In reference to the evil city of Sodom, the question is asked why they were not given many years of advance warning that a calamity will come upon them unless they repent. Whereas by the generation of the flood, they were warned for 120 years that an apocalyptic event would take place unless they did teshuva. The answer is very telling and unfortunately very applicable to our time today. The דור המבול (the generation of the flood) committed many terrible transgressions because of their yetzer hora, for they had a powerful evil inclination for every vice you can imagine but they didn’t justify it. Therefore, there was a chance they would see the error of their ways. However, the problem with Sodom was that their corrupt and evil deeds were a way of life. They legitimized their negative behavior, it was part of their charter and mission statement to withhold charity and be sadistically cruel to those who dared ask for hospitality and charity. Somehow, in their perverted minds, they formed a philosophy that they were doing society a favor. Once you legitimize and put a hechsher on immoral and decadent behavior, then there is no more hope that you will change, and that’s why Sodom was not given any advance warning. A good example is today’s western culture of morality in 2018, where all types of immoral, deviant behavior have been accepted and legitimized as normal with an attitude of “live and let live.” The take away lesson from here is that the only way a person can change course in life is if they are open to the truth.
Once a person is willing to hear the truth, even though it may be painful at first, the opportunities for personal growth and fulfillment can not only begin but flourish. Unfortunately, the philosophy of Sodom is still alive and well. May G-d enlighten us by shining the light of truth upon us through the observance of Mitzvos and the study of Torah that we may have the strength to stand up and do what’s right.

**Have an inspiring Shabbos!**

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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**Bikur Cholim Dinner – Message from Family**

For those planning on contributing to, or attending, the Bikur Cholim dinner in memory of Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, we gratefully request that your ad or listing specifies “In memory of Rabbi Schreiber” in the “additional information” box located at the bottom of the registration form. That will insure that the money you donate will be earmarked specifically to the 2 projects our father kept close to his heart and it will enable us, his children and grandchildren, to honor his life and continue his legacy for many years to come.

Tizku l’mitzvot!

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**Upcoming Scholar-In-Residence Shabbatons – Save the Dates**

**December 14-15:** Young Professionals Shabbaton  
**December 21-22:** NCSY Shabbaton  
**January 25-26:** Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi Dr. Dovid Katz, Rav of Congregation Beth Abraham, Baltimore.  
**February 22-23:** Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, Rav of Kehillat Nitzanim, Baka, Jerusalem.  
Formerly Rabbi of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, Tennessee.  
Shabbaton brochures to follow.

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**Hazzan Israel Rand from The Great Synagogue of Ramat Gan Returns for a Solo Encore Shabbat, November 9-10**

*Sponsored by Howard Barbanel*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

YICBH Sisterhood is pleased to announce the Kickoff Sisterhood Brunch to be held on Tuesday November 13 at 10:30 am at Cine Citta. The topic will be Estate Planning - A Woman’s Perspective. Invitations to follow.

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The talent of Stuart Harris z”l for continuously sustaining kiddush sponsorship on a weekly basis was truly amazing. Our wonderful kiddush tradition has allowed members and friends to get to know one another and socialize in a place of kedusha, holiness. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition, and we ask for your ongoing support. Please contact Yakira ([yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:yakira@yicbh.org)), Shelly Lisbon ([slisbon7346@aol.com](mailto:slisbon7346@aol.com)) or Max Dekelbaum ([maxied721@aol.com](mailto:maxied721@aol.com)) if you would like to sponsor a Kiddush.

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**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](http://www.yiplaques.com).

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Congregational Family and Shul News

Parshas Vayeira, October 27, 2018

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 and Child during Seuda Shlishit upstairs.
- Mondays 8:00PM-8:45PM – Community Learning Program with Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Toras Emes and Bais Midrash Zichron Ezra October 8 through January 14, at Young Israel.
- Thursdays 8:00PM (starting Thursday November 1) – weekly class in Hilchos Shabbos. A user-friendly shiur in the laws of Shabbos for men and women in the Young Israel Beis Midrash.
- Wednesday 8:00PM (starting November 7) – weekly class on the book of Shmuel I for women. Shiur will be held at a different home each week. The first Shiur will be at the home of Ianna Sterenfeld.

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- Mazal tov to Nolan Hayden (Noam Chen) Senker on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Mazal tov to parents Bianca & Joey Senker, brothers Jonas and Liam, grandparents Shelly & Eddie Senker and Sarah & Billy Bell, and great grandfather Sam Solnik.
- Seuda Shlishit this week is being sponsored by Jack and Susan Gluck commemorating the yahrzeit of Jack's father, Milton Gluck, Mordechai Ben Yaakov z"l.

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.

Youth Program

- Any Youth that are interested in signing up for an exciting Shabbaton please speak to Rabbi Fried about the following options: for 9th-12th grade on November 2; for only 9th Graders on Nov 16; for middle school on Dec 7.
- Father and Child learning will continue this week during a special Shalosh Seudos upstairs. There will be learning, ice cream, and prizes!!!
- 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

We would like to invite our members to a Security meeting this Sunday, October 28, from 12 noon – 1:00 PM. Members will have an opportunity to meet our volunteer emergency management team, learn about our new emergency response protocols, and have the opportunity to participate in two security drills along with our Shul’s security team, consultants, local, regional, and federal law enforcement. Member participation is greatly appreciated.

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!
Yahrzeits October 27 – November 2, 2018

18 CHESHVAN  Diane Cole for her father, Moshe ben Yitzhak, on Shabbos, Oct. 27
18 CHESHVAN  Ellen Adelsberg for her father on Shabbos, Oct. 27
18 CHESHVAN  Jerry Seligsohn for his mother, Selma Seligsohn, on Shabbos, Oct. 27
19 CHESHVAN  Andrew Lowinger for his mother, Minka bas Moshe Shmuel, on Sunday, Oct. 28
20 CHESHVAN  Shelley Rindner for her mother, Raizel Berger, on Monday, Oct. 29
21 CHESHVAN  Stephen Jacobson for his sister, Bat Zion Chad, on Tuesday, Oct. 30
22 CHESHVAN  Andrea Frohlich for her father, Albert Sherman, on Wednesday, Oct. 31
22 CHESHVAN  Jack Gluck for his father, Milton Gluck, on Wednesday, Oct. 31

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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.

With the future of $20 million in Florida Jewish school funding at stake, cast your vote. The key races are neck and neck, so your vote will make a difference. Send in your mail in ballot or early vote from 7 AM – 7 PM through November 4th. You can vote at North Shore Library on 75th and Collins or email teachflorida@ou.org for other locations.

Hatzalah (305) 919-4900

E-mail communication

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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

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