After the tragic plague that wiped out 24,000 Jews because of the sin of idolatry and their relationship with the non-Jewish women of Moav and Midyan, G-d commanded Moshe and Elazar, son of Aharon, to take a new census of the Jewish people. The Torah counts the tribe of Benjamin next to the tribe of Dan. Benjamin had 45,600 men, the fifth smallest tribe. Dan had 64,400 men making it the 2nd largest tribe after Judah which had 76,500. The Chofetz Chaim explains that there is a great lesson to be learned here. Yaakov Avinu came down to Egypt with 70 descendants. His youngest son Benjamin had 10 sons. On the other hand — Yaakov’s son Dan had only one son whose name was Chushim, who also happened to be deaf. If I were to ask you which son, do you think, will you see more success and nachas from, you would undoubtedly say Benjamin. One can only imagine what a family gathering in the house of Yaakov looked like. Gad and Asher each brought their seven sons. Shimon had six and so on. The sons and grandchildren would sit with Yaakov Avinu, discuss Torah, and be inspired by his wisdom and holiness. Tragically, Chushim was
oblivious to what was taking place. Dan probably wondered to himself what will be with my son Chushim and with the future of my tribe in Israel. This is the significance of the contrast between the census of the tribe of Benjamin and that of Dan. From Benjamin’s ten sons came forth a below-average total of 45,600 male descendants. Yet from the tribe of Dan, who had one deaf son, came 64,400 male descendants. What we see from here is that G-d runs the world, and in life one can never predict how things will eventually work out. One can’t give up on a person no matter what the handicap or disability. Many times in life we see that the one who was considered least likely to succeed is the one who produces the greatest achievements, for when there is a G-d in the world, all things are possible. 

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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 (slison7346@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

- Father & child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishit.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- **No 6:30AM Talmud Makos this week. Class will resume Friday July 13, 2018**
- Daf Yomi will resume following minyan on Friday, July 13th.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is unsponsored, if you would like to sponsor this week’s Kiddush please contact Shelly Lisbon, or Yakira at the Shul’s office.
- With profound sadness we announce the passing of Myrtle Mullens z”l, mother of our esteemed member, Penny Harris. Our sincere condolences to Penny Harris and her family.

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.

Youth Program

- Father and Child learning will continue this week during a special Seuda Shlishit upstairs. There will be learning, ice cream, and prizes!!!
- 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

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

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!**
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Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to yakira@yicbh.org by noon on Thursday.

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**Yahrzeits July 7 – July 13, 2018**

- 25 TAMUZ  Stephen Opert for his mother, Sylvia Boxer, on Sunday, July 8
- 27 TAMUZ  Marjorie Blenden for her father, Leonard Diener, on Tuesday, July 10
- 27 TAMUZ  David Kwiat for his father, Moshe Kwiat, on Tuesday, July 10
- 29 TAMUZ  Ginette Dekelbaum for her mother, Margo Azrak, on Thursday, July 12
- 1 AV  Helen Ratzker for her mother, Gitel Moses, on Friday, July 13
- 1 AV  Zohara Weiss for her sister-in-law, Rivka Weiss, on Friday, July 13

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The e-mail for Florence, our receptionist/secretary, is florence@yicbh.org

**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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