You shall make a headplate of pure gold, and you shall engrave upon it, engraved like a signet ring “Holy to Hashem”
Shemos 28:36

The Midrash states that the special clothing of the high priest symbolized divine forgiveness for various sins, and the tzitz (forehead plate) symbolized forgiveness for brazenness or chutzpah. The ethical works teach us that every character trait a person possesses can have both desirable and undesirable applications, and a trait can be good or evil depending on how it is applied. Therefore, while chutzpah is generally an undesirable trait, it can be constructive, as when a person refuses to yield his morality in the face of tremendous social and peer pressures. For example, the first paragraph of the Shulchan Aruch states that a person must observe the rituals of worship even if others make fun or mock him. This is a constructive application of chutzpah. Someone who is easily angered should direct his anger towards evil in the world. Someone who is very proud should take pride in being the bearer of a divine soul and be too proud to do anything dishonest or amoral which is beneath his dignity. One who is by nature stubborn and obstinate should apply this chutzpah and be stubborn when subjected to pressures that would compromise his ethical standards. We live today in such a hostile environment of anti-Semitism it is the chutzpah of the Jew which
allows him not to yield to the forces of assimilation. The point is that every character trait we have, even the negative ones, can be used to sanctify G-d’s name. The choice is ours!

*Sefer: Living Each Week*

**Have an inspiring Shabbos!**  
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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**ANNUAL DINNER NEWS**

Our 2019 Journal Dinner is only 2 weeks away!  
**Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 6:00pm**  
**Honoring Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein**  
**Paying tribute to all our past Presidents:**  
Daniel Courtney, Max Dekelbaum, Jack Gluck,  
Morris Kaplan, David Kwiat, Shelly Lisbon, Aaron Weinberg  
**Thanks to all of you, this will be our most successful dinner yet!**  
**This is our largest fundraiser of the year.**  
There is still time – please become a Sponsor or a Benefactor.  
We have extended the ad deadline to **Tue Feb 19, 2019.**  
*Don’t worry, if you can’t send your ad in by that date, the dinner committee will compose an ad for you!*  
We will accept dinner reservations until **Tue Feb 26** – please make your dinner reservations ASAP.

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**NEXT WEEK: Scholar-in-Residence**

Feb 22-23 – **Second Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton:** Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, Rav of Kehillat Nitzanim, Baka, Jerusalem. Formerly Rabbi of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, Tennessee. Brochures have been emailed – includes program overview and dinner reservation information. Please make your dinner reservations as soon as possible – deadline is February 18.

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**ELECTIONS:** Please remember that all ballots must be postmarked on or before February 19, 2019. Today is February 15 and therefore if you have not already voted please do so in the next few days.

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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!
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Saturday night 7:40PM – Father & Child program.
- 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
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra, at Young Israel. **Final night, Feb. 18.**
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser – for women only.
- Thursday February 21, 8:00PM – YIBH Wellness Series “Movement & Meaning” for women only.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week’s kiddush is sponsored by Debbie & Bob Hartman commemorating the yahrzeit of Debbie’s mother Lois Lefkovich’s z”l.
- This week’s early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Ricardo & Talia Bernner commemorating the yahrzeit of Ricardo’s grandmother Faige bat Wolf z”l.
- Mazal Tov to Debbie & Bob Hartman on the marriage of their granddaughter Rayzee Kutner to Yitzchok Brecher this past week.
- Mazal Tov to Ellen and Jeff Koppel on the birth of their granddaughter, Chana Shayna. Mazal Tov to parents, Mordechai and Yardana Hodkin
- A warm welcome to our new members Ruth & Irwin Shapiro, and Daniel & Diana Sragowicz.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Shelly Lisbon, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- Father and child Motzei Shabbos with pizza and prizes starting at 7:40PM.
- 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

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).
Yahrzeits February 16-22, 2019

12 ADAR I  Isaac Salver for his mother, Chana bas Pinchas, on Sunday, Feb. 17
12 ADAR I  Victor Pinter for his father, Paul Pinter, on Sunday, Feb. 17
12 ADAR I  Rachel Neuman for her father, Moshe Trompoler, on Sunday, Feb. 17
13 ADAR I  Miriam Weinschneider for her father, Efraim, on Monday, Feb. 18
13 ADAR I  Dena Aber for her father, Harav Yechezkel ben Avrohom Moshe Halevi, on Monday, Feb. 18
13 ADAR I  Mimie Rose for her father, Harry Rutkowski, on Monday, Feb. 18
14 ADAR I  Sam Eltes for his mother, Pesha bat Meshulem Zalman, on Tuesday, Feb. 19
14 ADAR I  Jane Senders for her father, Aaron, on Tuesday, Feb. 19
15 ADAR I  Steve Schwartz for his grandfather, Nathan Schwartz, on Wednesday, Feb. 20
15 ADAR I  Oded Ben-Arie for his brother, Yudel Ben Osher, on Wednesday, Feb. 20
15 ADAR I  Toby Wolf for her mother, Goldie Stein, on Wednesday, Feb. 20
16 ADAR I  Simon Truzman for his father, Menachem Truzman, on Thursday, Feb. 21
17 ADAR I  Steven Hamburg for his father, Shimshon Hamburg, on Friday, Feb. 22
17 ADAR I  Debra Hartman for her mother, Chaya Leah bas Yosef, on Friday, Feb. 22

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

Hold the Date
Tasting of Israeli Wines & Hors d’oeuvres March 19th at 7:30pm
to benefit the Kosher Food Bank of South Florida.
Please see Shelley or Eddie Senker for more information.

Participants in the Florida Tax Credit scholarship program have a 10% higher college attendance rate and are considerably more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree than their peers in public schools. That’s why Teach Florida is urging the Legislature to “Invest in Success” and expand Florida scholarship programs to include working and middle class families. To become an advocate, email teachflorida@teachcoalition.org.

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.

The Holocaust Documentation & Education Center, Inc. presents
THE KURT WALDHEIM AFFAIR:
The Postwar World’s Most Sensational Nazi Scandal featuring Eli Rosenbaum & Neal Sher.
Sunday, February 17, 2019 - 1:30PM-4:PM - 303 N. Federal Highway, Dania Beach, FL 33004
RSVP required to education@hdec.org or (954) 929-5690 X304

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