As we approach the mournful day of Tisha B’Av, there is certainly a lot to mourn about. The destruction of our temple close to 2,000 years ago was a watershed event for all future tragedies of the Jewish people. From there we have gone through many exiles, pogroms, and persecutions culminating with the tragedy of tragedies, the Holocaust. And, unfortunately, it has not abated. So, yes, we are still in mourning. We also mourn and reflect on the total lack of moral clarity that exists in the world today. A world which, shame on them, can say Israel and Hamas in the same breath and hold them both equally culpable. Has the world gone mad? Can’t they see the obvious difference between good and evil, right and wrong, aggression and self-defense, terrorism and self-preservation? This is what happens in a world where G-d’s presence is hidden. No matter how clearly obvious who the villain is, the world is blind. Unfortunately, this is nothing new, for the Jewish people have been experiencing this for the past two thousand years. But with all that, we are eternal optimists – if not, we wouldn’t be here today. We follow in the footsteps of the great sage, Rabbi Akiva. The holy Rabbi Akiva, who died a martyr’s death, always had a positive outlook on life no matter how grim it appeared. The greatest example of this is a famous story in the Talmud at the end of tractate Makkos where Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Gamliel, Rabbi Azarya and Rabbi Yehoshua were once walking towards Jerusalem. When they came to the Temple Mount they saw a fox emerging from what used to be the

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Holy of Holies. All the Rabbis started to weep except Rabbi Akiva, who laughed. They said to him, "Rabbi Akiva, why are you laughing?" And he responded, "why are you crying?" They said to him a fox is walking around in what was once the holiest place on earth (I am paraphrasing) and we shouldn’t cry? Said Rabbi Akiva, "this is exactly why I am smiling, for now that I see that the prophecy of destruction has been fulfilled, there is no question that the prophecy of redemption will be fulfilled." Thereupon they said to him “Akiva, Nechamta (you have comforted us).” So we the Jewish people echo the feeling of Rabbi Akiva that as painful and tragic as things are today we know that one day the joy and redemption will be so great as to overshadow all the tragedies of the past 2,000 years. Please, G-d, we don’t know how much more we can take. Nachamu Nachamu Ami – may You bring comfort to your children, may You soon wipe away the tears from the faces of the Jewish people and bring us the redemption we so long for, speedily in our days.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

We ask everyone to please review the statements that have been sent out recently, including the notices for membership renewal and High Holiday seat reservations. We ask all those with balances due, to please clear your accounts as soon as possible, while also renewing membership and ordering High Holiday seats. Please note that membership rates for High Holiday Seats are only available to members who have cleared their accounts for the shul fiscal year ending July 31. If you have any questions, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The talent of Stuart Harris z”l for continuously sustaining kiddush sponsorship on a weekly basis was truly amazing. Our wonderful kiddush tradition has allowed members and friends to get to know one another and socialize in a place of kedusha, holiness. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition, and we ask for your ongoing support.

Please contact Yakira (yakira@yicbh.org) or Shelly Lisbon (slisbon7346@aol.com) if you would like to sponsor a kiddush. We are currently looking for sponsors through August.

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.

The Refuah Fund, established about a year ago to provide meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva, needs a desperate replenishment of funds. 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.

The Refuah committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Refuah fund!
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron Sunday-Friday after Schacharis
- Summer learning session (Beis Midrash night) July 12, 19, 26 and August 2. Thursdays 7:00PM “Halacha Issues-From the Talmud to Modern Day Poskim”.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week commemorates the Shloshim for Stuart Harris z"l, and is in memory of Penny's mother, Myrtle Mullens z"l -- it is sponsored by Penny Harris, their children, and grandchildren. The Harris family also extends its sincere thanks for the wonderful support and comfort provided by the community.
- This week’s Kiddush is also co-sponsored by Susan and Aaron Weinberg, commemorating the yahrzeit of Susan's father, Morris Fischer, Moshe ben Aryeh z"l.
- This week’s early minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Ginette Dekelbaum in honor of her husband’s Max Dekelbaum birthday.
- Rose Schreiber thanks the entire Young Israel Community for the generosity and kindness in memorializing Rabbi Simeon Schreiber z"l. Simmy had a special place in his heart for our Young Israel. He loved the synagogue and especially cherished his relationship with the people. He would have been moved by the beautiful memorial service of June 20. We have always felt that the Young Israel community is a warm, welcoming family. I am so grateful that the Young Israel family has been there for me in my time of need, and I look forward to many more good years with the community.
- Mazal Tov to Susan & Steven Goldstein on the birth of their grandson, Mazal Tov to the proud parents Elizabeth & Eytan Austein.
- With profound sadness we announce the passing of Dr Joel Kaye z"l (Yoel ben Noach z"l) brother of our esteemed member Susan Packer. May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

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: Shlomo Mayer, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

2018 is a critical election year for future state funding of nonpublic schools. Your vote counts in Florida, and so do the votes of your family members. You can now request mail-in-ballots for your spouse, parents, grandparents, children, siblings, in-laws and in-law siblings. Requesting a mail-in-ballot significantly increases the likelihood of voting. Counties will begin mailing the ballots this Tuesday, meaning voting will start as early as next week. To request a mail-in-ballot visit https://teachadvocacy.org/florida/vote-by-mail/.

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.
**Yahrzeits July 21 – July 27, 2018**

9 AV  Samuel Newborn for his father, Abe Newborn, on Shabbos, July 21  
9 AV  Sheldon Lisbon for his father, Yitzchak Lisbon, on Shabbos, July 21  
9 AV  Steven Rothschild for his mother, Edith Rothschild, on Shabbos, July 21  
10 AV  Gloria Sterental for her husband, Paul Sterental, on Sunday, July 22  
10 AV  Kive Strickoff for his father, Reb Moshe Nosson ben Reb Yosef, on Sunday, July 22[  
12 AV  Jacob Schorr for his father, Moshe Schorr, on Tuesday, July 24  
13 AV  Henry Stern for his mother, Mina Stern, on Wednesday, July 25  
15 AV  Mitchell Kirschne for his mother, Sarah, on Friday, July 27  
15 AV  Steve Brenner for his father, Shmuel Zvi Brenner, on Friday, July 27

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When you e-mail the office please make sure your e-mail is to [yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org) NOT yibh.org  
The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is [florence@yicbh.org](mailto:florence@yicbh.org)

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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.

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**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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If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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