“And I have given the Leviim as a gift to Aharon and his sons from among the people of Israel to perform the service of the people of Israel in the tent of meeting and to atone for the people of Israel so that there will be no plague among the people of Israel when the people of Israel approach the sanctuary.” Bamidbar (8:19)

Rashi comments that the words Bnei Yisrael (people of Israel) occur five times in this verse. This is to teach us how much G-d loves the Jewish people. And they are as precious to him as the five books of the Torah. The question arises why according to Rashi was G-d’s great love for the Jewish people mentioned at this point in the Torah? The Chidushei Harim explains that at this point in our Parsha we are discussing the designation of the Levites to perform the service in the Mishkan. This might
engender feelings of inadequacy or jealousy by the rest of the Jewish people that they are not as important or needed like the tribe of Levi. Therefore the Torah is mentioning right at this point how much G-d loves the Jewish People comparing them to the five books of the Torah. Just the way each book of the Torah is necessary and indispensable so too is every Jew from every Tribe. The Jewish people may be divided into Kohanim, Leviim and Yisraelim, but each division is a necessary component which transform us into a cohesive unit called Am Yisrael, the beloved nation of G-d Almighty.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT, and we ask each family that has an outstanding balance to clear your account as soon as possible. The end of our Shul’s fiscal year is rapidly approaching, which also coincides with the summer months when we experience reduced income. We ask for everyone’s support on this very important matter, and each and everyone’s support is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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.
We are all feeling the loss of our dear friend, fellow member and Board member Rabbi Simeon Schreiber. He will sorely missed by all. We are planning a memorial service in his memory on Wednesday June 20th at 6:00PM. Please hold the date.
Yahrzeits June 2 – June 8, 2018

20 SIVAN  Barbara Bermanski for her mother, Chana Leiba, on Sunday, June 3
20 SIVAN  Lois Rosengarten for her grandmother, Rose Kaplinsky, on Sunday, June 3
20 SIVAN  Joel Wiener for his mother, Rivkah Wiener, on Sunday, June 3
21 SIVAN  David Geula for his father, John Geula, on Monday, June 4
22 SIVAN  Zohara Weiss for her father-in-law, Meir Weiss, on Tuesday, June 5
24 SIVAN  Ginette Dekelbaum for her husband, Ezra Sultan, on Thursday, June 7
25 SIVAN  Ralph Herzka for his mother, Esther Herzka, on Friday, June 8
25 SIVAN  Shimmy Gardyn for his mother, Chaya Gardyn, on Friday, June 8
25 SIVAN  Steve Schwartz for his grandmother, Zelda Schwartz, on Friday, June 8

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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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