card as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE: SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBATON WITH RABBI GOLDIN

• Friday night dinner in our social hall (for those with dinner reservations only).
• Friday night lecture: Lessons from the Garden of Eden – What does G-d Really Want from Us.
• Shabbos Morning Drasha: As the Exodus Unfolds – Eternal Lessons from our Nation’s Birth.
• Shabbos Afternoon Lecture (4:15 PM): The Nature of Natural Events – How much of our Lives is Bashert?
• Mincha at 5:00 PM, followed by special Seudah Shlishis for men and women.
• Question and Answer/Discussion Session with Rabbi Goldin during Seudah Shlishis.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SHABBATON SPONSORS

Steven and Bella Brenner  Jerry and Sandra Seligsohn  Roz Weitzner
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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SHABBATON ORGANIZERS

Rabbi Simeon Schreiber -- overall Scholar-in-Residence Program Organizer
Susan Gluck, Penny Harris, Helen Ratzker, Rose Schreiber - Dinner Planning and Organization
Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by: Aaron & Susan Weinberg in honor of Rabbi Shmuel Goldin and his eishes chayil, Barbara; and by the Packer Family in memory of Max Packer, Menashe ben Mordechai Dovid z”l.
- This week’s Hashkama minyan kiddush is sponsored by Susan and Mark Wainberg in memory of Susan's father, Morris Hubschman, Moshe ben Ze’ev z”l.
- Mazal tov to Yakira & Aaron Navarro on the wedding this past week of Elad & Brit.
- A donation of $14,000 from the campaign account of Mayor Martin Packer has been donated to the Young Israel Congregation for the upcoming annual dinner.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- Any parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Purim preparations please speak to Rabbi Fried.
- Any 8th grader or High School teen who would still like to attend an out of town Shabbaton on Feb 17-18 and Ski Trip on Sunday during President's Weekend, please contact Rabbi Fried.
- Father and Child learning this week will begin at 7:30pm Motzei Shabbos with Pizza and prizes.
- 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
- Save the date for our next Middle School program, February 5th from 1-3pm. Pre-Tu B'Svhat & "Tailgate" Chopped & Top Chef event.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

Classes and Upcoming Events

- Ladies Tehillim Group - Mondays at 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Special Lunch & Learn – Monday at 11:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Thursdays - 10:00AM - 12:00Noon - with Rebbetzin Rucha Baumann – For Women Only
- Beis Midrash Night - Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017 - The Soul Series: Rabbi Yissocher Frand at 8:00PM. Topic: 2000 Years of Jewish History Encapsulated into Two Words…
- Saturday Night, February 11, 2017 at 8pm – SAVE THE DATE for an evening of films and discussion from The MAALEH Film School in Jerusalem. Sponsored by Tammy & Aaron Attias and Mali & Steve Schwartz.
If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

The 2017 Membership Directory of our Young Israel is now available. You can pick one up from the Young Israel office, or you can call the office and request that we either mail you a hard copy or email you a pdf.

Yasher Koach to the sponsors of the Directory:

Penny & Stuart Harris, Mali & Steve Schwartz and Susan & Aaron Weinberg.

Special thanks and gratitude to Miriam Greenblatt, Penny Harris, Yakira Navarro and Steve Schwartz for the countless hours spent on this effort.

Upcoming Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton

- Rabbi Yitzchak Shochet: February 17-18, 2017 – Friday Night Dinner

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