Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Adar II
Rosh Chodesh will be Thursday & Friday

Every man whose heart inspired him came.
Shemos 35:21

The Ramban comments that of all the craftsmen that were involved in building the Tabernacle and its vessels, none of the people involved had ever learned the skills necessary to be part of such a project. They were former slaves in Egypt who were never involved in such intricate and delicate work. Yet the one ingredient they did have was passion, a tremendous desire to fulfill the word of G-d and build a home for him. The Ramban is teaching us that when we have passion to do G-d’s work, you will receive a special dose of seyata dishmaya (assistance from Heaven) to accomplish what your heart desires. This is how the famous life-saving organization of Hatzalah began. It started with one Jew named Hershel Weber, who had absolutely no experience in this field at all. However, because of a certain tragic incident and a slow response to an emergency call, he decided to do something about it. Hershel took a CPR course, purchased a couple of oxygen tanks and other equipment, then convinced a few friends to join him – and that’s how Hatzalah was born. Today, thousands of lives have been saved by this very special organization because there was one man who was נשה עלRibose鹤 whose heart was inspired to do something and the rest is history.
As we come together to celebrate our annual dinner this Sunday, one can say that we followed in a small way the saga of those who built the Tabernacle. The task of building this Shul was daunting, to say the least, and there were those who said it couldn’t be done. But this community is blessed with people who were inspired to do what seemed an impossible task. As the Ramban says, there is a special siyata dishmaya (assistance from G-d) that accompanies those who are inspired to do His will with great self-sacrifice, and today we are enjoying the fruits of the herculean effort that went into transforming a dream into reality. Mazel Tov to all the honorees and may you continue from strength to strength in helping to build a more vibrant spiritual and physical oasis within our community. May G-d bless us through unity of purpose to make our Young Israel a true place of Torah and Tefila which will be a catalyst in bringing the redemption of our people that much closer to fruition. May that time come speedily in our days. Have an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

ANNUAL DINNER NEWS
Our 2019 Journal Dinner begins this Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 6:00pm in our beautiful social hall
Honoring Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein
Paying tribute to all our Past Presidents:
Leon Brum, Daniel Courtney, Max Dekelbaum, Jack Gluck,
Morris Kaplan, David Kwiat, Shelly Lisbon, Aaron Weinberg

Thanks to all of you, this is our most successful dinner yet, with our largest Journal ever and a capacity crowd attending!
A special thank you to our amazing Dinner Committee, headed by Meir Cosiol and Mali & Steve Schwartz.
MAZAL TOV TO RABBI & RENA
AND TO ALL THE PAST PRESIDENTS!

Mazel Tov to all members of our newly elected Board of Directors:
Meir Cosiol, Daniel Courtney, Max Dekelbaum, Fred Farbman, Jack Gluck, Martin Jacobs, Israel Kopel, Sheldon Lisbon, Jared Plitt, Menno Ratzker, Mali Schwartz, Ianna Sterenfeld, Ira Sussman, Michael Szafranski, Aaron Weinberg

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!
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Saturday night 7:40PM – Father & Child program.
- 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 Aryeh Citron, Monday-Friday 6:30AM
- Tuesdays 2:00PM-3:00PM – Weekly Character Development Workshop given by Rabbi Berel Simpser – for women only.
- Lunch and Learn – Three-part series on Megillas Esther and the true meaning of Purim and its laws by Rabbi Gruenstein starting Monday March 4th at 11:30AM.
- Wednesday March 6, 8:00PM – Women’s Navi class. This week at the home of Mera Treisman 9511 Collins Ave. #507 Surfside, FL 33154
- Monday, March 11, 11:30AM – YI Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Lunch and Learn – a vegan cooking demonstration with Batel Gershovitz, a cookbook author and food blogger.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Meir & Batya Cosiol, Menno & Helen Ratzker and by Steve & Mali Schwartz in honor of Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein.
- This week’s early minyan kiddush is co-sponsored by Aryeh & Channy Citron in memory of their grandparents, Yekusiel Zusman ben Shmuel Menachem Mendel and Eliyahu Chayim ben Naftoly; and by anonymous.
- Last week’s early minyan kiddush was sponsored by Fred & Judy Farbman in honor of the 21st birthdays of Heshy Freundlich and Seymour Pinewski.
- Mazal Tov to Nicole & Marc Gleitman on the birth of their granddaughter in Israel last Sunday. Mazal Tov to the parents Danielle and Eli Renov.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Shelly Lisbon, Allen Packer, Minnie Schraga.

Youth Program

- This will be the last week of Father & Child learning after Shabbos. This week we will start at 7:40pm. Starting next week we will continue upstairs during Seudat Shlissit. A special thank you to Max Dekelbaum for helping arrange for us to have such delicious Pizza each week throughout this session.
- A new program connecting Youth to spend time with Seniors in our community and learn from them is in the process of being launched. 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.
Young Israel Congregation
Shmooze News
Parshas Vayakhel – Shekalim, March 2, 2019

Yahrzeits March 2 -March 8, 2019

27 ADAR I Andrew Lowinger for his father, Meir Moshe ben Benzion Halevi, on Monday, Mar. 4
27 ADAR I Eleazer Hirmes for his brother, Menachem Hirmes, on Monday, Mar. 4
27 ADAR I Rena Gruenstein for her mother, Baila, on Monday, Mar. 4
27 ADAR I Etella Marcovici for her father, Eliyahu Arieh Lebovits, on Monday, Mar. 4
30 ADAR I Helen Ratzker for her nephew, Avraham Dovid Moses, on Thursday, Mar. 7
1 ADAR II Judy Tuchman for her mother, Esther Gruss, on Friday, Mar. 8

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

78% of Florida voters believe parents should be able to decide where their children go to school and 72% support expanding state Education Scholarship Accounts to serve more students, according to a recent study by the Foundation for Excellence in Education. If you want to advocate for expanded scholarship legislation this session email teachflorida@teachcoalition.org.

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.

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

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

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

Please submit all insertions for the Shmooze News to yakira@yicbh.org by noon on Thursday