“And all these blessings will come upon you, and they will reach you.” Devarim (28:2)

The blessings of the Torah seem to do two things. They come upon you and they also reach you. Isn’t this really repetitious – coming upon you and reaching you seem to be the same thing? The answer is, the Torah is telling us that first the blessing will come upon you, and secondly it will reach you, which means you will be satisfied with those blessings. It happens many times that G-d showers a person with many blessings -- health, family, and wealth -- and still the person is not satisfied. What good are the blessings if they are not appreciated. So, when the verse says “they will reach you,” it’s coming to tell you that you are not truly blessed in life if you don’t appreciate the blessings that you have. Only if it penetrates, if it reaches you, then are you truly a blessed person.

Sefer- Rabbi Frand on the Parasha

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:
Jack and Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z”l and Nicholas Brecher z”l;
Stuart Harris in honor of Penny Harris; and
Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z”l and
Morris & Nellie Fischer z”l.
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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.

**The Refuah committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Refuah fund!**

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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.
- Father and Child during Seuda Shlishit upstairs.
- Monday September 3, 2018 after Maariv, class with Rabbi Gruenstein. Topic: Fascenating Halachic relevant for Rosh Hshana and Yom Kippur

Congregational Family and Shul News

- This week’s Kiddush is co-sponsored by Jeffrey & Lillian Glick in memory of Lillian’s mother Shaindle Riva bas David z”l; and by the following: Yoram & Yleana Izhak, Joel & Marsha Sussman, David & Rachel Herman, Jared & Tami Plitt, Jonathan Gerzsberg, Jack & Shelly Benveniste.
- Last week’s early minyan Kiddush was sponsored by Alan Marcus in honor of the shloshim of his father.
- Seuda shlishit this week is co-sponsored by Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein commemorating the yahrzeit of Rabbi’s father Yitzchak Yehuda ben Moshe Yaakov z”l; and by David & Rachel Herman commemorating the yahrzeit of David’s mother Aliza Bas Avraham (Joyce Herman o'h).
- Sunday September 2, Rabbi Avraham Benzaken, who is an outstanding sofer, will be available to check your tefillin and mezuzos following our 8:00AM morning minyan.
- A warm welcome to our new members, Estephanie & Logan Gans; Jacob Coopersmith; Bruce & Amy Gelb, Todd Stock & Tina Svetkova.

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, Howard Barbanel.

Youth Program

- Any Parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Rosh Hashana program please speak to Rabbi Fried.
- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seuda Shlishit with treats & prizes!
- During Labor Day weekend on Sunday night Sept 2nd at 9pm there will be a High School event at Ninja Lounge. Admission includes unlimited facility use & special kosher food. RSVP by emailing RabbiFried@YICBH.org
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting or attend via Skype please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.

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.
Yahrzeits September 1 – September 7, 2018

21 ELUL  Max Dekelbaum for his grandmother-in-law, Yetta Schneider, on Shabbos, Sep. 1, 2018
22 ELUL  Greta Hirmes for her mother, Bessie A. Cohen, on Sunday, Sep. 2, 2018
22 ELUL  Louise Wolinettz for her father, Samuel Adelsberg, on Sunday, Sep. 2, 2018
22 ELUL  Irwin Adelsberg for his father, Father, on Sunday, Sep. 2, 2018
24 ELUL  Howard Barbanel for his father, Herbert Barbanel, Nechemia ben Avraham Moshe, on Tuesday, Sep. 4, 2018
24 ELUL  Moshe Gruenstein for his father, Yitzchak Yehuda Gruenstein, on Tuesday, Sep. 4, 2018
25 ELUL  David Herman for his mother, Aliza Herman, on Wednesday, Sep. 5, 2018
26 ELUL  Hal Beretz for his father, Eliezer ben Shmuel Beretz, on Thursday, Sep. 6, 2018
26 ELUL  Jacob Schorr for his mother, Peril Eliyahu, on Thursday, Sep. 6, 2018
27 ELUL  Aaron Weinberg for his mother, Helen Weinberg, on Friday, Sep. 7, 2018

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Teach Florida voter turnout in Tuesday’s primary appears to have more than doubled compared with the last midterm election. Thank you for voting and making our voice stronger. Thank you to all our campaign volunteers, Rabbis, schools and community leaders who worked hard to get out the vote. The turnout increases Teach Florida’s capacity to advocate for more government funding of our schools. To volunteer for our November GOTV campaign email teachflorida@ou.org.

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E-mail communication

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

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.

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

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