Congratulations, and kudos to President Donald Trump, for his courageous stand in officially recognizing that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and backing up his words with action by ordering the American Embassy to move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. We hope and pray that this symbolic move will maybe spur Heaven to complete the job by sending us Melech Hamoshiach to permanently reside within our capital, the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Young Couples Shabbaton – Welcome Rabbi Jonathan Rietti

"G-d was with Yosef, and he became a successful man."

Bereishis 39:2

The root of the word “matzliach” (successful), which is used to describe Yosef, contains the secret of success itself. "Litzloach", which is the root word, means to successfully cross a river and move on. Yosef Hatzaddik knew how to move from one situation to the next without “falling apart at the seams.” He was able to cross mighty rivers of troubles and persevere over tremendous challenges. Therefore, he was able to make the transition from his position as Yaakov’s favorite son to a pit filled with snakes and scorpions. Then he made his way successfully through the challenge posed by Potifar's wife. Not everyone would have been capable of navigating from the holy home of Yaakov to the den of corruption and immorality that was Egypt. Not everyone could have languished in prison for 12 years and then go directly to prominence in Pharaoh’s court. All this was accomplished without changes in Yosef’s
state of mind. A person who is able to ford such difficult rivers with courage and faith is worthy of being called “an ish matzliach” (a successful man). Only a person like Yosef Hatzaddik who climbed from the lowest point to the highest, from the snake pit and prison to the throne of Egypt, the greatest empire in the world at the time, and still remain staunch in his faith – only such a person can be called matzliach, a successful man.

Sefer: Aleinu L’shabeach

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

SAVE THE DATES

- December 17 at 4pm: Festive Chanukah party for ONE and ALL – children, parents and grandparents. Great food and music, and entertainment by a world class hypnotist.
- January 12-13: Our first community-wide Shabbaton with dinner Friday night. Scholar in Residence Mr. Richard Joel, President of Yeshiva University 2003-2017 and former President and International Director of the Hillel Foundation.
- February 2-3, Shabbaton with Rabbi Zev Goldberg

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

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

YOUNG ISRAEL 2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

We want to ensure that all of your contact information is up to date and correct. Please review your listing in the 2017 Young Israel Membership Directory and send any corrections to Steve Schwartz at stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com or call him at 973-493-1209 by Dec 12, 2017. Thank you to all those who have already responded.
Congregational Family and Shul News
Parshas Vayeshev, December 9, 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! This week’s Father & Child is sponsored by Yaakov & Rachel Allouche.
- 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 6, 8:00PM-9:00PM, Class with Rabbi Eli Reisel, every other Wednesday. Intellectual conversation on topics of the Talmud.
- Lunch and Learn will begin Monday, December 25, 2017, 11:30AM.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Jane & Michael Sabet in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary.
- Mazel Tov to Amy and Ilan Mosery on the birth in Israel of a grandson to their children Chelsea and Aharon (Arale) Birnbaum of Tivon.
- Mazal Tov to Yakira & Aaron Navarro on the birth of their grandson. Mazal Tov to the proud parents Elad & Brit Siman-Tov.

We would like to thank the following patrons and sponsors for making this Young Couples Shabbaton possible:

Yoram & Yleana Izhak
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Alan & Debbie Kestenbaum
Dr. Jay & Paula Novetsky
David & Stephanie Schwartz

Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to Marvin and Marsha Raab for their generous donation of $5,000 to our New Building Fund. Yasher Koach.

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. 9 - Dec. 15, 2017

22 KISLEV Robert Frankel for his mother, Rachel Frankel, on Sunday, Dec. 10
22 KISLEV Ann Kwiat for her mother, Yeshua Bat Mosheia, on Sunday, Dec. 10
22 KISLEV Alex Spira for his father, Avraham Spira, on Sunday, Dec. 10
22 KISLEV Gloria Sterental for her mother, Mery Sterental, on Sunday, Dec. 10
24 KISLEV Steve Schwartz for his father, Jay Schwartz, on Tuesday, Dec. 12

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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.

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.

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