Pharaoh hastened to summon Moshe and Aharon and he said, “I have sinned to Hashem, your G-d, and to you. And now, please forgive my sin just this time, and entreat Hashem, your G-d, that He remove from me only this death.”  
Sh’mos 10:16-17

Pharaoh’s repentance seems to be so sincere, so powerful, yet in the end he behaves no differently than by any of the other makos and does not allow the Jewish people to leave. How foolish can one person be to deny the obvious and keep on receiving these painful plagues. Certainly, we would think none of us could identify with Pharaoh’s behavior. However, anyone who has any experience with alcoholics and drug addicts understand this behavior very well. The truth is this behavior can apply to anyone even if one is not an addict, because being in denial is a universal problem, which can lead to very destructive behavior patterns. The only way to overcome it is to be open to the truth and consider the possibility that we are wrong. We should share our feelings with someone who has wisdom and experience and be willing to be guided by competent counsel.
When a person opens themselves up to the truth, only then can the healing and rehabilitation process begin.

*(Sefer-Living Each Week)*

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**  
*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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

Our 2017 Annual Dinner is only 4 weeks away! We will be celebrating the 18th anniversary of our Young Israel, with Guests of Honor Batya & Meir Cosiol and Reuven & Iris Herssein. If you have not received your invitation, please contact our office. Please be generous and 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, telling us how many will attend and your seating preference. Mali Schwartz and her committee and working hard to ensure a beautiful evening and successful event.

**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- Ladies Tehillim Group - Mondays at 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Lunch & Learn - Mondays 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, February 1, 2017 - Rabbi Elias Obadia lecture 8:00PM.
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 - Sisterhood event: Fashion & Beauty Day 11:00AM. Raffles, Gifts and Prizes.
- Saturday Night, February 11, 2017 at 8:00pm – **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.
- Monday, February 20, 2017- Sunset Dinner Cruise – American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem - For more information, please contact Debbie Gold 305-799-5619.
Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by: Yoram & Yleana Izhak in memory of Yoram’s father Chezkel ben Chaim z”l.
- This week’s Hashkama minyan kiddush is co-sponsored by our Rabbi & Mrs. Gruenstein in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Elianna, born to Gittie and Aryeh Mandel; and by Marc & Nicole Gleitman commemorating the yahrzeit of Nicole’s mother, Marcella Corcos Messoda bat Samuel.
- Mazal Tov to Laurie & Bernard Hasten and to Linda and Murray Laulicht on the wedding this past Sunday of their son/grandson Joseph Hasten to Michelle Atri. Mazal tov to Michelle's parents, Tere and Mauricio Atri.

Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to the following members for their generous contributions to our new Building Fund:

- Daniel and Miriam Wiener for increasing their donation by $10,000 to a total of $50,000
- Miriam and Morty Kriger for increasing their donation by $31,000 to a total of $36,000
- Ira and Shirley Marder for increasing their donation by $3,000 to a total of $5,000

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'Shevat & "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.
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

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