"If one’s offering is an Olah (elevation offering) from the cattle, he shall bring an unblemished male; he shall bring it into the entrance of the tent of meeting, voluntarily before Hashem." Vayikra 1:3

Rashi explains the words “He shall bring it” -- this teaches us they force him. One might then think he can be forced to bring an offering against his will -- thus, the verse says “voluntarily.” How can you force him, and yet he brings it voluntarily? Says Rashi, we force him until he says I am willing. The Rambam in the Laws of Divorce 2:20 explains this concept as follows. He says, in essence a Jew always wants to do what’s right, but it is the yetzer hora that prevents him from doing so. Thus, when the Bais Din forces a Jew to do the right thing, it is in truth not against his will. The Bais Din just removes the spiritual obstacles placed in his way, allowing the goodness of his neshama to do what is right. However, the Chasam Sofer (Rav Moshe Sofer, 1762-1839) explains this concept in a different way with the following example. A farmer living in a tiny rural community far away from the center of Torah in Jerusalem commits a sin, which obligates him to bring a korban olah. He knows he has to take time off from his farming and make the long trip to Jerusalem. Now his yetzer hora starts working on him and says to him -- true, you sinned, but everybody makes mistakes. You don’t have time now to travel to Jerusalem. He brings his offering, and says to himself -- I am willing; I don’t have to be forced to do it.

Shabbos
- Candle Lighting: 7:11PM
- Mincha/Kabbalas: 7:00PM
- Shabbos: 8:15AM
- Talmud Sotah: 8:00AM
- Early Minyan: 9:00AM
- Shacharis: 6:10PM
- Mincha: 7:00PM
- Havdalah: 8:15PM

Weekday
- Talmud Shiur: 6:15AM
- Daf Yomi: 7:00/8:00AM
- Shacharis: 8:00AM
- Mincha: 7:00/8:00AM

Taanis Esther, Wednesday March 20. Fast begins 6:13AM, Fast ends 8:06PM
Megilla Reading: Wed 8:00PM sharp, Thu 7:30AM, 8:30AM and 3:45PM
Next Fri Candle Lighting 7:15PM
Jerusalem; who is going to take care of the farm while you are away? Can you really afford to spend so much money to buy a korban for such a small sin? Are you a bigger tzadik than your next-door neighbor -- he sinned? Does he go to Jerusalem to bring korbonos? The farmer fights his yetzer hora and takes the trip. When he finally gets to Jerusalem, he is exhausted and a little depressed why he took the trip. What about my farm? Then he comes to the courtyard of the Beis Hamikdash and his attitude goes through a metamorphosis. The farmer is entranced by the Holiness. He is awed by the sight of the Kohanim in their service of the Temple. He listens to the Leviyim sing. He sees the great Sanhedrin in session and witnesses the miracles that take place in the Beis Hamikdash on a daily basis. He is caught up in the atmosphere of Holiness and has this overwhelming desire to get close to Hashem. The yetzer hora is defeated; the farmer brings his sacrifice with joy and happiness to G-d and begs His forgiveness. This, says the Chasam Sofer, is what the verse means. At first he brings the korban against his will; however, once he is at the Holy Mikdash he is inspired and gives it willingly. This could apply to all of us as well.

There is a tzedaka appeal. You question, "should I give or not give? It’s a tough economy. I already have given to so many other worthy causes." Finally, you write a check almost by force, but once you give it, you feel good and you’re happy you have another mitzvah of tzedaka as a great merit for you and your family. My friends, next week is Purim and then comes Pesach. On Purim, there is a great Mitzvah of Matanos L’evyonim – Tzadaka for the poor, and of course the Mitzvah of maos chitim to help those less fortunate than us to make Pesach. This is a generous community which is constantly asked to contribute. Our sages tell us: according to the difficulty is the reward. Please respond generously. You’ll see that when you do so you’ll be glad you did because helping other Jews is what it’s all about.

Sefer-Darchei Noam
Have an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

PURIM 2019

Purim Seudah: Young Israel invites you to Persian Nights. Thursday March 21, 5:00PM-8:00PM at Young Israel. $60 member, $70 nonmember, Children $36. Please RSVP. We extended the deadline to March 18, Please RSVP ASAP. Megillah reading: 3:45PM followed by Seudah.

Mishloach Manot: We would like to thank the community for participating in the Happy Purim and making it very successful!

