Rashi explains that the last word of the verse שֶׁפֶם (with him), is a qualifier. Meaning one is required to help only if the owner of the animal participates as well. However, if he sits back and says to this fellow, “It’s your mitzvah, you do it!” then one is not obligated to assist the owner. Based on this, the Chofetz Chaim says that we can’t expect G-d to help us be more spiritual unless we first put in some effort. We can’t sit back and say, “OK, G-d, if You inspire me – fine, but if not, then it’s not my fault!” Of course, we have to take the first step, even if that first step is nothing more than an active desire to improve. Even an aspiration that I would like to grow spiritually before I take any demonstrative steps is also meaningful. As the Midrash states, “open up for me a window of Teshuva, (repentance), as tiny as the eye of a needle, and I will open up for you a window so wide that wagons could go through.” May we all be worthy this coming New Year to improve ourselves just a little bit, whether in our relationship with G-d or with our fellow man, to show the One Above we are trying. In this merit, we should all be inscribed in the book of life and good health and to see much nachas from our children and grandchildren.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:
Jack and Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z"l and Nicholas Brecher z"l;
Stuart Harris in honor of Penny Harris; and
Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z"l and
Morris & Nellie Fischer z"l.
**Sukkot Dinners**
Please join us for Sukkot dinners on Sunday September 23 and 24 after davening
Cost: $65/member, $80/nonmember, $45/child
Please RSVP by September 17 to the Shul’s office 305 866 0203, yakira@yicbh.org
**Space is limited!**

We are 2 weeks away from Rosh Hashanah. If you will be joining us for the High Holidays, please reserve your seats without delay, as fewer and fewer seats are available each day. Please note that High Holiday seats will only be available for members whose accounts are paid in full. If you have a balance due, please pay as soon as possible. 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.

**Sukkot Club:** We are looking forward to sustaining our annual tradition of having kiddushim in our shul Sukkah each day of the holiday. As in past years, we look forward to getting as many sponsor families as possible, at the modest amount of $100 per family. Stuart Harris z”l worked very hard organizing this each year, and let us strive together to sustain this beautiful shul-wide tradition. Please contact Yakira (yakira@yicbh.org) or Shelly Lisbon (slisbon7346@aol.com) if you would like to be part of our Sukkot Club.

**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.
- Father and Child during Seuda Shlishit upstairs.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week’s Kiddush is sponsored by Jacob Yampel, thank you to Barbara & Harvey Dubrofsky, who sponsored last week’s Kiddush.
- Sunday September 2, Rabbi Avraham Benzaken, who is an outstanding sofer, will be available to check your tefillin and mezuzos following our 8:00AM morning minyan.

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.

Youth Program

- Any Parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Rosh Hashana program please speak to Rabbi Fried
- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seuda Shlishit with treats & prizes!
- During labor Day weekend on Sunday night Sept 2nd at 9pm there will be a High School event at Ninja Lounge. Admission includes unlimited facility use & special kosher food. RSVP by emailing RabbiFried@YICBH.org
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting or attend via Skype 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.

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.
Yahrzeits August 25 – August 31, 2018

15 ELUL Michael Wolf for his father, Yaakov Avraham Wolf, on Sunday, Aug. 26
16 ELUL Barbara Bermanski for her father, Yisrael, on Monday, Aug. 27
16 ELUL Linda Rothschild for her mother, Sophie Rosenstock, on Monday, Aug. 27, 2018
17 ELUL Fred Farbman for his mother, Regina Farbman, on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018
18 ELUL Ellen Wasserman for her father, Sascha Charles, on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018
18 ELUL Gloria Sterental for her grandmother-in-law, Manya Sterental, on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018
18 ELUL Janet Spitz for her mother, Ruth Wertheimer, on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018
20 ELUL Lawrence Sheftel for his mother, Shifra Sheftel, on Friday, Aug. 31, 2018

Please report any errors or omissions to the Young Israel office or email stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com

Thousands of children receiving state-mandated scholarship funding are going back to Jewish day schools this week. A strong voter turnout from the Jewish community tells elected officials that we care about these programs, so it is important to vote. Early voting is open through Sunday August 26th and Election Day is Tuesday August 28th. If you requested but have not yet returned a mail in ballot, bring your ballot to be cancelled at your polling location and vote in person. For questions about voting contact teachflorida@ou.org.

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

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.

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

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