Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Iyar
Rosh Chodesh is Wednesday & Thursday

The camel, for it brings up its cud, but its hoof is not split, it is unclean to you...and the pig for its hoof is split and is completely separated but it does not chew its cud, it is unclean to you." Vayikra 11:4 - 11:7

The determining factor by which an animal is considered kosher is if it has two kosher signs - chewing of the cud and split hooves. If it lacks even one of these signs, it is forbidden to be eaten. The overwhelming majority of animals in existence have no kosher signs at all. There are only four animals which have one kosher sign while lacking the other one. The commentators discuss why the Torah stresses the fact that they have one kosher sign, even listing this characteristic first. What bearing does it have on their status, given that they remain non-kosher just the same? The great rabbis saw in this a lesson in the proper method of giving tochacha (reproof), which is: first say something positive, and only then mention the negative aspect that needs correction.
So, when a parent must chastise a child for misbehavior or a teacher must rebuke a student, first mention something positive about the child and then present the critique. Just as the Torah first presents a positive aspect of the non-kosher animal, in that it chews its cud or has split hooves. Even though it is not kosher, the Torah will still first mention the positive aspect of the animal and then the negative, in order to teach us this ethical and practical lesson on the best way to correct and critique the people we care about.

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**E-mail communication**

When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to **yakira@yicbh.org**

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The e-mail for Florence, our new receptionist/secretary is **florence@yicbh.org**

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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SHABBOS KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

The winter season is ending and we are approaching the summer season, which historically is the “slow season” for getting Kiddush sponsors. We are therefore asking our members and friends to sponsor Kiddushim over the coming months in commemoration of special family occasions (anniversaries, birthdays, yahrzeits, etc.) or as just a gesture of support to our shul. As a special bonus, Kiddush sponsorship cost now is at “summer rates”, so that the basic Shabbos Kiddush is an extremely affordable $700. Of course, more elaborate Kiddushim can still be sponsored. We thank all for your support to this wonderful Young Israel tradition that so greatly benefits us all by allowing us to socialize in our beautiful shul building – a place of Kedusha, holiness.
Young Israel Congregation
Shmooze News
Parshas Shmini, April 22, 2017

Classes and Upcoming Events
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Thursdays at 6:45PM – Beis Midrash Night.

Congregational Family and Shul News
- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored: by Marty & Susan Packer, Allen Packer and Phyllis Franklin commemorating the yahrzeit of their mother, Esther Raizel bat Pinchas z”l; and by Menno & Helen Ratzker in honor of their children and grandchildren from Livingston New Jersey.
- This week’s Hashkama minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Saul & Janet Spitz in honor of Fred Farbman’s special birthday, for all that he has done to make the Hashkama minyan possible and successful, for all the supporters of the Hashkama Minyan that made it a huge success, and in memory of our dear friend Dr. Mark Wainberg z”l.
- This week’s Seuda Shlishis is sponsored by Elliott and Debbie Gibber commemorating the yahrzeit of Elliot’s mother, Ruth Gibber z”l.
- Mazel Tov to Mali & Steve Schwartz on the birth of their granddaughter Madison Brielle (Maddie), Amalya Batya, born on Erev Pesach. Mazel tov to parents Debbie & Brian Schames of Los Angeles.
- We wish Refuah Shlema (speedy recovery) to Allen Packer (Alexander ben Esther Raizel).

Building Fund
- Our deep thanks and gratitude to an Anonymous Donor for their very generous donation of $36,000 to our new building fund.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org
- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishis with treats & prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- There will be a Middle School Shabbaton for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders April 28-29. Please see flyer for details.
- End of the school year High School Shabbaton May 12-13. Please see flyer for details.
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.

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

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