"ויה לאות על ידיך ולטוטפות בין עיניך כי בחוזק יד ה"משמישס" ממצרים"

“And it shall be a sign upon your arm and an ornament between your eyes, for with a strong hand G-d removed us from Egypt.” Shmos (13:16)

The great Reb Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev, once saw a simple Jew accidentally drop his Tefillin on the ground. The man immediately picked it up, carefully wiping off the dirt. He then lovingly kissed the Tefillin and put them back in their bag. The Berditchever Rebbe lifted his eyes to heaven and in his inimitable fashion said to G-d, “Master of the world look down from heaven and see how a simple Jew honors and cherishes your Tefillin. Why don’t You too lift up your downtrodden Tefillin, your nation of Israel, about whom it is written, 'And who is like your people Israel, a unique nation on earth’ – they have been laying on the ground in disgrace and shame for 2,000 years. G-d, why don’t You pick them up and hug them and kiss them. Remove the mud and grime of sin that has accumulated upon them after so many centuries in exile. Why, G-d, should Your Tefillin (the Jewish people) be treated worse than the Tefillin of your people.” Parshas Bo describes the exodus from Egypt, the Paschal offering and, among many other things, the Mitzvah of Tefillin. May we soon experience the great day when G-d will fulfill the request of the Berditchever Rebbe by picking.
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.

The Shabbaton brochure, with Friday night reservation information has been sent out. Please make your reservations early!


Upcoming Lectures
- Tue, Jan 22 – Rabbi Eli Mansour – 8:00PM
- Wed, Jan 30 – Achdus Lecture together with The Shul of Bal Harbour – Rabbi Shais Taub
- Tue, Feb 12 – Rabbi Yissocher Frand

The 2019 Young Israel Membership Directory is now available!
This Directory is dedicated in memory of Stuart Harris z”l.
You can pick up a copy from the Young Israel office, or ask Steve Schwartz for one in shul.

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.
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 7:15PM Saturday night.
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra, at Young Israel No Learning Program this week.
- Tuesdays 2-3PM – 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.
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – Weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos.
- Monday January 14, 11:30am – Women’s Rosh Chodesh Tu B’Shevat Seder by Chani Citron, sponsored by Roslyn Jaffe and Roselyn Weitzner.
- Monday February 4, 1pm-6pm – Annual boutique – Sisterhood of YIBH.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Chana & Yaakov Fish in honor of Binyamin’s Bar Mitzvah. Mazel tov to the entire family!
- Seuda shlishit is co-sponsored by Menno & Helen Ratzker commemorating the yahrzeit of Menno’s mother Paula Ratzker, Baila bat Yissoschar z”l; and by Reine Fiss in memory of her mother Lucy Guerchon z”l; and by the Sussman Family commemorating the yahrzeit of Dorothy Sussman z”l (Devorah bat zev z”l).
- Last week's early minyan kiddush was sponsored by an anonymous sponsor.
- Mazal Tov to Linda and Murray Laulicht on the recent wedding in Israel of their granddaughter Joy Davis to Rami Fischberger. Mazal Tov to parents Shellie & Eric Davis and Elana & Michael Fischberger.
- Mazal Tov to Lauren & Dr. Jonah Bardos on the birth of their baby boy Shalom Yerucham
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Lucy Guerchon z”l mother of our esteemed member Reine Fiss.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our esteemed member Effry Steinmetz z”l (Ephraim ben Leah z”l). Father of Suzi Steinmetz and husband of Lora Steinmetz.
- A warm welcome to our new members Rina & Henry Kressel.

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: Shelly Lisbon, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- 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 January 12 – January 18, 2019**

- **6 SH’VAT** Sari Rollhaus for her husband, Alfred Rollhaus, on Shabbos, Jan. 12
- **6 SH’VAT** Toby Wolf for her father, Irving Stein, on Shabbos, Jan. 12
- **6 SH’VAT** Menno Ratzker for his mother, Paula Ratzker, on Shabbos, Jan. 12
- **7 SH’VAT** Elias, Joel, Ira Sussman and Perri Sussman Stern for their wife and mother, Dorothy Sussman, on Sunday, Jan. 13
- **7 SH’VAT** Nathan Lebwohl for his father on Sunday, Jan. 13
- **7 SH’VAT** Stanley Wasserman for his brother, Burton Wasserman, on Sunday, Jan. 13
- **9 SH’VAT** Ralph Herzka for his father, Yaakov Yitzchak Herzka, on Tuesday, Jan. 15
- **11 SH’VAT** Roslyn Jaffe for her mother, Dita Muhlrad, on Thursday, Jan. 17
- **12 SH’VAT** Lois Rosengarten for her grandfather, Ephraim Dworkin, on Friday, Jan. 18
- **12 SH’VAT** Jonathan Gerszberg and Rose Gerszberg for their father and husband, Shep Gerszberg, on Fri, Jan. 18

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

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Thirty state and local elected officials will be meeting the community at Teach Florida’s Legislative Breakfast this Sunday morning, January 13, at B’nai Torah in Boca. Speakers include Senator Manny Diaz, Chair of the Senate Education committee, who is working to expand state funding for parents sending their children to nonpublic schools.

Register today at www.teachcoalition.org/fl/breakfast or 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.

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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

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If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203 or Max Dekelbaum (240) 832-5054

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