- We need volunteers for the following: Sunday, March 17th 1:00PM-4:00PM (Package and seal gift packages), Monday, March 18th: families can pick up their basket. Volunteers will be needed on Wednesday night, after Megillah, to help distribute baskets.
- Please let us know if you are not here on Purim day
- Please email the Shul’s office if you would like to donate your basket to the Food bank.

Matanos L’Evyonim: Please give your Matanos L’Evyonim donation to the office at your earliest convenience. As in the past, donations in cash simplify the process, but donations by check or credit card are also, of course, greatly appreciated. Donations will be collected up until 10 AM Purim morning.

Happy Purim!
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Father & Child program during Seudat Shlishit upstairs.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Aryeh Citron Sunday-Friday after Shacharit.
- Talmud Class by Rabbi Gruenstein, Monday-Friday 6:30AM
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser – for women only.
- Tuesday March 19 at 11:30AM – Lunch and Learn – on Megillas Esther and the true meaning of Purim and its laws by Rabbi Gruenstein.
- Wednesday March 20, 8:00PM – Women’s Navi class. No class this week.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is co-sponsored by Golda & Martin Jacobs in Memory of Marty’s father, Ernest Jacobs, Yonah ben Moshe HaKohen z”l; and and by Susan & Jack Gluck commemorating the yahrzeit of Jack’s mother Edith Gluck z”l (Chana bas Yizhak Isaac z”l)
- Early minyan kiddush is sponsored by Janet & Sholom Spitz in observance of the yahrzeit of Sholom’s father, R’ Naftali Tzvi Spitz z”l and in honor of their dear friends Fred Farbman and Bob Hartman.
- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Lydia Gruenstein z”l (Sima bas Moshe Yoseph z”l) mother of our Rav, Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein.
- A warm welcome to our new members Talia & Keith Harari.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Shelly Lisbon, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga, Sari Rollhaus and Miriam Weinschneider.

Youth Program

- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishit.
- We are launching a new program connecting Youth to spend time with Seniors in our community and learn from them. Any Youth as well as Seniors interested in signing up or for more information, please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org. All others are encouraged to submit/recommend names via email as well.
- 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 and those interested in attending the upcoming AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington D.C. later this month, please speak to Rabbi Fried.
Yahrzeits March 16-22, 2019

9 ADAR II  Michael Levine for his mother, Ruth Levine, on Shabbos, Mar. 16
9 ADAR II  Heshie Greenblatt for his brother, Bernie Greenblatt, Pinchas Binyamin ben Yekutiel Zev, on Shabbos, Mar. 16
10 ADAR II  Leon Brum for his father, Philip Brum, on Sunday, Mar. 17
10 ADAR II  Martin Jacobs for his father, Yona Jacobs, on Sunday, Mar. 17
10 ADAR II  Freda Greenbaum for her father, Max Fairowicz, on Sunday, Mar. 17
12 ADAR II  Victor Pinter for his father, Paul Pinter, on Tuesday, Mar. 19
12 ADAR II  Rachel Neuman for her father, Moshe Trompoler, on Tuesday, Mar. 19
13 ADAR II  Miriam Weinschneider for her father, Efraim, on Wednesday, Mar. 20
13 ADAR II  Dena Aber for her father, Harav Yechezkel ben Avrohom Moshe Halevi, on Wednesday, Mar. 20
13 ADAR II  Mimie Rose for her father, Harry Rutkowski, on Wednesday, Mar. 20
14 ADAR II  Jane Senders for her father, Aaron, on Thursday, Mar. 21
15 ADAR II  Toby Wolf for her mother, Goldie Stein, on Friday, Mar. 22

Please report any errors or omissions to the Young Israel office or email stevenbarryschwartz@gmail.com

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.

This week, the Florida Senate Education Committee voted favorably on a new state scholarship program to support students in nonpublic schools. The bill has many more hurdles to overcome, but it is the first step in bringing additional state funding to our families and schools. The House companion bill is expected to be introduced within the next week. To advocate for these bills email teachflorida@teachcoalition.org.

Tasting of Israeli Wines & Hors d’oeuvres March 19 at 7:30PM
To benefit the Kosher Food Bank of South Florida.
Please see Shelly or Eddie Senker for more information.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis, please contact Yakira at (305) 866-0203 or Max Dekelbaum (240) 832-5054

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