Parshas Tazria tells us about the laws of a skin disease that results from a spiritual deficiency such as Lashon Hora (negative speech). A person who discovered tzoraas on his skin would come to the Kohen (the spiritual leader of the time) who would examine it to see whether the individual was tamei (spiritually impure) or not. The Mishna states “kol ha’negaim ada m roeh chutz minega atzmo” (a person sees all faults except for his own). This refers to the Kohen who sees tzoraas on his own skin. Although he has the authority to inspect blemishes on other people he cannot inspect the lesion on his own body. This halacha teaches us a very important lesson in human nature. People notice the faults of others, but not their own. When it comes to other people, a person can draw up a long list of character flaws; however, regarding one’s own
blemishes the person will always have some justification and rationalization that it’s ok. This fact of human nature is spiritually very dangerous, because if a person never takes note of his own shortcomings, he can never improve himself and change for the better. Constructive criticism given by someone who cares for you should be well heeded. A story is told of a physician who informed his patient that he suffers from a serious disease. “This is not a nice thing to say,” the patient said. “Why don’t you tell me something positive?” The doctor, of course, reminded the patient that his intention is only to help him by giving an accurate diagnosis so that his problem can be properly treated. So, too, in life the job of a mentor is to lovingly critique the people he is responsible for. Like a physician’s diagnosis, it will only help someone to improve the situation by telling the individual what he would never see on his own. Only then can the individual take the steps necessary to improve one's health. So, too, spiritually, we can only grow and improve when we are willing to hear the truth which will in the end immeasurably improve our lives for the better.

*Sefer: Pasach Eliyahu*

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**Yahrzeit Plaques Now Available**

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent satin brass Yahrzeit Plaque for a dearly departed loved one on the newly installed automated Yahrzeit memorial displays in our main sanctuary, space is limited, so please fill out the form recently emailed as well as mailed to you and return to our office. If you have any questions, please speak to David Herman. To order a plaque online, please use the website [www.yiplaques.com](http://www.yiplaques.com)
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Father & child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishit.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Steve and Linda Storch in memory of Steve’s mother, Lee Storch z”l, whose yahrzeit was this past week.
- Seuda Shlishit this Shabbos is sponsored by Robert and Pessia Frankel in memory of Pessia’s mother Golda Leah bas Yaakov z”l, whose 48th yahrzeit was this past week.
- This week’s early minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Elana & Michael Szafranski in honor of their son Bennett’s Bar Mitzvah and in honor of the 70th birthday of Medinat Yisrael.

Building Fund

Please pay your Building Fund pledge as soon as possible. We would like to pay off our Building Fund loan obligation to the bank to avoid paying continued loan interest.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Yakira Navarro, Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please check for weekly timing and location details.
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting on Mondays or attend via Skype please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org

PLANNING A SIMCHA?

In order to avoid any conflicts, please book the social hall well in advance of your simcha.
**Yahrzeits April 21 – April 27, 2018**

6 IYAR  Elias Sussman for his father, Moshe Sussman, on Shabbos, Apr. 21  
6 IYAR  Ann Kwiat for her father, Arie Ben Shmuel, on Shabbos, Apr. 21  
6 IYAR  Paula Novetsky for her father, Ahron Hirsch, on Shabbos, Apr. 21  
7 IYAR  Batya Wolf for her mother, Misudah, on Sunday, Apr. 22  
8 IYAR  Arthur Schwartz for his father, Gershon Schwartz, on Monday, Apr. 23  
8 IYAR  Lawrence Jaffe for his wife, Sarah Jaffe, on Monday, Apr. 23  
9 IYAR  Yossi Zazon for his mother, Rochel Esther Glicksman, on Tuesday, Apr. 24  
11 IYAR  Martin Jacobs for his sister, Julie Perlmutter, on Thursday, Apr. 26  
11 IYAR  Golda Jacobs for her brother, Hersh Katz, on Thursday, Apr. 26  
12 IYAR  Bonnie Spira for her mother, Ester, on Friday, Apr. 27  
12 IYAR  Joyce Robinson for her father, Max Avrith, on Friday, Apr. 27

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When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to yakira@yicbh.org NOT yibh.org  
The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is florence@yicbh.org

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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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**ATTENTION ALL MEN!**

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services.  
Please use side doors to enter and exit Sanctuary after 10:00 AM.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

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