Come, let us deal wisely with them.... Shmos 1:10

The Talmud in Sotah (page 11) tells us that Pharaoh called in his 3 advisors to discuss what his options were in dealing with the "Jewish problem." His three advisors were Bilam, Iyov and Yisro. Bilam, who gave wicked advice against the Jewish people, was eventually killed. Iyov, who remained silent, was punished with pain and suffering. Yisro was the only one who stood up for the Jewish people and then resigned from his position and ran away. The question arises, says Rav Yitzchak Soloveitchik z"l, "Iyov did not offer any advice, so why was he punished by G-d with pain and suffering?" Upon reflection, however, it is clear that this was coming to him measure for measure. The reason why Iyov was quiet is that he reasoned, "if I protest and say anything in defense of the Jewish people I will be ignored, so why protest if it won't accomplish anything?" In order to show Iyov the error of his ways, G-d brought upon him physical suffering and pain so he would cry out even though he knew that would not relieve his pain. The bottom line is that when a person is hurting, he cries whether it alleviates the pain or not. Therefore, when Iyov saw the suffering of the Jewish people, it should have moved him to cry out to Pharaoh even though it wouldn't do any good. Thus, his silence was unfortunately an indication of his indifference and lack of compassion. The lesson for us is that even though there are times we will not be able help a friend who is suffering,
we are still obligated to show that we feel his pain by praying and crying with him. That itself can sometimes bring a level of comfort, which is to see that others are with him in his time of difficulty.

**Have an inspiring Shabbos!**

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Annual Dinner this year will 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.

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**FIRST SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBATON WITH RABBI DOVID KATZ – Jan 25-26**

**Friday Night Dinner with Lecture:** “Whose truth? The ironic story of how the Jews won a 600-year-long battle against the Egyptians over what really happened on the original Passover.”

**Shabbos Morning Drasha on Parshas Hashavua**

**Shabbos Afternoon Lecture:** “Have we been here before? The current divisions in the Jewish world, in light of the Jewish people in the Second Temple Era.”

**Seuda Shlishis:** Question/answer session.

You will be receiving the Shabbaton brochure with Friday night reservation information shortly. Please make your reservations early!

**Second Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton – Feb 22-23:** Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, Rav of Kehillat Nitzanim, Baka, Jerusalem. Formerly Rabbi of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, Tennessee.

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**The 2019 Young Israel Membership Directory is now available!**

You can pick up a copy from the Young Israel office, or ask Steve Schwartz for one in shul.

Tremendous yasher koach to Steve for his herculean effort in updating/checking/cross-checking and finalizing the Directory.

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**Upcoming Lectures**

- Tue, Jan 8 – Rabbi Zecharia Walerstein
- Tue, Jan 22 – Rabbi Eli Mansour
- Wed, Jan 30 – Achdus Lecture together with The Shul of Bal Harbour – Rabbi Shais Taub
- Tue, Feb 12 – Rabbi Yissocher Frand

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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.

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**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](http://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. This week’s father and child is sponsored by Dr. Ronald & Rachel Benveniste.
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras 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 Simpser – women only.
- Wednesdays at 8:00PM – weekly class on the book of Shmuel I for women. This week’s Shiur will be held at the Young Israel.
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos. A user-friendly shiur in the laws of Shabbos for men and women at the Young Israel upstairs.

### Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by the Packer family commemorating the yahrzeit of their father Max Packer, Menashe ben Mordechai David z”l.
- Early minyan kiddush is co-sponsored by Rabbi Aryeh & Chani Citron in memory of their grandmothers, Raizel bas Eliezer z”l and Esther bas Aryeh z”l; Nicole & Marc Gleitman commemorating the yahrzeit of Nicole’s mother Marcelle Corcos, Messoda bat Samuel z”l; and Joseph Barrington in honor of Rabbi G., Rabbi Citron and Max Dekelbaum
- Last week’s seuda shlishit was sponsored by Rabbi Simeon & Alice Truzman commemorating the yahrzeit of their son Yoseph Yehuda z”l.
- A warm welcome to our new member Sidney Gordon.

### 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 sheleima to: 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 7:15PM. This week’s father and child learning is graciously sponsored by Rachel & Ronald Benveniste.
- 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

The Refuah Fund provides meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva. 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. Thanks to everyone who already contributed to the Refuah fund!
Yahrzeits December 29, 2018 – January 4, 2019

21 TEVET  Ellen Wasserman for her sister, Viola Charles, on Shabbos, Dec. 29
22 TEVET  Helen Schwartz for her mother, Fayge, on Sunday, Dec. 30
22 TEVET  Mindy Pinter for her father, Solomon, on Sunday, Dec. 30
22 TEVET  Reine Fiss for her father, Oscar Sachs, on Sunday, Dec. 30
23 TEVET  Anne Kirschner for her mother, Mindel, on Monday, Dec. 31
23 TEVET  Jane Senders for her mother, Marion, on Monday, Dec. 31
25 TEVET  Martin Packer, Allen Packer, Phyllis Franklin for their father, Max Packer, Wednesday, Jan. 2
25 TEVET  Julianne Schorr for her mother, Renee Bohm, on Wednesday, Jan. 2
27 TEVET  Linda Salzhauer for her uncle, Shaul, on Friday, Jan. 4

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:

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Good news for the Jewish community came out of Gov.-elect DeSantis’ education transition team. They called for broader school choice and individualizing education for students in their first meeting, which bodes well for Teach Florida’s campaign for expanded scholarship funding in the 2019 legislative session. Show your support with our elected officials at Teach Florida’s Legislative Breakfast on Sunday, January 13 at B’nai Torah in Boca Raton. Contact teachflorida@teachcoalition.org or register at www.teachcoalition.org/fl/breakfast.

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.

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.