The question presents itself: why is it necessary for the verse to tell us מחר (tomorrow)? Who cares when the battle with Amalek will take place, whether it's today, tomorrow or the next day? Explains Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld z”l, Amalek represents more than just a national enemy. It represents the forces of the evil (Yetzer Hora) in man’s heart. It is the function of the Yetzer Hora to tempt man to sin, and sometimes he uses the tactic of tomorrow (manyana). The Yetzer Hora will tell you, “yes of course you’re going to do that mitzvah, or write that check to tzedaka, or start studying a little more Torah, but you’ll begin tomorrow.” In this manner one tomorrow leads to another, and with each passing day the person's resolve to do the good deed that he had intended to do diminishes. It is this facet of “Amalekism” that the Torah is telling us to eradicate. That when a Jew resolves to do a good
deed, he should strike while the iron is hot, and not push it off for the next day, for many times the next day never materializes. Life passes us by faster than we think. The more resolve we have to accomplish today will bring us that much more happiness and satisfaction for the future.  
(Sefer Chochmas Chaim)

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!  
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Lectures

• PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: Tuesday January 30, 2018, 8:00PM – Lecture by Alan M. Dershowitz.
• Monday February 19, 2018 8:00PM – Lecture by Dr. David Pelkowitz.

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

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP
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!

Note: ad deadline extended to Feb. 5
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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.
- Thursdays 10:00AM-12:00PM – Women’s class with Rebbetzin Baumann.
- Save the Date: February 23 – Young Couples Friday night dinner
- Save the Date: Thursday March 1 – Purim Seudah.

Congregational Family and Shul News
- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Jerry & Anne Gontownik in celebration of their son Ezra’s aufruf and upcoming marriage to Lilly Katz daughter of Daniel and Caroline Katz of Boca Raton, FL. Mazel tov to the Gontowniks and the Katzes and the entire family.
- This week’s early minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Susan and Aaron Weinberg in celebration of the U.S. declaring Yerushalaim as the Israeli capital, and the forthcoming U.S. Embassy move.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Simeon Schreiber on the celebration of his 80th birthday. A special welcome to all of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who have joined him in this celebration.

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.

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.
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.