This verse appears redundant. Just two verses earlier, the Torah says, “G-d spoke to Moses, saying, ‘come speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, that he send the children of Israel from his land.’” Rashi explains that the 2nd verse means that G-d told them to speak respectfully to the king of Egypt. Is this not a bit strange? Moshe Rabbeinu was going to warn Pharaoh about the ten plagues that he would suffer. In the presence of all the ministers in the palace, Moshe was going to speak harshly to Pharaoh. How can this be respectful? Explains the great Rav Yehudah Leib Chasman, that it’s true there was no way out of delivering the warnings to Pharaoh, but it could still be said respectfully. Indeed, we see that when Moshe told Pharaoh about the plague of the firstborn, at which time Moshe was angry, he nevertheless said, “Then all these servants of yours will come down to me and bow to me, saying, ‘leave -- you and the entire people that follows you.”’ (11:8) Rashi comments that Moshe really meant Pharaoh himself will come and bow to him and plead to him to take the Jews out of Egypt, but out of respect for the king he instead said, "all these servants of yours will come down to me and bow to me." The Torah is teaching us a very important lesson, that when we must
admonish and punish someone, we should make every effort not to insult him. This is crucial when disciplining children. Obviously, children must be told what to do and sometimes they will have to be punished. However, we must be very cautious to do so in a manner that does not humiliate or crush the child. If parents would realize how destructive this is to the emotional development of a child, they would be much more careful in how they discipline. Emotional abuse of children is as serious an offense as physical abuse. Yet parents who would never think of hurting their children physically may not realize that hurtful words can be just as damaging. Yes, children must be taught right from wrong, but they should always be able to retain their dignity. Sefer: Twerski on Chumash

Have an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
Young Israel Congregation
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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 7:00PM Saturday night.
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Torah Chaim, Torah Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra, at Young Israel (through January 14).
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simper – women only.
- Wednesdays at 8:00PM – weekly class on the book of Shmuel I for women. This week there will be no class.
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos. This week there will be no class.

Congregational Family and Shul News
- Mazal tov to Jana & Moshe Banin on their son Zachary’s Bar Mitzvah. Kiddush is sponsored by the Banin family in honor of Zachary’s Bar Mitzvah.
- Leon & Miriam Weinschneider will be commemorating the shloshim of Leon’s father Reb Shmaryahu ben Reb Avraham z”l, Wednesday morning after the second minyan. Breakfast will be served.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our esteemed member Shlomo Meyer z”l.

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, Effry Steinmetz (Ephraim ben Leah).

Youth Program
- Father and Child Motzei Shabbos with pizza and prizes starting at 7:15PM.
- 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 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.

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 5 – January 11, 2019

28 TEVET Deborah Newborn for her father, Samuel Feinberg, on Shabbos, Jan. 5
29 TEVET Myles Mittleman for his father, Yaakov Mittleman, on Sunday, Jan. 6
1 SH’VAT Murray Laulicht for his grandfather, Jakob Grunfeld, on Monday, Jan. 7
1 SH’VAT Sandy Klein for his father, Bernard Klein, on Monday, Jan. 7
4 SH’VAT Mitchell Eichen for his mother, Razel bat Gershon, on Thursday, Jan. 10
5 SH’VAT Miriam Glaubach for her father, Max Herlinger, on Friday, Jan. 11

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Renewal applications for Step Up for Students tax credit scholarships for the 2019-20 school year are currently open. Renewals will have priority processing status through January 31st. The scholarships provide nearly $20 million annually to 29% of students in Jewish day schools. Renew at https://www.stepupforschoolscholarship.org/login/. Meet the elected officials who support these programs at Teach Florida’s legislative breakfast on January 13th in Boca Raton. Register at https://teachcoalition.org/fl/breakfast/ or by emailing teachflorida@teachcoalition.org.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: When making your plans for Yeshiva Break and upcoming vacations, please keep in mind the discriminatory anti-Israel behavior of Airbnb with their decision not to continue to list Jewish properties in Judea and Samaria.

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