It’s an honor to welcome to our community Rav Akiva Grunblatt Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim in New York. We will be privileged to hear from Rav Grunblatt on Shabbos morning and the Rav will also speak at Seuda Shlishit.

**Shabbos Zachor**

The major theme of Parshas Tezaveh deals with the special priestly garments worn by the Kohanim. It was forbidden for them to perform any part of the divine service, or offer sacrifices, if they were not wearing these garments. The Kohen Gadol wore eight garments, while the “ordinary Kohen” wore four. On Yom Kippur, the Kohen Gadol wore the four special white vestments for certain parts of the divine service. In fact, this is the source of the custom to wear a white kittel during the Yom Kippur services. However, white clothing is not limited to just the holy day of Yom Kippur. King Solomon says in Koheles 9:8 “Let your garment always be white.” Rashi gives a parable of a man who has been invited to a royal banquet but does not know when it will take place. So, too, must a person always clothe himself with good deeds and good character traits, because one never knows when his time is up. The Talmud (Shabbos 114A) says that if a stain is found on the cloak of a Talmid Chacham (Torah Scholar), there are dire consequences. The literal meaning is that if his clothes are soiled with dirt, grease and the like, this will cause a chillul Hashem (desecration of G-d’s name). But one can also find a deeper meaning in this warning. It stresses the importance of a Talmid Chacham having sterling middos (character traits) and the tragic consequences if he does not. In our time...
the bar has been lowered. Every Jew who wears a kippah on his head must realize that he is viewed by the world as a Rabbinic scholar. People analyze his behavior, and especially his interpersonal relationships. He may consider himself unlearned and unworthy of the title of “Torah Scholar,” but to the world at large, he is a representative of G-d, and his behavior must be above reproach. "Let your garments be white" is a fundamental part of being a Jew in the world today. Sefer: Imrei Cohen

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Many thanks to all those who honored us by participating at the Young Israel’s Dinner and Journal and especially those who worked so hard to make it so successful. Helen and Menno

Purim is less than one week away, so we ask for your attention to the following:

1. If you have not ordered your Purim baskets through Happy Purim, please do so as soon as possible. Orders will be accepted through Monday afternoon.

2. If you have not made your reservations for our gala Purim Seudah, please do so as soon as possible. Reservations will be accepted through Monday afternoon.

3. We are planning for Purim baskets to be handed out after Megillah reading on Wednesday evening. Please make every effort to get your baskets at that time. If you cannot attend, we will make every effort to deliver your Purim basket during Purim day, Thursday.

4. If you are not planning to be in the local area on Purim, please notify the office (preferably by email) if you have not done so on the Happy Purim form. This is very important, so we will know whether or not to attempt to deliver a Purim basket for you on Purim day.

5. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare Purim baskets, Tuesday afternoon from 12 noon to 4PM. Please contact the office if you can help.

6. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver Purim baskets that are not picked up Wed evening after Megillah reading. Please contact the office if you can help.

Thank you for your support and cooperation, and wishing everyone a Freilich Purim.

PLANNING A SIMCHA?
In order to avoid any conflicts, please book the social hall well in advance of your simcha.
Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is being co-sponsored by Susan & Jack Gluck and by Moshe & Judy Tuchman in celebration of the official recognition by the United States of Jerusalem as the Eternal Capital of Israel, and also in celebration of Jack’s birthday, and 62nd anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.
- Seuda Shlishit is sponsored by Mr & Mrs Sam Schwartz and Mr & Mrs Nicky Yakobovich commemoration the yahrzeit of Marina Schwartz and Nicky Yakobovich’s father, Leonard Yakobovich z”l
- Welcome to our new members, Andrew & Basya Lowinger.

Classes and Upcoming Events

- Father & Child learning on Motzei Shabbos starting at 7:15PM with pizza and special prizes.
- Sunday, February 25 at 10:00AM – Third 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.
- Please note that there will not be Beis Midrash learning this Monday Feb. 26.
- Thursdays 10:00AM-12:00PM – Women’s class with Rebbetzin Baumann.
- Thursday March 1 – Purim Seudah – please make your reservations by Monday!
- Please get your Happy Purim (Purim Basket) orders in as soon as possible

Building Fund

Our deep thanks and gratitude to Edward and Rose Leventhal for their generous donation of $10,000 to our Building Fund. Yasher Koach.

Our deep thanks and gratitude to Andy and Basya Lowinger for their additional donation of $25,000 to our Building Fund, bringing their total donation to $75,000...Yasher Koach

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. 24 – Mar. 2, 2018

9 ADAR  Michael Levine for his mother, Ruth Levine, on Shabbos, Feb. 24
10 ADAR  Leon Brum for his father, Philip Brum, on Sunday, Feb. 25
10 ADAR  Martin Jacobs for his father, Yona Jacobs, on Sunday, Feb. 25
10 ADAR  Freda Greenbaum for her father, Max Faiwlowicz, on Sunday, Feb. 25
10 ADAR  Rochelle Senker for her mother, Miriam Barouh, on Sunday, Feb. 25
12 ADAR  Rachel Neuman for her father, Moshe Trompoler, on Tuesday, Feb. 27
12 ADAR  Victor Pinter for his father, Paul Pinter, on Tuesday, Feb. 27
13 ADAR  Dena Aber for her father, Harav Yechezkel ben Avrohom Moshe Halevi, on Wed., Feb. 28
13 ADAR  Miriam Weinschneider for her father, Efraim, on Wednesday, Feb. 28
14 ADAR  Jane Senders for her father, Aaron, on Thursday, Mar. 1
14 ADAR  Sam Eltes for his mother, Pesha bat Meshulem Zalman, on Thursday, Mar. 1
15 ADAR  Toby Wolf for her mother, Goldie Stein, on Friday, Mar. 2
15 ADAR  Oded Ben-Arie for his brother, Yudel Ben Osher, on Friday, Mar. 2

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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.

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