WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL
YOUNG ISRAEL ACAPELLA SHABBOS!
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In these past few parshiyos, we have seen how Yosef languishes in prison unjustly and then all of sudden in the blink of an eye he is freed and catapulted to great prominence. In the Jewish community, we have also seen how one of our “Yosefs” was given a very unjust and egregious sentence of 27 years in prison. This Yosef of ours is none other than Shlomo Rubashkin who for the past eight years has been languishing in prison but by the good graces of G-d Al-mighty, והם מלבך דרש את נשא את יובק, (and a new king “president” has come to power that has remembered our Yosef) and on the 8th day of Chanukah freed Shlomo Rubashkin to the great joy of his family and to all Jews who have a caring heart. Our heartfelt, gratitude and thanks to President Donald Trump who brought Shlomo Rubashkin ממאפלה לאורה (from darkness to light) משעבוד לגאולה (from bondage to freedom). May the Al-mighty reward our President for his great act of kindness, and may the Rubashkin family revel in this great simcha as we rejoice together with them. May they only see much simcha and nachas for the future together with the rest of the Am Yisrael.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
SAVE THE DATES

- January 12-13: Our first community-wide Shabbaton with dinner Friday night. Scholar-in-Residence Mr. Richard Joel, former President of Yeshiva University 2003-2017 and former President and International Director of the Hillel Foundation.
- February 2-3: Community-wide Shabbaton.

SPONSORS WELCOME FOR BOTH SHABBATONS.
PROGRAM & RESERVATION INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Lectures

- Wednesday January 3, 8:00PM we will be hosting a special guest speaker, the noted Rabbi Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff from Gruss Kollel in Jerusalem. His topic will be “World in Conflict: Liberalism versus Tradition on the Contemporary Israeli Scene.” Please join us for a most inspiring evening.
- Tuesday January 9, 2018, 8:00PM – Lecture by Michal Horowitz.
- Wednesday January 17, 2018, 8:00PM – Lecture by Rabbi Eli Mansour.
- Wednesday January 24, 2018, 8:00PM – Lecture by Rabbi Zecharya Walerstein.

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.

This Year's Annual Young Israel Gala Dinner...

We are proud to announce that our Distinguished Honorees for this year's Annual Dinner will be:

HELEN AND MENNO RATZKER

and that our dinner chairman will be Meir Cosiol

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018
Congregational Family and Shul News
Parshas Vayigash, December 23, 2017

Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Father & Child learning on Motzei Shabbos starting at 7:00PM with pizza and special prizes!
- Mondays 8:00PM-9:00PM – Beis Midrash learning with Yeshivah Toras Chaim. 30 young Talmudic scholars will be available to learn with anyone in our community.
- Starting Wednesday December 20, 8:00-9:00PM, class with Rabbi Eli Reisel, every other Wednesday. Intellectual conversation on topics of the Talmud.
- Lunch & Learn by Rabbi Gruenstein will begin Monday, December 25, 2017, 11:30AM.
- Starting Thursday December 28, women class with Rebbetzin Baumann 10:00AM-12:00PM

THE ELEVATOR IS OUT OF ORDER THIS SHABBOS.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Mali & Steve Schwartz in celebration of all their children and grandchildren visiting this Shabbos, and in memory of Steve’s father Jay Schwartz z”l, whose 36th yahrzeit was erev Chanukah.
- Thank you to Stephanie & David Schwartz for sponsoring the Miami Shabbat-Tones, who will be singing throughout Shabbos for our special Young Israel Acapella Shabbos.
- Early minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Larry Jaffe commemorating the yahrzeit of his Uncle Samuel Graw z”l (Yeshaya Eliezer ben Yoseph z”l).
- Mazal Tov to Janet and Sholom Spitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Max, son of their children Talia and Alen Gollender of Englewood, New Jersey. Mazal Tov as well to Aunt and Uncle Tracy and Dovie Spitz.
- Aaron and Sherry Eidelman would like to express gratitude and appreciation to the refuah committee for their thoughtfulness and kindness.

Refuah Sheleimah
We wish refuah sheleimah to: Allen Packer, Alexander ben Esther Raizel; Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Shimon ben Blima; Minnie Schraga; Shlomo Mayer, Shlomo Yisroel ben Sarah.

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
Yahrzeits Dec. 23 - Dec. 29, 2017

5 TEVET  Mark Soloway for his father, Lewis Soloway, on Shabbos, Dec. 23
5 TEVET  Max Dekelbaum for his father-in-law, Jack Schneider, on Shabbos, Dec. 23
8 TEVET  Joyce Stern for her father, Irving Krause, on Tuesday, Dec. 26
9 TEVET  Judy Herzka for her father, Mayer Yitzchak Isaac, on Wednesday, Dec. 27
9 TEVET  Max Dekelbaum for his grandmother, Ethel Dudick, on Wednesday, Dec. 27
9 TEVET  Stanley Wasserman for his father, Joseph Wasserman, on Wednesday, Dec. 27
10 TEVET Simeon Schreiber for his mother, Blanche Schreiber, on Thursday, Dec. 28
11 TEVET Roselyn Weitzner for her father, Jacob Wolf Heller, on Friday, Dec. 29

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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

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.

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 Seudah Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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