וַעֲשַׂית אֶת הַקרִישִּים לִמְשָׁן עַצֵּי שִׂיתִים עַדָּם.

You shall make the beams of the Mishkan of shittim wood, standing effect. Shmos (26:15)

The verse should have stated קרשים without the derivative ה. why does it say הקרשים, the beams? The answer is to highlight that these were special beams that Yaakov our forefather planted in Egypt. When he was dying he told his sons that G-d would command them in the future to make tabernacle of shittim wood in the desert. The question arises: the shittim wood was not the only item needed to the Mishkan’s construction that would not be available in the desert. The sages tell us that the clouds of glory, besides protecting the Jewish people, also deposited precious stones that were needed for the special vestment of the Kohen Gadol -- so why couldn’t G-d just do another miracle and have shittim wood fall from the sky? What did G-d reveal to Yaakov, regarding the Jewish peoples’ need for shittim wood, which would require Yaakov to undertake the difficult and arduous task of planting the trees, and then have Bnei Yisroel carry them when they leave Egypt; just make a miracle!
The answer is that although the Mishkan contained many sacred items, each one crucial in its own unique way, it was the Mishkan’s walls more than anything which brought down the divine presence to rest there. The walls defined the Mishkan’s parameters and made it into a special house insulated from the outside world. G-d’s presence does not come about through miracles. It requires hard work and effort. For the Mishkan to become a place worthy of G-d’s presence Yakkov and his progeny would have to plant the trees, nurture them, and eventually transport them. A herculean task indeed but a necessary one if G-d is to enter your sanctuary. A Jewish home is also a mini sanctuary, מקדש מעט, and just like the Mishkan itself, bringing the Divine presence into one’s home takes much toil and effort, but it’s well worth it because when peace and harmony exist between husband and wife G-d Almighty resides with them, and that is the greatest blessing of life we could ever hope for. Sefer: living the Parsha

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

### Purim Information
- **Purim Mishloach Manot program** (Happy Purim) will be closed Tuesday March 7, 12:00 PM. If you have not ordered your Mishloach Manot yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you need help with the computer program please contact the shul office and we will do it for you. This is a wonderful YIBH tradition, and also serves as an important fund raiser, so your support is greatly appreciated. Please be advised that if one’s Mishloach manot basket goes to many people it is preferable to also give a separate Mishloach Manot to one person.
- Please make your reservations **ASAP** for our joyous, annual **Purim Seudah** -- we are just 8 days away, and we need to get a head count (adults and children) as soon as possible.
- **Thursday, March 9th**, starting at 7:00PM, we will be putting together the Mishloach Manot baskets. If you would like to help, please contact the shul office.
- **Motzei Shabbos** March 11, after the Megillah reading, the Mishloach Manot baskets will be available for pick up; please make sure to pick yours up before you leave.
- Please let us know if you are not going to be here Purim day. We will still send you the scroll showing all those who sent you a basket.
- **Purim day, March 12** after the morning Megilla reading, we will deliver the baskets that were not picked up. We are looking for volunteers; if you are interested please contact the shul office.

### PESACH PLANNING
If you are interested in attending a Seder at the Young Israel, please contact the YI office-yakira@yicbh.org. Rabbi Gruenstein will be leading the first Seder. We need your input by this Wednesday, March 8, to determine whether there is sufficient interest to move ahead with this program.
There will be a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, April 7th - (Shabbat HaGadol) – information to follow.
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Lunch and Learn is on hiatus this week.
- Thursdays 10:00AM-12:00Noon – Rebbetzin Rucha Baumann at YI – for women only.
- Beis Midrash Night is on hiatus due to Taanis Esther
- Purim Seudah – Sunday, March 12, 2017. Megilah reading 4:15PM, Mincha 5:00PM, followed by feast of Purim. Please RSVP to the Shul’s office.
- Monday, March 13, women’s Rosh Chodesh Lunch and Learn, guest speaker Rebbetzin Rucha Bauman.
- Sisterhood Light Fare and Retail Therapy, Tuesday March 14, 10AM at Young Israel
- Wednesday, March 22, 8:00PM – Lecture by Alan M. Dershowitz

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is being co-sponsored by Sam & Marina Schwartz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Marina’s father, Reuven Yehuda z”l; and by Bert & Sura Fried, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Sura’s father, Meir ben Moshe z”l.
- This week’s Hashkama minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Saul & Janet Spitz, commemorating the yartzeit of Saul’s mother, Shirley Stein, Bat Sheva Bas Yackov z”l.
- Seuda Shlishis this week is co-sponsored by Freda Greenbaum commemorating the yahrtzeit of her father, Max Faiwlowicz z”l (Motel Pinchus); and by Martin & Golda Jacobs commemorating the yahrtzeit of Martin’s father, Yonah ben Moshe HaKohen, Ernest Jacobs z”l.
- Many thanks to David and Stephanie Schwartz and Family for sponsoring this week’s special Youth Program, with Rabbi Tani Prero.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- This week will be the last Father and Child learning taking place on Motzei Shabbos for this season. Starting next week (Erev Purim) it will resume during Shalosh Seudos each week. This last Motzei Shabbos will begin at 7:30pm, as part of our special programming this Shabbos and Sunday (See Flyer for details).
- 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.
- Last Chance! Any Parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Purim program please speak to Rabbi Fried.
ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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