**Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Friday-Saturday**
**Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Zaret**

“ויהי בנסעם מקדם וימצאו בקעה בארץ שנער וישבו שם”

“And it came to pass when they travelled from the east they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.”

**Bereishit 11:2**

This valley of Shinar was where they were going to build the tower of Babel to rebel against G-d. Rav Chaim Sonnenfeld z”l asks if they were planning to build a tower that would reach up to the heavens, why start in a valley? Wouldn’t you want to get a head start and build the tower from the tallest mountain? The answer is, true they wanted to build an edifice up the heavens but they wanted to do it on their own. “Without any help from G-d.” If they would build it on a mountain that means they were availing themselves of a natural height supplied by G-d and their whole point was to show they don’t need G-d. By forfeiting the recognition that G-d is the ultimate power to whom we are beholden, one inevitably ends up...
pursuing his goals without any moral compunction at all. That’s why the sages tell us that the builders of the tower would get very upset when a tool or building material would break or become lost, but when a person was killed in a work accident they wouldn’t give it a second thought. In their zeal to prove they have no need for G-d, they elevate their godless ideologies to a supreme level, were human compassion and individual rights have no meaning or importance unless it functions to further their great cause. One can find many examples of this distortion and perversion in the animal rights and environmental movements, where the rights of animals and the planet many times supersede the rights of man himself. In the universe of G-d, man is the crown and glory of creation and the entire world was created to serve him. Yes, there is a delicate balance of how to deal with the environment and other issues of concern, but the answer is not to remove G-d from the picture, just the opposite – we need to embrace Him, for only through the wisdom of G-d and His Torah can man navigate the thorny issues of life.

Sefer Chochmas Chaim

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

We are very proud to announce that our Young Israel Congregation’s new building has received the prestigious

AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE PRIZE FOR:
2017 DESIGN OF THE YEAR - CELEBRATING THE BEST IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Tremendous Mazel Tov for something so well deserved to Jack, Israel, and Joey, for your Herculean efforts and a labor of love.
We are all so proud.
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Father and Child Shabbos after Mincha.
- December 8-9, Young couples Shabbaton, Guest lecturer Rabbi Jonathan Rietti

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Dr. Larry & Belinda Zaret in honor of their son Ethan’s Bar Mitzvah.
- Seudah Shlishit is co-sponsored by Dr. Stuart & Tova Courtney and Shelly & Mindy Weisel in honor of their grandson, Sammy Courtney’s one-year Bar Mitzvah anniversary; and by Jack & Ianna Sterenfeld commemorating the yahrzeit of Ianna’s father, Shalom Avraham ben Israel z”l.
- Mazal Tov to our Rabbi and Rebbetzein on the birth of a grandson. Mazal Tov to parents Mordechai & Shoshana Gruenstein.
- Mazel Tov to Susan and Aaron Weinberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jesse Price, son of Rena and Dr. Richard Price; and on the birth of a grandson, Yaakov Dov, to parents Josh and Sara Weinberg.
- Welcome to our new members Yonah & Lauren Bardos, and Victor & Mindy Pinter.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Allen Packer, Alexander ben Esther Raizel, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Shimon ben Blima, Dani Smith, Doniel ben Mindel.

Youth Program

- Any Teen Boys that are still interested in attending an exciting Beis Medrash style Boys only Shabbaton on October 27th please speak to Rabbi Fried. Some of the great features include a Friday night Tisch/Oneg and Motzei Shabbos Basketball Tournament.
- All youth that would still like to attend the fun rollerskating event on Sunday Oct 29th, please see separate flyer for more details.
- On November 5th, 19th and 26th from 1:30pm until 3:30pm there will be a unique Medical Clowning training for all youth. Please contact Rabbi Fried for more details about this fascinating, fun and important event that will help train you for the beautiful Mitzvah of cheering up those who are sick or have special needs.
- Any High School Teens that are interested in attending an exciting Shabbaton (November 10-12) and then heading to Orlando on Sunday please see separate flyer for more details.
- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudat Shlishit with treats & prizes!
- 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 or attend via Skype please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org
Yahrzeits Oct 21-27

1 CHESHVAN, 5778  Golda Jacobs for her father, Yaakov Katz, on Shabbos, October 21, 2017
1 CHESHVAN, 5778  Lawrence Sheftel for his father, Michel Shlomo Sheftel, on Shabbos, October 21, 2017
1 CHESHVAN, 5778  Ianna Sterenfeld for her father, Shalom Avraham Raim, on Shabbos, October 21, 2017
3 CHESHVAN, 5778  Sarah Golda Cook for her mother, Shoshana, on Monday, October 23, 2017
4 CHESHVAN, 5778  Judy Farbman for her father, Ernie Gerstle, on Tuesday, October 24, 2017
6 CHESHVAN, 5778  Murray Laulicht for his father, Philip Laulicht, on Thursday, October 26, 2017
6 CHESHVAN, 5778  Moises Tabacinic for his father, Menachem Mendel Tabacinic, on Thursday, October 26, 2017

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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.

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

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