“You shall be wholehearted with Hashem your G-d”

Rashi explains this verse to mean that one should follow G-d no matter what life brings, in other words, go with the flow. Of course, this is much easier said than done but it is the only way that one can go through life with a modicum of peace of mind. Human nature is such that we would rather ruminate and romanticize about the past or fantasize about what the future may bring. Both are exercises in futility. The past will not come back and the future is totally out of our hands. The only thing we have some control over is the present. As King Solomon so wisely said in Koheles (7:10), “Do not say, how was it that former times were better than these since this is not a question
prompted by wisdom”! One should focus all his or her efforts towards investing in the present. Our sages tell us that G-d judges us based upon our present situation. (Talmud – Rosh Hashana 16B) So don’t worry about the future and don’t live in the past. Live in the here and now and make the most out of each and every day.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**Community notice**

Motion activated lights were installed in the pedestrian crosswalk at Collins Avenue and 99th Street. Use of this crosswalk should be avoided on Shabbos and Yom Tov as the lights are motion activated and are turned on as pedestrians cross Collins Avenue.

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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SHABBOS KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

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• Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.

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• Kiddush this week is sponsored by Yoram Izhak in memory of his father Heskel Izhak.

Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to Dr. Walter Molofsky and Dr. Brenda Kohn for their generous additional donation of $36,000 to our Building Fund, bringing their total donation to $72,000. Yasher Koach.

Refaah Sheleimah

We wish rehaah sheleimah to:
• Allen Packer, Alexander ben Esther Raizel.
• Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Shimon ben Blima.

We ask everyone to please review the statements that have been sent out recently, including the notices for membership renewal and High Holiday seat reservations. We ask all those with balances due, to please clear your accounts as soon as possible, while also renewing membership and ordering High Holiday seats. Please note that membership rates for High Holiday Seats are only available to members who have cleared their accounts for the shul fiscal year ending July 31. If you have any questions, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yizkor Book

We recently mailed the forms for our Yizkor Book. Please send us the names of your loved ones to be listed in the Yizkor Book as soon as possible. You can pay through our website via PayPal, call the office with a credit card or send a check.
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