On Simchas Torah we conclude the annual reading of the Torah and then begin again with Bereishis. There is no break in Torah. Torah is like a circle -- there is no beginning and there is no end. Torah is the wisdom of G-d Al-mighty himself. The uninterrupted continuity of Torah also means that there can be no part of life that is separated from Torah. We observe Torah not only when we study it and perform its mitzvos, but also when we eat, sleep, engage in commerce or in any other activity. Torah is the heart of a Jew and is the heart of Judaism. Without it, we would have ceased being the Jewish nation a long time ago. The last letter in the Torah is lamed. The first letter in the Torah is beis. These two letters form the word lev (heart) to teach us that Torah is our heart, both collectively and individually. The heart is indispensable to life as it distributes the life giving liquid called blood throughout the body. So, too, Torah distributes the spiritual nourishment that enables us to be spiritual beings and "G-dly people" rather than simple homo sapiens, hominoids with some intellect. It is living a life of Torah that gives us the distinction and dignity.
of being human. Our sages tell us that G-d says, "I created the yetzer hara (evil inclination) and Torah study is its only antidote." Therefore, as we conclude the glorious Yom Tov with Simchas Torah, where we dance, sing and show great honor to the Torah, let us remember that the greatest honor we can bestow upon the Torah is to study it; and by delving into the living, breathing word of G-d Himself, we forge that unique and special relationship with Him which allows us to be the recipients of his manifold blessings. May this coming year bring with it a new energized commitment to Torah study and may it be a year where G-d's blessings shine upon the Jewish people. A year that we merit the ultimate blessing of the redemption and the coming of Mashiach, may he come speedily in our days.

Have an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Upcoming Scholar-In-Residence Shabbatons – Save the Dates
November 30-December 1: Young Couples Shabbaton
January 25-26: Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi David Katz
February 22-23: Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi Shai Finkelstein

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) or Shelly Lisbon (slisbon7346@aol.com) if you would like to sponsor a kiddush.

The Refuah Fund, established about a year ago to provide meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva, needs a desperate replenishment of funds. 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.

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.
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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.

Congregational Family and Shul News

• Kiddush this Shabbos is unsponsored, if you wish to sponsor the Kiddush please contact the Shul’s office and we will advertise it in the next Shmooze news.
• Mazal Tov to Jane Shapiro on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Dovie Shapiro.
• We regret to inform you the passing of Abe Senders z”l brother of our esteemed member Willy Senders. May the family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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 High School Teens that are interested in signing up for an exciting Shabbaton (November 2nd), 9th Grade only (Nov 16th) or middle school students (Dec 7th) please speak to Rabbi Fried for more details.
• 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
Yahrzeits October 6 – October 12, 2018

27 TISHREI  Naomi Mayer for her father, Emanuel Sklar, on Shabbos, Oct. 6
27 TISHREI  Rena Gruenstein for her brother on Shabbos, Oct. 6
27 TISHREI  Keith Berman for his mother, Gittel, on Shabbos, Oct. 6
28 TISHREI  Sherry Eidelman for her mother, Leah, on Sunday, Oct. 7
30 TISHREI  Alex Lebowitz for his mother, Freida Lebowitz, on Tuesday, Oct. 9
1 CHESHVAN  Golda Jacobs for her father, Yaakov Katz, on Wednesday, Oct. 10
1 CHESHVAN  Ianna Sterenfeld for her father, Shalom Avraham Raim, on Wednesday, Oct. 10
1 CHESHVAN  Lawrence Sheftel for his father, Michel Shlomo Sheftel, on Wednesday, Oct. 10
3 CHESHVAN  Sarah Cook for her mother, Liebka Fayga bas Chanoch, on Friday, Oct. 12

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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.

Voting for the November 6 election: early voting starts Oct. 22, or request a mail-in ballot. The Jewish community wins if we have a strong turnout because elected officials pay attention to communities that vote. Make sure EVERYONE in your community is registered to vote by Oct. 9. Registration can be done online at www.teachadvocacy.org/florida/vote.

E-mail communication

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

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