Rosh Chodesh Elul Shabbos and Sunday

See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse.
Devarim 11:26

The changes in grammar in this verse teach us an important lesson in life. The word “Re’eh” (see) is the singular form of the verb but “lifneichem” (before you) is plural. Why? Also, why was it necessary to say the word “see”? If you give someone a present, do you have to tell him “look, I am giving you a present.” Isn’t it obvious!? The answer to the 2nd question is that blessings are not always self-evident. If we don’t make an effort to “see” them, we may not ever realize that we have been blessed. If we think about it, life is full of blessings, but we take these things for granted and do not realize how fortunate we truly are. Therefore, G-d reminds us make sure you take the time to “see” (ראות) the blessings I have given you! To answer the 1st question as to why the change of singular to plural, the Kotzker Rebbe explains that blessings can be given collectively to many people but each individual will perceive...
it in his or her own way. Blessings can be universal but the perception of them is always up to the individual. Therefore, when G-d tell us to see, He uses the singular form, but the placement of the blessings is expressed in plural form. May we all merit not only to have many blessings in life, but the wisdom to also see them.

Sefer – Rav Frand on the Parsha

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

We ask all those with balances due to please pay your balance as soon as possible. If you will be joining us for the High Holidays, please reserve your seats without delay, since Rosh Hashana starts on Sep 9. Please note that High Holiday seats will only be available for members whose accounts are paid in full. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Your support and cooperation are greatly appreciated, and may we all be blessed by Hashem with a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The talent of Stuart Harris z"l for continuously sustaining kiddush sponsorship on a weekly basis was truly amazing. Our wonderful kiddush tradition has allowed members and friends to get to know one another and socialize in a place of kedusha, holiness. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition, and we ask for your ongoing support.

Please contact Yakira (yakira@yicbh.org) or Shelly Lisbon (slisbon7346@aol.com) if you would like to sponsor a kiddush. We are currently looking for sponsors through August.

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.

The Refuah Fund, established about a year ago to provide meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva, needs a desperate replenishment of funds. Please donate directly to the Young Israel indicating on your check, or alternative payment, that it is specifically for the Refuah Fund. Special thanks to Susan Gluck and Susan Packer for establishing and continuing this very important mitzvah.

The Refuah committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Refuah fund!
Classes and Upcoming Events

• Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron Sunday-Friday after Shacharis.

Congregational Family and Shul News

• This week’s Kiddush is unsponsored, if you would like to sponsor please let the office know and we will publish it in the next Shmooze News.
• Seuda Shlishit this Shabbos is sponsored by Marsha & Ira Sussman in honor of the Sheva Brachot of Dara and Max Sussman.
• Early Minyan Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the Daf Yomi shiur for finishing Masechet Zevachim. On Sunday morning, Beezrat Hashem, they will start Masechet Menachot. This is a perfect time to jump in and start getting a daily dose of gemara.
• Mazal Tov to Laurie and Bernard Hasten on the Brit of their grandson Ezra Max Dlott. Mazal Tov to the parents, Erica and Zev Dlott and to the great grandparents, Linda and Murray Laulicht and Simona and Hart Hasten.
• Mazal Tov to Barbara & Eli Grossman on the engagement of their daughter Suri Grossman to Chaim Tzvi Pleeter, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joel Pleeter of Baltimore.

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: Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga, Howard Barbanel.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A SIMCHA....

Please note that all members or non-members, planning to use our social hall for a private lunch on Shabbat or Yom Tov at the Young Israel will be able to have their private affair ONLY after our Congregants have finished their regular Shabbat or Yom Tov Kiddush in the FULL Social Hall. Reservations for a Simcha, by members or non-members, will be on a first come basis and the date will be finalized once the deposit is provided.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation.
If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to yakira@yicbh.org by noon on Thursday.