The Torah describes here two different types of people, those who feared the word of G-d, and those who did not take the word of G-d to heart. Since these two classes of people are total opposites of each other, the verse should have stated, “those who did not fear the word of G-d” why does it say instead, “those who did not take the word of G-d to heart?” The great Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld explains that the Torah is teaching us a new definition of what it means to fear or not to fear G-d. You may have thought that a person who demonstrably commits sinful and sacrilegious acts is an individual who does not fear G-d. But the Torah is teaching us that the mere fact that someone does not take the word of G-d to
heart is sinful. They don’t necessarily sin – in fact, they do mitzvos, but they do them with apathy and indifference. It’s lethargic and robotic Judaism. In other words, they are observant but not religious. They do mitzvos but it’s devoid of passion and feeling. This type of observant Judaism is one of the great challenges of Orthodox Judaism today. In order to transmit a Torah way of life to the next generation, it must be an Aish Hatorah, a Torah of fire, of passion. It has to be a generation that truly takes G-d’s words to heart.

Sefer: Chochmas Chaim

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Lectures
- Wednesday January 17, 2018, 8:00PM – Lecture by Rabbi Eli Mansour.
- Wednesday January 24, 2018, 8:00PM – Lecture by Rabbi Zecharya Walerstein.
- Wednesday January 31, 2018, 8:00PM – Lecture by Alan M. Dershowitz
- Monday February 19, 2018 8:00PM – Lecture by Dr. David Pelkowitz.

Shabbat Presentations next Shabbos, January 20, 2018
Chaim Silberstein, founder and president of Im Eshkachech - Keep Jerusalem, a public diplomacy and advocacy organization
- Morning: "Future of Jerusalem After U.S. Recognition"
- Seuda Shlishit: “A Brief Journey Through the Jerusalem You Never Knew”

This Year's Annual Young Israel Gala Dinner will be on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018 at 6:00PM in our beautiful social hall. Our Distinguished Honorees are HELEN AND MENNO RATZKER Invitations have been mailed! This is our major fundraiser of the year – please respond generously by becoming a Sponsor or Benefactor!
Classes and Upcoming Events
- Father & Child learning on Motzei Shabbos starting at 7:00PM with pizza and special prizes.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Mondays at 11:30AM – Lunch & Learn by Rabbi Gruenstein.
- 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.
- Wednesday January 17, 8:00-9:00PM, class with Rabbi Eli Reisel, every other Wednesday. Intellectual conversation on topics of the Talmud.
- Monday January 22 11:30AM- Women Rosh Chodesh Luncheon
- Thursdays 10:00AM-12:00PM – women’s class with Rebetzin Baumann.

Congregational Family and Shul News
- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by Shimmy & Devora Gardyn in honor of the engagement of Mordechai Gardyn to Elana Lansky; and by anonymous for refuah sheleimah of Nechama bat Sarah and Aryeh Leib ben Sarah.
- Welcome to Annette & Mitchell Eichen as new members to our Young Israel Congregation.

Building Fund
Our thanks and gratitude to Dr. Felix and Dr. Miriam Glaubach for their generous additional contribution to our New Building Fund of $36,000, bringing their total donation to $61,000. 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. Miriam Greenblat.

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

The 2018 Young Israel Membership Directory is available for pickup from the Young Israel office, or you can email the office and request a pdf version.

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In order to avoid any conflicts, and if possible, please book the social hall well in advance of your simcha.
If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services.
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