“They shall take for themselves – each man – a lamb for each father’s house, a lamb for the household.” (Shmos 12:3)

It’s interesting that one of the first mitzvos we were given as a nation was not an individual personal mitzvah, but rather a family mitzvah of Korban Pesach (Paschal Lamb) where everyone had to gather and eat from the Paschal Lamb. For ultimately what shapes and defines us as a nation is the stability and spirituality of our families. The whole is only as good as the sum of its parts. How we function as a family – the warmth, love, communication, and the depth of our family’s spirituality – will ultimately determine the destiny of our people. Sitting down as a family, whether it’s at the Pesach seder or just a regular Shabbos table, is a powerful litmus test to see how we are doing. Is there a comfortable feeling of warmth and camaraderie with positive uplifting conversation? Or is the atmosphere heavy and stilted, the conversations petty and negative? The family get-together is really a report card to ourselves as to what we need to improve and in what areas do
we excel. No wonder, as we leave the crucible of Egypt and begin our journey as a nation, G-d commands us to observe a family mitzvah – Korban Pesach. To remind us that family is everything, it’s the microcosm of the Jewish people and the more effort and toil we put into building our family love account (not just our bank account), the more vibrant and capable we will be to fulfill our grand mission of being G-d’s chosen people, a light unto the nations.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Lectures
- 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.

Thank you to the following families for sponsoring last week’s Shabbaton. Yasher Koach.
Howard & Diane Cole  Menno & Helen Ratzker
Jack & Susan Gluck  Aaron & Susan Weinberg
Alan & Debbie Kestenbaum  Jacob & Julie Schorr
George & Joni White

Shabbat Presentations
Chaim Silberstein, founder and president of Im Eshkachech - Keep Jerusalem, a public diplomacy and advocacy organization
- Morning: "Future of Jerusalem After U.S. Recognition"
- Seudah 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 & MENNO RATZKER
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 Tora 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.
- Save the Date: February 22— Young Couples Friday night dinner

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by Moshe & Jana Banin to commemorate the yahrzeit of Moshe’s father, Eliyahu Banin, Eliyahu ben Moshe z”l; and by Elliot & Debbie Gibber.
- This week’s early minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Susie & Heshy Freundlich in honor of their grandson Jack Lebor’s Bar Mitzvah and their granddaughter Alex Freundlich.
- This week’s seuda shlishit is sponsored by Larry & Roslyn Jaffee in honor of Chaim Silberstein.
- Mazal Tov to Asher & Nechama Lieber on the birth of their grandson Akiva Shlomo. Mazal Tov to the proud parents Dafna & Martin Galla.
- With profound sadness we announce the passing of Bernard Klein Z’L father of our esteemed member Sandy Klein.

Building Fund

Please try and pay off your Building Fund pledges at your earliest opportunity. We are hoping to pay off our Building Fund Loan obligation to the Bank as soon as possible since we are paying interest on our loan every month.

Our deep thanks and gratitude to:

- Stuart and Penny Harris for their additional $10,000 donation to our Building Fund in memory of Stuart's sister Esther David z"l, bringing their total donation to $60,000. Yasher Koach.
- Aaron and Susan Weinberg for their additional $10,000 donation, bringing their total donation to $60,000. Yasher Koach.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Allen Packer, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Minnie Schraga; Shlomo Mayer, and Miriam Greenblatt.

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
Yahrzeits Jan. 20 – Jan 26, 2018

6 SH’VAT  Sari Rollhaus for her husband, Alfred Rollhaus, on Monday, Jan. 22
6 SH’VAT  Toby Wolf for her father, Irving Stein, on Monday, Jan. 22
6 SH’VAT  Zohara Weiss for her mother, Devora Glassman, on Monday, Jan. 22
6 SH’VAT  Menno Ratzker for his mother, Paula Ratzker, on Monday, Jan. 22
7 SH’VAT  Elias, Joel & Ira Sussman for their wife and mother, Dorothy Sussman, on Tuesday, Jan. 23
7 SH’VAT  Nathan Lebwohl for his father on Tuesday, Jan. 23
7 SH’VAT  Stanley Wasserman for his brother, Burton Wasserman, on Tuesday, Jan. 23
9 SH’VAT  Ralph Herzka for his father, Yaakov Yitzchak Herzka, on Thursday, Jan. 25

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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.

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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