We as a Jewish community express our condolences to the families impacted by the recent tragedy that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. The fact that this horrific event took place in our own backyard only serves to underscore the precarious times that we live in today. We pray that G-d should bring comfort to the grieving families and heal those who have been injured. May the Almighty protect us all from future tragedies.

בשם לשמם המשחה ולקטרות הסמים
“Spices for the anointing oil and for the spice-incense”
Shmos 25:6

The Talmud (Yoma 38A) tells us that two items used in the holy temple were prepared by a secret method. The house of Garmu possessed the secret for the making of the lechem hapanim (showbread) and the house of Autinas made the ketores (incense). When these families refused to reveal their secrets, the rabbis fired them and hired craftsmen and bakers from Alexandria, Egypt to duplicate the secret processes. These experts were unsuccessful and the rabbis were forced to reinstate the two families. The Talmud explains that when Ben Azai heard that they had to reinstate the families which they fired, he said, “A person will be called by the name he
deserves, seated in the position destined for him, and sustained with the livelihood designated for him.” The rabbis could not dislodge two families from their positions because that was the livelihood G-d had set aside for them. Why was Ben Azai so inspired by the story of these families? They possessed a trade secret that they shrewdly guarded from any outsider, and the process was complicated so that experts could not duplicate it.

Where did Ben Azai see such convincing evidence of G-d’s protection of one’s livelihood? The answer is that the power exerted by the rabbis to extract the secret was a force greater than any other possessed by man. When the sages act on behalf of the Jewish people, they can even silence the Heavenly angels. A case in point is when Rosh Hashana falls out on Shabbos. The halacha is that in such a case the shofar is not blown. The Talmud tells us (Rosh Hashana 16B) that the purpose of the shofar is to confuse satan (accusing angel) and prevent him from prosecuting against the Jewish people, but if you don’t blow shofar when Rosh Hashana falls out on Shabbos, the satan will have a field day against the Jewish people! Tosafos explains that when the sages legislate a prohibition on blowing shofar on Shabbos, they have the ability to decree that the satan cannot prosecute against the Jewish people. This is how powerful the sages are, yet Ben Azai saw that even the incredible force of the rabbis could not budge the two families from their position. So we see that what is destined by Heaven for a person to have, whether it’s position, honor, or livelihood, it will remain his, despite all the powers in the universe.

(Sefer – Majesty of Man – My Rebbe HaGaon HaRav Henech Leibowitz z”l)

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
Young Israel Congregation
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Classes and Upcoming Events

- Father & Child learning on Motzei Shabbos starting at 7:15PM with pizza and special prizes.
- Sunday, February 18 at 10:00AM – second class for young adults on inspiring ourselves to inspire our children. Breakfast and babysitting available
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- 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.
- Thursdays 10:00AM-12:00PM – Women’s class with Rebbetzin Baumann.
- Every Tuesday, 40 Min before Mincha – Shiur by Jonathan Attias on Mesillas Yesharim.
- Save the Date: Thursday March 1 – Purim Seudah – please make your reservations!
- Please get your Happy Purim (Purim Basket) orders in as soon as possible

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Helen & Menno Ratzker in honor of their children and grandchildren.
- Early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Mr & Mrs. Ron Deutsch on the yahrzeit of Ron’s mother, Esther bas Yirmiyahu z”l.
- Seudah Shlishit is co-sponsored by Susan & Jack Gluck commemorating the yahrzeit of Jack's mother Edith Gluck, Chana Bas Yitzchak Isaac, Z"L.; and by Linda & Steven Rothschild in honor of their nephew Rabbi Dan Rosenstein, Executive Director of the Hebron Fund and Yoni Bliechbard, Head of security in Hebron who will be visiting with them for Shabbat.
- Mazal Tov to Roselyn Weitzner on the birth of a great-grandson, born to her grandchildren Esther and Josh Goldstein. The baby was named in memory of Roselyn’s husband, Zev Dov. Mazal Tov to the baby's grandparents Mitchell and Michelle Weitzner.,
- Mazal Tov to Roselyn Weitzner on the marriage of her granddaughter Mali to Zachary Jurkowski. Mazal tov to parents Ari and Chaya Weitzner.

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: Allen Packer, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Minnie Schraga, Shlomo Mayer, Miriam Greenblatt.

Youth Program

- Any parents of youth who would like their children to volunteer as part of our Purim preparations please speak to Rabbi Fried
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Skype session and or attend a Shabbaton and the AIPAC conference in Washington DC please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
**Yahrzeits Feb. 17 – Feb. 23, 2018**

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The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist-secretary, is florence@yicbh.org

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**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.

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**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.

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If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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