There is a Biblical prohibition of eating the discarded sinew on the hip socket to this day, because Jacob struck Esau's hip socket on the displaced sinew. This verse is the source in the Torah for the Biblical prohibition of eating the Gid Hanasheh, the sciatic nerve, which branches out from the area of the spinal column of an animal and runs down the inner side of its leg. The Sefer Hachinuch in Mitzvah #3 explains the rationale and lesson behind this Mitzvah. He says at the root of this Mitzvah is the guarantee that, even though the Jewish people will suffer much persecution and anguish in exile at the hands of the descendants of Esau, the Jewish people will not perish. Their progeny and name will endure forever and eventually they will build themselves up despite all the adversity in becoming a great nation. And just as G-d saved Yaakov from the angel of Esau, so too will He save us from the hands of all our oppressors till Moshiach comes and redeems us. The words of the Sefer Hachinuch were written seven centuries ago. They offer some small comfort to the post-Holocaust generation whose parents and grandparents unfortunately came into contact with the angel of Esau in the guise of the Nazis who snuffed out the lives of six million of our brothers and sisters.

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(Sefer: Emrei-Kohen)

Have an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Community Chanukah party, Sunday December 9th, 2018 2:30PM-5:00PM
2:30-4:00pm: Delicious Food & Chanukah treats catered by Yaakov Mizrachi’s Elegant Catering
Special Guest Musician
Children’s Chanukah Character Show
Candle-making Workshop
4:00-5:00pm: Mentalist/Magician/illusionist show by the famous Coby Elimelech flying in from Toronto, Canada!
Followed by Mincha, Menorah Lighting & Maariv

We proudly announce that at this year’s Annual Dinner our Shul will be celebrating our 20th anniversary and our guests of honor will be our Rabbi and Rebbetzin Gruenstein together with all of our past Presidents.

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.
Classes and Upcoming Events

- 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 Gruenstein, Monday-Friday 6:30AM
- Father & Child program will be at 7:00PM Saturday night.
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra, at Young Israel (through January 14).
- Wednesdays at 8:00PM – weekly class on the book of Shmuel I for women. Shiur will be held at a different home each week.
- Thursdays at 8:00PM – weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos. A user-friendly shiur in the laws of Shabbos for men and women in the Young Israel Beis Midrash.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is co-sponsored by Robert & Pessia Frankel commemorating the yahrzeit of Robert’s mother Rachel bat Aharon Eliezer z”l; and by Sam & Marina Schwartz commemorating the yahrzeit of Sam’s mother Elona Schwartz z”l.
- Early minyan Kiddush last week was sponsored by Dr. Jacob and Debbie Shafran. This week’s sponsors are Fred & Judy Farbman in honor of Israel Kopel and Michael Szafranski.
- This week’s seuda shlishit is sponsored by Robert & Pessia Frankel commemorating the yahrzeit of Robert’s mother Rachel bat Aharon Eliezer z”l, and in memory of Stuart Harris z”l.
- Mazal Tov to Stephen and Bella Brenner on the birth of a granddaughter, Ella Shae Litwin. Mazal tov to parents Ariel and Brad Litwin.
- Mazal Tov to Aaron & Yakira Navarro on the engagement of their daughter Maya Rose Siman-Tov to Jonathan Zecharia Falk from Baltimore. Mazal Tov to parents Elliot & Nava Garbaty.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Golda Brown & Harry Krakowsky.

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, Shelly Lisbon, Effry Steinmetz (Ephraim ben Leah).

Youth Program

- Any Middle School students that are interested in signing up for an exciting Shabbaton on December 7th please speak to Rabbi Fried
- 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
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Shmooze News
Parshas Vayishlah, November 24, 2018

Yahrzeits November 24 – November 30, 2018

16 KISLEV Rhoda Lipton for her father, Eli Zukerman, on Shabbos, Nov. 24
16 KISLEV Roberta Geula for her father, Jack Kono, on Shabbos, Nov. 24
16 KISLEV Paul Bermanski for his father, Yisrael Yitzchak Bermanski, on Shabbos, Nov. 24
17 KISLEV Murray Laulicht for his father, Abraham Chaskell Goldwasser, on Sunday, Nov. 25
17 KISLEV Moshe Rubner for his father, Klonymus Kalman ben Moshe Rubner, on Sunday, Nov. 25
18 KISLEV Carol Strickoff for her mother, Rochel bat Yehuda Yitzchak, on Monday, Nov. 26
18 KISLEV Jeff Weiss for his mother, Magdalina Weiss, on Monday, Nov. 26
19 KISLEV Oded Ben-Arie for his mother, Rivka Yaakov, on Tuesday, Nov. 27
20 KISLEV Lois Rosengarten for her grandmother, Sarah Leah Dworkin, on Wednesday, Nov. 28
20 KISLEV Alfredo Frohlich for his mother, Elli Frohlich, on Wednesday, Nov. 28
21 KISLEV Murray Laulicht for his grandmother, Leah Grunfeld, on Thursday, Nov. 29
22 KISLEV Ann Kwiat for her grandmother, Yeshua Bat Moshia, on Friday, Nov. 30
22 KISLEV Gloria Sterental for her mother-in-law, Mery Sterental, on Friday, Nov. 30
22 KISLEV Alex Spira for his father, Avraham Spira, on Friday, Nov. 30
22 KISLEV Robert Frankel for his mother, Rachel Frankel, on Friday, Nov. 30

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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.

Teach Florida will celebrate the Jewish community’s tremendous voter turnout at our annual legislative breakfast on Sunday January 13th. Turn votes into action when you meet elected officials and thank them for their support to make our schools safe and affordable. Visit teachadvocacy.org/florida/donate to register or email teachflorida@teachcoalition.org with questions.

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

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