Welcome Rabbi Benzion Shafier

וילקט יוסף את כל הכסף המגיעה מצהירם ויבא יוסף את
כסף ביתו פרעה

“Yosef gathered all the money that was to be found in the land of Egypt…and Yosef brought the money into Pharaoh's Palace." Bereishis 47:14

It is amazing to see the honesty and integrity that Yosef displayed as viceroy of Egypt. Though the keys of the kingdom’s treasury were in his hands, he did not take anything for himself or his family that might smack of dishonesty. On the verse 47:12, “Yosef sustained his father and his brothers and all his father’s household with food according to the children," the Sforno comments, “Although he had the ability to give them an abundance of food, he gave them only a sufficient amount.” As our Sages say (Taanis 11A) when the public is in distress a person should not say, “I am going to my house to eat and drink and peace be unto me.” The Torah relates in 47:11 that Yosef settled his family in the land of Egypt as “Pharaoh had commanded.” A ruler such as Yosef could have apportioned land to his father and brothers as he saw fit. Who in Egypt would have looked askance at this, especially in light of the tremendous blessings that Yaakov brought to Egypt and that in his honor the Nile River overflowed, and the famine ended. Nevertheless, the commentaries point out that Yosef gave them that land, as the verse says, only on
Pharaoh’s orders. This is the reason why the Torah describes at length Yosef’s actions during the famine years. To enrich us with an ethical lesson to endure for all generations and to teach us how far the obligation for integrity reaches. Yosef, during those years, turned the entire Egyptian people into Pharaoh's servants, poured enormous amounts of money into the king's coffers and saved the whole country from famine, and yet despite all of this, he did not have more concern for himself than for any other citizen and did not line his own pockets. Success did not go to Yosef’s head. As a loyal servant of the king he cared only about Egypt’s economy and the king’s treasury. Contrast this to any other leader in world history with such power and one sees the magnificence of Yosef’s behavior. “Me K’Amcha Yisroel” who is like you the People of Israel.

Sefer Aleinu L’shabeach

Have an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

SAVE THE DATE!
Our Annual Dinner this year bill be on Sunday, March 3, 2019.
Our Guests of Honor will be our own
Rabbi and Rebbetzin Gruenstein
and we will also pay tribute to all of our past presidents.

Upcoming Scholar-In-Residence Shabbatons – Save the Dates
January 25-26: Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi Dr. Dovid Katz, Rav of Congregation Beth Abraham, Baltimore.
Shabbaton brochures to follow.

Upcoming Lectures
• Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – Rabbi Dovid Orlofsky
• Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – Rabbi Zecharia Walerstein
• Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – Rabbi Eli Mansour

As you do your end-of-year tax planning, this is the perfect opportunity to clear your statement balance and make additional end-of-year donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.
# 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.
- Talmud Class by Rabbi Gruenstein, Monday-Friday 6:30AM
- Father & Child program will be at 7:00PM Saturday night.
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Torah Chaim, Torah Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra, at Young Israel (through January 14).
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel mpser - Women only. Starts December 11, 2018.
- Wednesdays at 8:00PM – weekly class on the book of Shmuel I for women. **NO CLASS THIS WEEK DUE TO RABBI DOVID ORLOFSKY’S LECTURE.**
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos. A user-friendly shiur in the laws of habbos for men and women at the Young Israel upstairs.
- Sunday December 23. Debby and Bob Hartman invite all members for a lecture by : Mrs Vivien Hidary : The Story of Joseph, A blueprint for Unity, 7:30pm. at: 10155 Collins Ave. Apt 810

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# Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush sponsored by the Benishai Family in memory of Bella Benishai and Donald Lapidus and in celebration of the 1st birthday of Asher Gidon Benishai.

## 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: Howard Barbanel, Shelly Lisbon, Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga, Effry Steinmetz (Ephraim ben Leah).

## Youth Program

- Father and Child Motzei Shabbos with pizza and prizes starting at 715PM.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for 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
Yahrzeits December 15 – December 21, 2018

8 TEVET  Joyce Stern for her father, Irving Krause, on Sunday, Dec. 16
9 TEVET  Judy Herzka for her father, Mayer Yitzchak Isaac, on Monday, Dec. 17
9 TEVET  Max Dekelbaum for his grandmother, Ethel Dudick, on Monday, Dec. 17
9 TEVET  Stanley Wasserman for his father, Joseph Wasserman, on Monday, Dec. 17
9 TEVET  Micah Goldstein for his father, David ben Moshe, on Monday, Dec. 17
11 TEVET  Roselyn Weitzner for her father, Jacob Wolf Heller, on Wednesday, Dec. 19
13 TEVET  Fran Glicksman Zazon for her father, Moshe ben Shlomo, on Friday, Dec. 21

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

LEARNING DEDICATION: The beautiful Learning Dedication poster for 5779 is now on the north wall of the Bais Medrash. It includes the names of those that have sponsored learning for the year 5779 in our Young Israel as part of this year's Simchas Torah auction. Thank you to the following for their generosity:

Aaron & Tammy Attias  Andrew & Esther Bales  Jack & Amy Benishai
Bert & Sura Fried  Jerry & Anne Gontownik  Yoram & Yleana Izhak
Albert Lichy  Shopsie Schraga  Aaron & Susan Weinberg

Governor-elect DeSantis appointed Teach Florida’s Mimi Jankovits and Dr. Allan Jacob to serve on his transition team to advise his administration on education. One of the priorities is expanding K-12 scholarship programs to the middle class. Show your support at our Legislative Breakfast on January 13. Register at www.teachadvocacy.org/florida/breakfast or contact teachflorida@teachcoalition.org | 954-406-6336.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A SIMCHAMA...
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.

E-mail communication
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

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203 or Max Dekelbaum (240) 832-5054

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